

Public input sought on Cave Run Lake Trails

National Forest seeks public input concerning Cave Run Lake trails

WINCHESTER, Ky., Jan. 14, 2008 – A public meeting will be held for users of non-motorized trails in the Cave Run Lake area of the Cumberland Ranger District on the Daniel Boone National Forest. Any groups or individuals interested in the future management of these trails are invited to attend and discuss their recreational experiences in this area of the national forest.

The trail system surrounding Cave Run Lake has experienced a tremendous increase in use over the past several years. Initially these trails were designed and constructed for foot-travel only, but most of the current users are equestrian and bicycling enthusiasts. As a result of increased use, user conflicts and accelerated maintenance needs are occurring.

“This is a very popular recreation area that has seen a steady growth in trail use. It is time to respond to this change,” said Dave Manner, Cumberland District Ranger. “When this trail system was initially constructed, no one anticipated the level of use it would receive. We want to manage a trail system that provides for a positive user experience while ensuring that natural resources are adequately protected.

“This meeting is intended to bring together various non-motorized trail users, community members, and others interested in collaborating and developing consensus for future trail management,” said Manner.

The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 31 at the [Morehead Conference Center](#) beginning at 6:00 p.m. Individuals interested in attending this meeting should pre-register by contacting the project leader, Robert Sitzlar, at the Cumberland Ranger Station. Sitzlar may be reached by calling (606) 784-6428, ext. 113, or by email at rsitzlar@fs.fed.us.