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FIND Outdoors Hires New Managers at Brasstown Bald Recreation Area

Hiawassee, GA – FIND Outdoors, a 49-year-old nonprofit based in Pisgah Forest, NC and operators of Brasstown Bald in north Georgia, welcomes Dru Cosner and Misty Boggs as Manager and Assistant Manager at the site for the 2021 season.

“FIND Outdoors is proud to have these two new champions at Brasstown Bald as part of our growing endeavors in the communities we serve,” explains Tad Fogel, FIND’s Board of Directors Chair. “We’re very lucky to have the capacity to add them to our family!”

As site manager, Cosner will oversee daily operations of Brasstown Bald Recreation Area, Georgia’s highest point located within the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest and just outside of the town of Hiawassee in north Georgia. Rising at an amazing 4,784 feet above sea level, the site sees over 110,000 visitors per season and includes an exhibit hall, general store with locally-made products, and the gem – a massive observation deck that offers a spectacular 360-degree view that, in pristine conditions, includes four states.

Before joining FIND Outdoors, Cosner spent over 18 years working for state and local government agencies in Georgia and North Carolina before landing jobs at local campground Lake Winfield Scott and even Brasstown Bald itself, both operated by FIND. When he’s not providing exceptional experiences at Brasstown, Cosner can usually be found hiking, paddling and exploring the trails and waterways of north Georgia with his wife and three children.

“I’ve been hiking the trails of Brasstown Bald with friends and family my entire life,” says Cosner of his history with the area. “I feel very fortunate to have this opportunity to serve our nonprofit and help the public experience the beauty that this great site has to offer!”

Boggs joined the FIND Outdoors team at Brasstown Bald during the 2020 season and hasn’t looked back since. Her infectious enthusiasm for the outdoors and love of serving the public led

to her dream assignment as Assistant Site Manager at the site. Before that, Boggs worked for 17 years in Business Administration before setting her sites on obtaining a degree in Forestry.

Boggs couldn't be happier with her new position at Brasstown. "I find that I am truly content when I'm exploring, so I hope that excitement translates to our visitors."

The entire Brasstown Bald team, from management and education to gift shop staff, has made tremendous strides with ensuring the safety of its visitors and employees throughout the 2021 season – a step that ensures visitors can have an exceptional experience. In addition, special events and programming will resume at the Bald in a safe manner and will include such topics as sunrise photography, astronomy, local snake and bat conservation, and bear safety.

"This is not just a job for these two new FIND family members." Stated President and CEO, Natalie Britt recently. "They're completely focused on ensuring FIND's legacy in providing connections between our visitors and our incredible public lands. We couldn't be happier to have them with us!"

To learn more about the calendar of events for Brasstown Bald or to get information before your visit, visit their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/BrasstownBald1967> or the FIND Outdoors website, <https://gofindoutdoors.org/brasstown-bald/> or call 706-896-4137.

Brasstown Bald is now open seven days a week from 10:00am – 5:00pm, with shuttle service each day per and safety requirements in place and a break from 12:30 – 1:30pm. Please call Brasstown staff for potential shuttle service changes over holidays.

About FIND Outdoors

FIND Outdoors, formerly the Cradle of Forestry in America Interpretive Association, is a 49-year-old 501(c)3 nonprofit based in Pisgah Forest, NC. We serve over 850,000 visitors annually with a mission that promotes educational, recreational and interpretive opportunities about forest and water resources, natural history and the Cradle of Forestry in America. FIND Outdoors proudly manages campgrounds, visitor centers, sales outlets and educational facilities in four National Forests in North Carolina, Georgia and Indiana and the Northwest Trade Post on the Blue Ridge Parkway. FIND accomplishes its mission by providing exceptional outdoor experiences through partnership opportunities for the health, safety and education of all visitors to local and regional public and private lands.