

**Shawnee National Forest  
Hidden Springs Ranger District Recreation Program  
Trails Designation Project Accomplishments  
Week of August 14 - 20, 2006**

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

- Construction is complete on the re-route at Secret Canyon connecting trail section 492D north to existing trail section 457 west of New Liberty Church (Figures 1 - 6).
- Contracted pack stock team (mules and horses) continued to haul gravel for the reconstruction of trail sections 492A and 457 located north of New Liberty Church (Figures 7 and 8).
- A total of 50 new directional trail signs were installed throughout the Lusk Creek, Bay Creek and Garden of the Gods Wilderness Areas. These signs were installed on cedar posts along designated trails located at trail junctions, entrances to wilderness areas, and authorized creek crossings (Figure 9). In addition, 173 directional trail signs were installed along designated trails, outside of designated wilderness areas, in the Lusk Creek, Eagle Creek, Big Grand Pierre Creek, and Upper Bay Creek Water Sheds (Figure 10). This completes the first phase of the trail signing plan implementation in accordance with the Trails Designation Project. Completion of second phase is anticipated before October 2007.

**Planned project activities for the week of Aug. 21 - 25, 2006:**

- Continue trail maintenance and construction in the LCW.



**Figure 1. Recently constructed section of re-route in Secret Canyon.**



**Figure 2. Recently constructed section of re-route in Secret Canyon.**



**Figure 3. Trail crewmember ensuring proper slope of trail tread on re-route.**



**Figure 4. Trail crewmembers constructing re-route in Secret Canyon.**



**Figure 5. Pin flags used to lay out section of re-route in Secret Canyon.**



**Figure 6. Recently constructed rock steps descending into Secret Canyon.**



**Figure 7. Newly reconstructed and signed entrance to trail section 492A located at entrance to Lusk Creek Wilderness north of New Liberty Church. Pack stock is being used to haul gravel into the wilderness.**



**Figure 8. Newly constructed turnpike located on section of Trail 492A.**



Figure 9. Recently installed directional sign located in the Lusk Creek Wilderness.



Figure 10. Recently installed directional sign located along the River-To-River Trail.