

Executive Director of Adventure Tourism

Report to KRTA Board

6/24/10

Assistance Request Form:

- Eric fox – Tompkinsville, Ky – see attached Need a motion to approve his request. Needs assignment to committee.

Status of Land agreements throughout state to date:

- Mammoth Cave - No progress reported
- Floyd County / Dewey Lake Multi-Use Trails – progressing, will involve a MOA
- Knott County ATV Trails – Waiting for signatures
- Pike County ATV Trails – using a county land agreement – may involve misunderstanding that county's has same protection as the state.

New Adventure Tourism Businesses:

- Mammoth Cave Adventures - Zip Lines
- Appalachian Zip Lines – Menifee County, Red River Gorge Area

Work to date from April 28, 2010:

- Site visits to Pike County, Harlan County, Floyd County, and Knott County
- Meet with Parks to get someone assigned as project manager for the ARC Grant
- Liability Research- compiled resource notebook for reference
- Liability Committee Meeting (KRTA)
- Site visits to Natural Bridge & Gorge Area
- Cater Caves meeting with Beanstalk Journey, LLC
- Met with Shane Bull of Mammoth Cave Adventures
- Spoke to the Pikeville Town Forum on Adventure Tourism and KRTA
- Worked on KRTA Web site
- Addressed the volunteer pay issue with DLG on RTP grants
- Attended the RTP Grant Selection Committee Meeting
- Compiling database on Federal Funding Sources (incomplete)
- Weighed in on the MOA between F&W / Nature Preserves and Harlan County
- Met with Daniel Boone National Forest on LNT designation as Hot Spot for partnering with State initiative
- Attended the Otter Creek Press Announcement with Pat Collins for KRTA
- Fish & Wildlife and Adventure Tourism created a temporary joint venture – Adventure Assistant - will attend public F&W shows for promotion and assist in Adventure duties.

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

- The KY State Parks began Leave No Trace workshops in May. Participants in naturalist and recreational programming where the LNT principles are

- incorporated or if a workshop precludes the program will receive a sticker allowing 10% discounts for camping and lodging at all State Parks.
- Met with superintendants and managers from all Federal Agencies (National Parks, National Forest, US Recreation Areas, TVA, US Corps of Engineers...) in KY Monday. They are interested in promoting LNT in their programming and will report to us the number of attendees to programs.
 - There are now 3 stock Master Trainers in Kentucky who will be offering classes before rides – waiting on dates.

KRTA Trail Services Kit formerly (Tool Kit)

- Process of being revised - will send to the Trail Committee for review
- To include Step by Step Procedure for assisting trail developers / land owners
- Include KRTA approved Trail Standards, ethics, Proper communication Steps, land use agreement, sample 411.190