Shawnee National Forest Hidden Springs Ranger District Recreation Program Trails Designation Project Accomplishments September 2006

In early September, many members of the 12 member summer trail crew returned to full-time college course work. As a result, a five member trail crew was formed for the fall time period and currently conducts trail maintenance and reconstruction.

Trail work accomplished in the Lusk Creek Wilderness (LCW) under the Trails Designation Project during the month of September 2006:

- Completed 600 feet of trail re-route east of the equestrian confinement area at Secret Canyon on trail section 492D. Construction included twenty feet of rock cribbing, 1.25 tons of crushed rock fill, nine drainage dips, and the construction of a rock spillway six feet long to included redefining a drainage ditch to redirect rainwater runoff from the trail (Figures 1-3).
- Conducted site work for relocation of equestrian confinement area opposite Salt Peter Cave to new designated area in pine stand northeast of Natural Bridge. Completed 400 feet of re-route into the new confinement area.

Planned project activities for the week of October 2 - 8, 2006:

• Continue trail maintenance and construction in the LCW.



Figure 1. Section of re-route near Secret canyon.



Figure 2. Newly constructed drainage along re-route.



Figure 3. Section of newly constructed re-route.