



## The Blue Ridge Declaration of Stewardship Principles

The Blue Ridge Mountains are a source of beauty and inspiration; a place for recreation and renewal. They enhance our mental, physical, and spiritual wellbeing. *We honor and respect them.*

The mountains are a source of clean water, fish, wildlife and biodiversity. *We endorse and protect the right of all living things, now and in the future, to benefit from mountain ecosystems.*

The mountains are essential for sustainable social and economic development. *We make choices and take actions that ensure long-term sustainability.*

The mountains are an integral part of our cultural and natural heritage. *We take that heritage into account when we make decisions that affect the mountains.*

It is a privilege to live in the mountains, and with privilege comes responsibility. *We support responsible stewardship of mountain lands and waters.*

We are stronger and more effective working together than we are individually. *We commit to working together to protect the Blue Ridge Mountains.*

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