

BMTA Annual Walk-thru Report

Section(s) Evaluated: _____ Big Bend to Wildcat Creek, Sections 13c and 13d _____

Direction walked (circle one): -northbound- -southbound-

Evaluator(s) Name(s) ____Betty Petty,(accompanied by Patti Giles, John Rowland,
Monty Simmons) _____

Evaluation Date: _____ June 8, 2009 _____

Work hours: ____3.5_____ Travel Hours: ____3_____

Reporting Evaluator's phone #: _____423-894-3449_____

Please see the reverse side (or below, if online) for evaluator suggestions and for a quick review of BMTA standards to use as a basis for your evaluation.

Overall assessments: Rate each category 1-5, with 3 being "ok" and 5 being "excellent."

Treadway (1-5) __13c(2),_13d(5)_____

Corridor Clearance (1-5) __13c(3)_____

Blazes, Signs and Trailmarkers (1-5) __13c(3), 13d(5)_____

Overall rating for the section (1-5) __13c(3), 13d(5)_____

Comments on problem areas (be as specific as you can on location):

13c Big Bend to Towee Creek

1. Exiting parking lot- annual growth problem, esp stinging nettle. Annual growth pretty much a problem on all parts near river bank.
2. 'Disappearing trail' near footbridge after second parking area. Fisherman's trail stays close to river and BMT appears unused for short section
3. Kudzu growing rapidly on section of trail near left side of road
4. Downed dead pine 6" at about 1/2 mile
5. downed pine 6" before rock house/rock scramble
6. Rock scramble needs steps/improvements. Would be a remove your pack and climb for backpackers. Most of tread in this section is too narrow.
7. Downed pine and brush past high point where trail turns into Towee Creek drainage.
8. As noted earlier, annual growth a problem near parking lot

13d Towee Creek to Wildcat Creek

1. Fallen 4" pine about 5' above trail violates vertical clearance
2. Trail in good shape to top of first ridge (1/2 mile ?) just past first dug tread section then an 8" pine deadfall
3. Rest of trail in good shape; still in need of better marking at hard right off old roadway at last major turn down toward Wildcat Creek. Would be easy to go barreling off straight on old roadbed at this point.