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Dear friends and neighbors,

Over the next few days, Roanoke County's Board of Supervisors will consider the final adoption of a lease agreement which would give the County long term control of Explore Park. This is an exciting opportunity for our region, and I hope you will take time to be a part of the discussion at an informational community meeting this week!

COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, September 19, 2013 6:00 P.M. at the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor's Center Milepost 115, Blue Ridge Parkway

The addition of Explore Park would add over 1,100 acres of land to our parks system, while opening up new opportunities for outdoor recreation, education, tourism and economic development. However, before we get started, we need feedback from you! We hope you'll come out to share your views of Explore Park's future with us. Your ideas and suggestions will be used to create a master plan for the property, with the long term goal of creating a regional outdoor attraction.

As a service oriented department, Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism has always relied on your feedback to provide high quality recreational experiences. I sincerely hope you will consider attending our community meeting **this Thursday**, where we can discuss our shared vision for the future of Explore Park. Together we can a create a regional outdoor recreation destination that we can all be proud of.

Doug Blount, Director Roanoke County Parks, Recreation & Tourism

