

General Project Information

The U.S. 33 Nelsonville Bypass is the last of four segments required to connect I-77 (Ravenswood, WV) to I-70 (Columbus, OH).

The goals of the Nelsonville Bypass project are to:

- Provide a highway system linkage by completing the U.S. 33 corridor;
- Improve the level of service for local and through traffic;
- Improve facility deficiencies;
- Separate through traffic from local traffic;
- Improve highway safety conditions;
- Enhance regional economic development opportunity.

The proposed four-lane highway will be approximately 8.5 miles long when completed, of which an estimated 4.5 miles will run through the Wayne National Forest.

Though highway corridor layout and clearing began Spring 2006, the first phase of the bypass construction is expected to begin July 2007 and be completed by late 2008. This is the Dorr Run Interchange area.

How will bypass construction affect trail use?

The bypass project will temporarily impact the southern portion of the Dorr Run Loop ATV (all-terrain vehicle) trail system near Company Road for approximately three years beginning as early as April 2007.



US Highway 33 near Athens, OH

Will the entire trail system be closed during bypass construction?

No. Only the segment of the Dorr Run Loop Trail south of Company Road is closed until that part of the highway is completed and the trail segment is reconnected. All other ATV trails will remain open during the traditional trail season (April 15th – Dec. 15th).

Trail closure will begin at trailhead #1 (Sycamore), however, the trailhead itself will remain open for parking. The closed trail segment is approximately 2 miles of trail south of Company Road and ends at the intersection of the 1985 Loop Trail near trailhead No. 3 (Scarlet Oak). *See map on reverse side.*

All trailheads will be open to public use during the closure period, with the possible exception of trailhead No. 3. This may be closed at times for timber removal in 2007.

During timber removal phase (Phase 1 – April 2007 – June 2007), the 1985 Loop Trail will be used as a haul road, as well as an ATV trail. Riders using this trail within this period should use extra caution due to

traffic from logging equipment. Riders should anticipate logging traffic coming from either direction.

Please check the Wayne's website www.fs.fed.us/r9/wayne for current information on road and trail closures associated with bypass construction.

Directions to trailhead during bypass construction:

(From North/West) Take County Road 25 exit towards Haydenville. Proceed through Haydenville approximately 1.5 miles, then turn left onto old U.S. 33. Approximately 300 feet, turn right onto Twp. Rd. 336 (Company Rd.). Access from the South/East is unchanged.

For more directions to trails during and after bypass construction, please visit our website.

Will Company Road be closed during bypass construction?

Yes, but only for 5 to 15 minute intervals during actual construction of the overpass bridge presently expected to be in 2008 or 2009. Traffic will be flagged during this period.

Vehicle access to Company Road will not be obstructed on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays. During weekdays, vehicle traffic may be intermittently delayed during actual construction.

Results of bypass completion

When completed, the affected trail will be reconnected to the main trail system through the use of two highway underpasses.

The trail will cross beneath the new highway on the east end (toward Nelsonville) through a 14-foot wide by 10-foot tall concrete box culvert. On the west end (toward Haydenville), the trail will be adjacent to Company Road and cross under twin highway bridges accessing Trailhead #1. A concrete barrier will separate the trail from Company Road.

When will the trail reopen for use?

Based upon the expected construction time of 18 months for Phase 1, the Dorr Run Loop is expected to reopen for use in late 2009.

Will new trails be constructed?

A \$100,000 grant was awarded to WNF from the Ohio Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) to construct an additional 5.1 miles of new ATV trails near Camp Ohio to help mitigate the temporary loss of the 2.1 miles of trails from highway construction. This new trail is expected to open late 2007.

