Trail Talk Tuesday

October 10, 2023
Where Do We Start?

• Where can we build a trail?
• What is the goal of the trail?
• Who will use it?
• What trail surface should we use?
The Land Manager’s Perspective  Lacey Lies

• What will the trail cost to build?
• Who will pay for construction?
• Who will build the trail?
• Who will maintain the trail?
• Is there local demand/support?
• What is our liability?
PR & Community Support

Nancy Nelson

- Education
- Assigning Roles
- Communications
What About Private Land?  Myron Leinwetter

- Common Sense
- Statutory Protection
- Warning Signage
- Waivers/Releases
- Business Entity
- Contracts, leases, MOUs
- Agritourism Liability Insurance
Why Accessibility?  
Jeff Bender

Universal Design …

… produces products and environments that make life more comfortable for people as they move through life.

ABA Architectural Barriers Act
ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

Guide:

U.S. Access Board, Outdoor Developed Areas
Accessibility

ADA Trails or not...

Conditions for Exceptions:

- Not practicable due to terrain
- Cannot accomplish with prevailing construction practices
- Alters the function or purpose of facility or setting
- precluded by law (ESP, NEPA, NHPA, Wilderness)

Should be documented
Trails & Accessibility

Surface – firm and stable

Clear Tread Width 36” with no restrictions

Passing spaces 60”x60”; 2% to 5%; cross; every 1000’

Tread obstacles man-made ½” max/natural 2” max

Openings: ½” max

Running Slope: 0 to 5% and length

5% to 8.33% max 200 ft. with rest area 60”L x 36” W
8.33% to 10% max 30 ft. with rest area
10% to 12% max 10 ft. with rest area

Cross slope: man-made materials 2% max/natural 5% max

Resting Intervals: when slope exceeds 5%

Protruding Objects: beware
Accessibility: Trailheads

Outdoor Recreation Accessible Route at Trailhead
Connects constructed features 20% of facilities, or one min:

- ADA parking
- ADA restroom
- Shelter and ADA table
- ADA drinking fountain
  (add a bucket filler)
  (add a hydrant for staff use)
- Kiosks, bike Fix-it station, etc.

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October 10
November 14
December 12
January 9
February 13
March 12

Where do we start?
Let's get started!
What will this cost?
Where will we find the money?
Trail sustainability
Rail trail issues

2nd Tuesday, Noon-1 pm CT