

Shawnee National Forest
Hidden Springs Ranger District Recreation Program
Weekly Accomplishments – Trails Designation Project
Week of July 3 - 9, 2006

Trail work in the Lusk Creek Wilderness (LCW) under the Trails Designation Project:

- Completed Blanchard Church Creek Crossing (figures 1 - 4) and brushed in previous site (figures 5 - 6); also, completed a re-route with switchback along Goat Trail (001) leading to the confluences of Little Bear Branch Creek and Lusk Creek (figures 7 - 10) .
- Completed re-route of Cactus Trail (483) with Barger Branch Creek (Figure 11).
- Completed re-routes on trail sections (492A and 457) beginning at LCW boundary north of New Liberty Church heading west to Blanchard Church Crossing.
- Signed “Authorized Crossing” at Blanchard Church, Bowed Tree, and crossing north of Saltpetre Cave to inform users of authorized creek crossing on Lusk Creek.
- Began construction on re-route at Secret Canyon connecting trail section 492D north to existing trail section 457 west of New Liberty Church.

Planned Project Activities for the week of July 10 - 16, 2006:

- Continue trail maintenance and reconstruction in the LCW.



Figure 1. Before. Site of Blanchard Church Creek Crossing, south bank of Lusk Creek prior to construction.



Figure 2. After. Blanchard Church Creek Crossing, south bank of Lusk Creek. View of the approach leading to the creek.



Figure 3. Before. Site of Blanchard Church Creek Crossing, north bank of Lusk Creek prior to construction.



Figure 4. After. Blanchard Church Creek Crossing, south bank of Lusk Creek. View of the approach leading to the creek.



Figure 5. Before. Previous site of Blanchard Church Creek Crossing on north embankment of Lusk Creek upstream.



Figure 6. After. Previous site of Blanchard Church Crossing brushed in.



Figure 7. Before. Section of Goat Trail near confluences of Little Bear Branch and Lusk Creek.



Figure 8. After. Re-routed Goat Trail near confluences of Little Bear Branch and Lusk Creek.



Figure 9. Before. Section of Goat Trail leading to confluences of Little Bear Branch and Lusk Creek.



Figure 10. After. Re-routed Goat Trail with switchback leading to confluences of Little Bear Branch and Lusk Creek.



Figure 11. Section of re-route of Cactus Trail (483) with Barger Branch Creek.