

**FINAL REPORT: WILDCAT DEN PHASE III (creek crossing to Saw Tooth park entrance)  
NOVEMBER 2018**

**BACKGROUND:**

The SCTA has a license agreement to maintain the Wild Cat Den Trail with the Sloans which was signed in May of 2014. This agreement outlines the use of an approximately 2 mile trail which begins on their lot off Wild Cat Road and runs across a 2,400 acre piece of their property to a horse trail/hiking entrance at the boundary of the BSFNRRRA. This entrance to the park would not be approved today as it does not have a parking lot, nor access from a highway. This trail also connects with Darrow Ridge in the Park which provides a loop back to Spruce Creek via Proctor Ridge. We are very fortunate to have this access to the Park and strive to maintain good relations with both the Sloans and the BSF.

For those who do not know, Wally (as was his Daddy before him) is the caretaker for the Sloan family land tracks in this area. The elder Mr. Sloan (who lives in KY) wants to come here before the weather gets cold this year and look over their properties. (the 2,400 acres next to Spruce Creek is only one of several large tracts they own in this area.) The Sloan family members do not come here very often. The last time I remember was about 7 or 8 years ago. When Mr. Sloan is here, Wally will take him around in a side by side.

Wally has looked at, and is very happy with, the work done on both sides of the creek. He is also happy with the beginning of the trail from Wild Cat Road, which runs through their Spruce Creek lot #301, to the creek. (We have worked on that stretch several times in the past few years).

**OVERVIEW:**

From the Park Entrance (Saw Tooth) to the new creek step down section we just finished-approx. 1.5 miles:

Wally requests that we recut the water runoffs, regrade, remove underbrush/small trees to widen the trail to 6 feet in areas that have narrowed, remove roots, install water bars where necessary, and trim back branches. Similar "maintenance" work was done on this piece of trail in 2015.

Craig has looked at it and believes this is 4-5 days worth of excavator work. We have rail road ties in stock. (\$200 purchase approved 9-5-2018 board meeting). and hemlock timbers in stock if needed. In addition, manpower will be needed to rake, trim, and clip. *A big work day with lunch provided has already scheduled for September 26th.*

***If this project is approved, we will delay the project to clear the pavilion property which was approved in the Sept. board meeting. Also of importance to note: Craig will be on vacation for 5-6 weeks starting October 1st. We will have no work days in October*** as this is the most active riding time and difficult to get volunteers. After the Sept. 26th work day, the next scheduled work day would be Nov. 14, 2018.

**WORK PLAN**

Craig will pick up/return the equipment. Excavator to be used to recut trail, remove trees and roots, clear water run offs, install water bars. The equipment will have to be

brought in through Montgomery Road (off RT 154 by intersection of 297).....this is a trip of approximately 2 miles on a dirt road just to get to the trail. Note: if Daniel Johnson is available to help run the equipment, they may be able to complete the work in less than 5 days and utilize the remaining excavator time on other trails. (Tee Pee Loop, Evergreen Trail beside the Ferris property).

Linder to open a tab at Beaty's for the fuel. Linder will take care of reviewing the receipts and paying the final bill when the tab closes.

Lindsay will send several e-blasts to encourage lots of volunteers for the Sept.. 26th work day. The board approved providing lunch for the workers at the Sept. Board meeting for the Sept. 26th work day. Volunteers will be asked to bring ATV's to the Bacarra's parking area (Laurie will call Kirt.) ATV's will be needed to shuttle workers and hand tools for the 2 miles on Montgomery Road down to the trail work areas. We will also may need some chain saw work to remove debris.

### **APPROVALS:**

The amount of \$1,500 was approved by e-mail in September 2018 as follows:

7 YES: Brenda, Karen, Linder, Sue, Lindsay, Laurie, Craig

2 DID NOT VOTE: Lorraine, Bob

### **THE COST**

**Approved requested for \$1,500 for this project:**

\$956 EZ 38 Excavator with bucket Tri County Rentals-Crossville

\$317 Fuel (Beaty's)

\$210 Use of 16 Rail Road Ties (approved in general funding)

\$1,483 TOTAL

Note: Rail Road Ties Timbers used were "in stock" at the pavilion

### **MANPOWER**

Craig Fletcher and Daniel Johnson completed the work using the excavator for a week. (total 80 hours +) Due to rains in September, we were not able to schedule a work day to do the finishing work. This will be delayed until later in the year or 2019.