August 2009 Work Trip Report

We had a good crew for the weekend. Friday Greg Weaver and Margaret Wainright were able to take care of touching up several stiles. Greg and Chris Bracknell went back on Saturday, along with David Faucette, Rebecca Hughes and Drew Jones to finish the stile work, Greg are we done? Saturday I lead a group, Betsy Truscutt, Mike Culler, Margaret Wainright and Karl Kunkel, into the Olystery/Knot Maul section to work on the creek crossings and check on any drainage issues. We have had a lot of rain but for the most part that section of the trail is holding up well. The lovely Briars were cut back too. Chris was also able to run the mower behind Cumbos.

Greg Weaver 3 days Margret Wainright 2 days Chris Bracknell 2 days Mike Culler 1 day new member from Winston-Salem Drew Jones 1 day new member from Browns Summit Paul Haag David Faucette Rebecca Hughes 1 Karl Kunkel 1 Betsy Truscutt 1 Charlene Davis 1 1 Walt Davis

I had to leave before the picnic and trip to Rural Retreat. If anyone would like to chime in on the quality of food please do so. Thank you goes out to Walt and Charlenes picnic plans. Thank you also to Drew and Mike for coming out for their first worktrip. They said they will be back.

Hope to see more in September. Plans are to get the blazes done, we have had complaints again, and to do some privy rehab. The privy rehab is an odorless job so do not be scared away.

Elliot is off to college so Renee and I are semi-empty nesters. I am pretty sure he will be back to roost for a while around December.

Paul D. Haag

On Friday Chris also worked on the stiles; Greg and Margaret went with Chris when he mowed, to assist with getting the mower across the rail line and do some lopping. Mia tested the dog doors by the stiles.

Food at the picnic was excellent. Special thanks to Greg for peaches and Charlene for chocolate pound cake. (David Faucette was seen absconding with the remains of that cake.) And of course the picnic wouldn't have happened without the supplies and organization of Walt and Charlene.

Margaret Wainwright