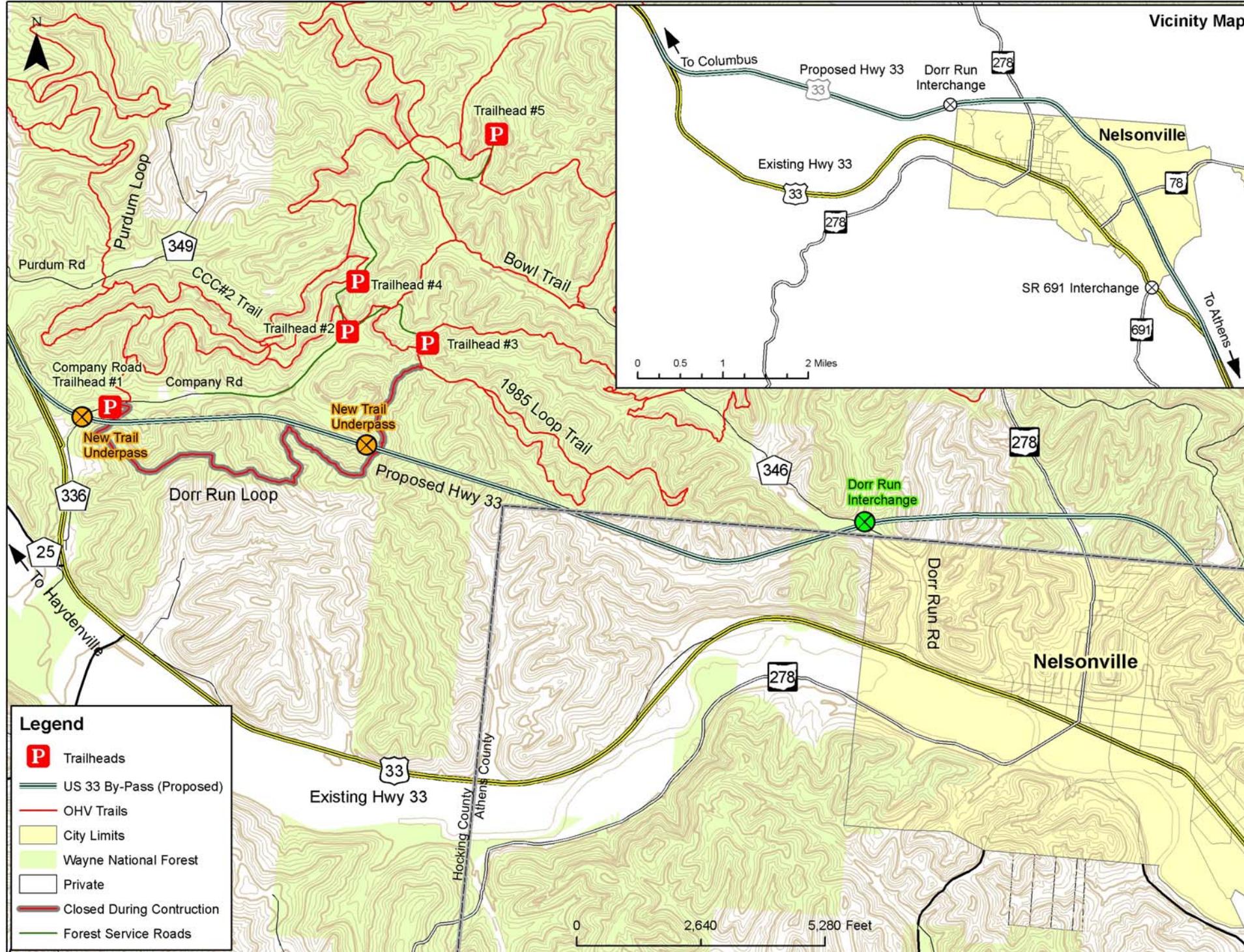
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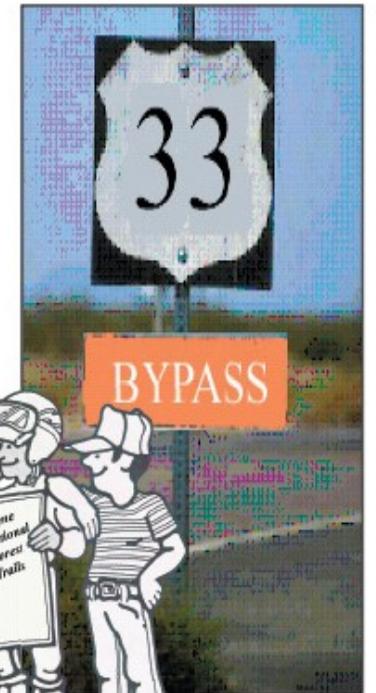
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