

BMTA Annual Walk-thru Report

Section(s) Evaluated: _____ 12c, 12d, 12e Kimsey Highway to Hiwassee River _____
Direction walked (circle one): -northbound- -southbound-

Evaluator(s) Name(s) _____ Bill Hodge and George Wilhite _____

Evaluation Date: _____ May 23-24, 2009 _____

Work hours: _____ 6 hours _____ Travel Hours: _____ 3 hours _____

Reporting Evaluator's phone #: _____ 423-261-2815 _____

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) _____ 5 _____

Corridor Clearance (1-5) _____ 4 _____

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

Overall rating for the section (1-5) _____ 4 _____

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

One large blowdown between Kimsey Mountain Highway and McFarland Road. It is on the climb out from the first drainage the trail drops down to, and is difficult to get around because of the steepness of the terrain. Needs a chain saw.

Several smaller blowdowns between McFarland and Big Lost Creek, but nothing too difficult for a hiker to pass.

I think the intersection where the trail joins the grassy old logging road needs signage or needs to be blazed. Where the road comes to the first clearing is also confusing about direction.

Lots of horse traffic on the stretch from Lost Creek Campground to the gate near Hiwassee Outfitters.