

June 2013 trail reports

From: Andrew L. Jones

Subject: June 15, 2013, Trail report: FS-222 to VA-42.

All,

Went up solo Sat, Jun 15 and worked from USFS222 VA42. Cut several small blowdowns and branches with hand saw. Did a little sidehill on S. side of Lynn Camp Mtn. I will do more next trip. Picked up trash at Knot Maul.

Overall, trail in good shape. The following immediate work needed:

2 blowdowns 50 yds N of Knot Maul shelter. At chest height and too big for my hand saw. Approx 8-10 dia

1 blowdown another - mile or so N of those blowdowns at waist height. About 8-10 dia

Lopping trail from VA42 to Knot Maul. One section (about a mile N of VA42) is grown in very close to trail.

Its the sunny side of the mtn w/no trees and has created a tight squeeze. I didnt have loppers on this trip.

Knot Maul privy screen on side has been torn loose. Pile probably needs to be spread as its getting full.

Paul, 8 hrs travel, 8 hrs work.

Drew

From: [Sylvia Swain](#)

Subject: June 16, 2013 Trail Report

Berry Morton joined me yesterday on a hike of my section from FS 86...We did some lopping and cleaned blow-downs from Thursday's storm. We cleared everything from FS 86 to the saddle between Locus and Brushy Mts. EXCEPT the attached blow-down leaner.

I went back out today by myself, going in at Rt. 622. I lopped and found several more blow-downs that I was able to cut and get off the trail. I stopped by Mt. Rogers Headquarters on my way out, I wanted the new Smoky Bear Bandana...I ran into WJ while there; told him about the nasty leaner. He said he had a crew coming in tomorrow and he would get the leaner taken care of. This tree has a twist in the wood, it is rotten, laying on a very weak tree that is damaged. I told him that his crew could cut out any of the trees across the trail...Bill liked the trees, but I didn't...I really only wanted the one tree out.

Sylvia

Paul: 1 day each for Sylvia Swain & Berry Morton.

From: David Emrey

Subject: June 15th Trail Report

Just a report on conditions of the trail from my visit Saturday. Martha in Wisconsin, visiting so I got an early start. (Martha's comment: Oh, so it's Martha's fault we get to the trail late!)

Weed-eater Davis Valley from 683 to I-81. Needs lopping.

Weed-eater I-81 to RR Tracks. Needs blaze, lopping, mowing. (Recommend Mower to cut this area.) Out of gas just before tracks. Needs more work.

Overgrowth past tracks and bridge Southbound.

Rt. 622 to 16 . . needs blazing, some lopping/weed-eating from trailheads 50 yards.

Other: Reported nettles abound Rt.610 to top of Walker

Reported waist high overgrowth behind Repass Barn.

Debris removed from all trailheads Rt. 16/622/I-81/683.

Best wishes,

David L. Emrey

Paul: 1 day for David Emrey.

From: Chris Bracknell

Subject: Trail Report

Last Wednesday, the 19th, Rhonda and I took the mower over and mowed south of the railroad to the top of the hill above the old orchard. Friday we went back and mowed north of the railroad to US11, little section off the dirt road on the old Kegley property, and that short section of Andrew's next to the museum.

We also mowed Walt and Charlene's section north of I-81. I had a flat tire on the mower almost at the farm road on the southern end before going into the woods. I walked out and bought some Fixaflat, but there wasn't enough in the can to fully inflate the tire so it leaked back down. I then had to walk out and get my tire tool to remove the tire and rim. Rhonda and I took it to Marion and bought a new one and had it mounted. It was the right size, but did not have a good tread grip pattern, but it is functional. I want to buy another rim, patch the old tire. put a tube in it and use it as a spare. After all that we did not get off the trail until about 6; otherwise a good day.

This is how we celebrated our 42nd wedding anniversary. Wasn't it so romantic.

Chris

Paul: 2 days each for Chris & Rhonda Bracknell.