

Executive Director of Adventure Tourism

Report to KRTA Board

1/20/11

Status of Land agreements throughout state to date:

- Mammoth Cave - No progress reported
- Knott County ATV Trails – Waiting for signatures
- Monroe County 2600 acres –to take effect April 2011
- Madison County 400 acres for Mountain Bike and Hiking trails – sent a proposal
- Lewis County 15-25,000 acres – F&W and Adventure Offices discussed possible approaches to the Land Owners, for multipurpose trails.
- ICG and F&W have 25,000 acres to make available for horseback riding.

Work to date from October 20, 2010:

- Every two months we distribute to clubs and organizations in college/universities in KY, in surrounding states, and in private clubs in KY as well, all the adventure events offered in the upcoming two months. Anyone wanting on that distribution list please contact me.
- Presented the Corps of Engineers a packet to request water releases for the Russell Fork Olympic Kayak Trials this August. We are awaiting their decision.
- Attended KBBC Annual meeting at Mammoth Cave National Park. Gave a presentation that included Land Use Agreements and growing trail opportunities. Informed the group about the Dawkins Line.
- Attended the American Trails Symposium in Chattanooga, TN. Steve Barbour of the Sheltoewe Trace Association received a National Award for his work with the Trace.
- Held a Paddlers Summit, where business and activist of paddle sports met with us to discuss organized efforts to address Corps of Engineers to include as a priority purpose, Downstream Recreation. Interest in play parks and volume release in some rivers was discussed.
- Met with Pam Thomas on a Bourbon Bike Trail similar to the Bourbon Chase. There would be an east and west trail.
- Met with No Child Left Inside and Children & Nature Network groups in Kentucky. We are providing them with adventure opportunity ideas to get kids outdoors.
- Attended the KY Horse Council Trails Committee.
- Met with Senator Rhodes concerning a bill he introduced that would allow counties or cities to provide a tax break on property taxes if the landowner would allow public access to his property for trails.
- Met with Steve Barbour and parks personnel to discuss the Jenny Wiley Trail. Steve wants to reopen the trail and asked for our support by providing copies of easements and allowing his organization to do the work. We agreed.

- Participated with F&W on a committee for Otter Creek, reviewed their survey findings and made recommendations concerning fees.
- Met with the National Archery in the Schools Program representative and Adventure Tourism is co-sponsoring the event in Louisville. It will be held the week after the Derby. This year they are adding Adventure Expo to their name and giving booth space to various adventure type businesses to give kids (7000 attending) and parents (another 13,000 in attendance) an opportunity to talk to other outdoor enthusiast and give the kids other type outdoor activities they might be interested in.
- Conference call with the Bluegrass Chapter of KYMBA to discuss 400 acres for Mountain Biking and hiking. The land also has canoe and Kayak access to the river. The members will take the proposal (land use agreement) to the land owner.
- Sent a request for proposal language to Finance Committee members to review. We plan to proceed with a trail master plan.
- Conference call with the Finance Committee of KRTA to discuss proceeding with the Fee Shifting language.
- Conference call with the County Judge of Lewis County, Pat Collins, and John Gassett on how to proceed with a Land use Agreement with MOLPUS.
- Had several meetings concerning the Dawkins Line (35 miles abandoned rail line in Breathitt, Magoffin, Johnson counties) Acquisition, surveyors report, and Summit Engineering's report.
- Met with COT and modified trail info on the web.

Leave No Trace- trail ethics program continues to gain momentum.

- State Parks has agreed to incorporate Leave No Trace in all their programming. This is in addition to individual program training for Leave NO Trace.
- We have a severe problem in Daniel Boone National Forest with ATV riders riding off trails and destroying habitat. I have requested those counties involved to provide safety training for ATV enthusiast and to incorporate TREAD LIGHTLY outdoor ethics training to begin dialogue with local riders.