

Dunham to Hammer 150802

From: Dunham, Joleen -FS jdunham@fs.fed.us 
Subject: RE: Krause Basin ATV Trails
Date: August 2, 2015 at 11:56 AM
To: Keith Hammer keith@swanview.org, Kehr, Richard H -FS rkehr@fs.fed.us
Cc: Draggoo, Michele -FS mraggoo@fs.fed.us, Timothy Bechtold tim@bechtoldlaw.net, Workman, Matthew - FS mworkman@fs.fed.us

JD

Keith,

No one on our staff has constructed blazes on trees or done any brushing or limbing of trees in the Krause Basin Area. We are still in the process of GPSing the trail system and the unauthorized motorized routes. As Rich said earlier, once we have the area inventoried, we will be producing a map of the inventory and planning restoration work from that inventory.

Joleen

From: Keith Hammer [<mailto:keith@swanview.org>]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2015 10:51 AM
To: Kehr, Richard H -FS
Cc: Dunham, Joleen -FS; Draggoo, Michele -FS; Timothy Bechtold
Subject: Re: Krause Basin ATV Trails

Rich;

I recently found blazes on a couple trails in Krause Basin that appear to have been made this summer along with a bit of brushing and limbing in the same areas. I've attached a sample photo to this email.

Would you please be certain your staff, those GPS'ing the trails and any other folks interested in this issue and area are well informed not to mark any of the routes on-the-ground - as prohibited by the 1988 Noisy Face Recreation Plan decision and your response to our 60-day Notice of Intent to File Suit in this matter?

We are finding SLRD's current map of the ATV trail system is in places not consistent with the 1988 Decision, nor is the on-the-ground trail network.

We'd greatly appreciate the chance to compare notes later this summer after we've completed our inventory and you have completed yours.

As we discussed with you and Joleen at our last meeting in your office, some of the old authorized routes are largely grown over and naturally reclaimed. It makes sense to not allow any clearing of trails in the area until you've had a chance to be fully informed of what is out there, what unauthorized routes also exist, etc..

At this time, please re-confirm via reply email that you will not allow the marking of any routes on-the-ground by blazes or any other means in order to be consistent with the 1988 decision and your response to our 60-day notice.

Thanks,

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Keith

ps - Here is a photo of a tree blaze and brush cutting on the first portion of an old trail in Krause Basin that has been naturally reclaimed and is frankly a bush-whack to follow.



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On Jul 24, 2015, at 12:04 PM, "Kehr, Richard H -FS" <rkehr@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Hello Keith. Our plan is to GPS the trail system and the unauthorized motorized routes (when we find them). We will be creating a map based on the GPS files. Our intent is to accurately describe the system and identify restoration work that is needed due to unauthorized motorized use in the area. We may also develop entry signs for posting on the property boundaries to describe allowable motorized use in the area later this season. It is possible that time will allow for some on the ground restoration work this season. Restoration work could also be done by volunteers once we have it described.

From: Keith Hammer [mailto:keith@swanview.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 9:19 AM
To: Kehr, Richard H -FS; Dunham, Joleen -FS
Subject: Fwd: Krause Basin ATV Trails

Rich and Joleen;

As I understand it, some Secure Rural Schools money finally got authorized by Congress, so I'm wondering about the status of the RAC grant Michael Downs references in the email forwarded below.

Your response to our 60-day Notice made it clear you will not be marking the ATV trails on the ground, but I'm wondering what your intentions and work plans are for this summer and fall regarding Krause Basin, the RAC grant, and any other grants or funding being used there?

Would greatly appreciate an update as soon as you are able.

Thanks,

Keith

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Downs, Michael E -FS" <medowns@fs.fed.us>
Subject: RE: Krause Basin ATV Trails
Date: September 2, 2014 12:13:21 PM MDT
To: Keith Hammer <keith@swanview.org>
Cc: "Dunham, Joleen -FS" <jdunham@fs.fed.us>, "Moulton, Forest W -FS" <forestwmoulton@fs.fed.us>

Keith,

I wanted to let you know I also did a proposal for the Krause Basin Trails. I will be working over the winter to develop a more detailed plan. I've been talking to Bill McCabe and Ali Ulwelling (MDNRC) both of them live in the area and are interested in helping. I've attached my proposal. Any photos or information that you have that you think would be useful in my presentation would be greatly appreciated.

The basic plan is:

Phase 1: Identify existing Forest Service ATV trails 901 thru 907 with GPS in the field and mark them with Carsonite Signs (plastic post signs) that have the trail number and ATV on them.

Phase 2: Highlight Krause Basin Trail entry points with bulletin boards and education to insure riders know where they are supposed to ride.

Phase 3: Identify all other trails that connect with the Krause Basin trails and block them off with boulders or humps and mark them with travel management signs.

Phase 4: Clearly mark state boundary lines so ATV's do not illegally cross over into areas that do not allow ATV's

Phase 5: Complete sign plan and monitor the area to make sure signs and travel management

measures stay in place.

This is going to happen next spring regardless of the grant. I will be looking to get more volunteer support from the locals in that area.

Thanks.

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From: Keith Hammer [mailto:keith@[swanview.org](mailto:keith@swanview.org)]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2014 7:45 PM
To: Dunham, Joleen -FS; Downs, Michael E -FS; Moulton, Forest W -FS
Subject: Hemler Creek Trail

The Hemler Creek Trail was all clear except several downed logs in the upper meadows that may have still been under snow earlier this summer.

We cleared those, (photo below) so all is clear to Alpine Trail #7.

Hey, could you send me a copy of your proposal for Peters Ridge Trail that you submitted to the RAC?

Thanks,

Keith

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