

**Shawnee National Forest
Hidden Springs Ranger District Recreation Program
Trails Designation Project Accomplishments
Months of November and December, 2006**

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

- The fall trail crew, consisting of four fulltime crewmembers, has been working on a re-route between the River-To-River Trail and Goat Trail during the months of November and December 2006. The crew has recently accomplished the upper section of the re-route from the turnpike on the River-To-River Trail to the Goat Trail above Little Bear Branch Creek. Their accomplishments include several hundred linear feet of new full-bench trail with the installation of several erosion control features to include three turnpikes (Figures 1 - 4). The turnpikes, constructed of natural materials such as crushed sandstone and rock, were necessary to raise the trail tread above wet areas such as natural seeps and drainages. Once this re-route is complete, the section of Goat Trail above Little Bear Branch Creek will connect to the west with the River-To-River Trail (001) at the turnpikes which were built one year ago with help from the Shawnee Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of America. The re-route will eliminate the current section of the River-To-River Trail east of the turnpikes to the Guest Farm Creek Crossing on Lusk Creek. This section is currently an interim trail and is highly eroded due to its poor location. After the re-route is complete, the trail crew will brush-in the old River-To-River Trail section no longer needed, thereby eliminating approximately one and a half miles of eroded, non-designated trail.

Planned project activities for January, 2007:

- Continue building Goat Trail re-route above Little Bear Branch Creek.



Figure 1. Upper section of Goat Trail re-route which connects with the River-To-River Trail.



Figure 2. Recently installed turnpike on upper section of Goat Trail re-route.



Figure 3. **During**. Trail crew members installing a turnpike on the Goat Trail re-route near the River-To-River Trail.



Figure 4. **After**. Recently installed turnpike on the Goat Trail re-route.