

OPEN HOUSE AND WORKSHOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Recently, requests have been made for additional information about the upcoming Cave Run Trails Initiative open house and trails workshop to be held December 3-5 on the Cumberland Ranger District. The information below may be useful to help participants decide whether to attend all or just portions of the weekend events.

Open House – December 3 at Morehead Conference Center, Morehead, KY:

The focus of the open house will be to explain what is currently being done with the environmental assessment for the Cave Run Trails Initiative proposal. Specifically, the open house will focus on the trail assessment that the Forest Service will soon be conducting for the project area and how that assessment will be used in the decision.

During the Friday night open house, the forest will primarily be providing information to the public rather than requesting their input. However, there will be a format for the public to provide written comments if they so desire. All comments will be accepted, though attendees should be aware they do not need to provide comments they have already provided.

New information available at the open house will include examples of trail assessments and information on how an assessment is used during the decision making process. Maps of the existing trail system and the proposed action from the fall of 2009 will also be displayed.

Interested individuals may stop by anytime between the hours of 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. to speak with Forest Service personnel or the Saturday and Sunday workshop leader.

Workshop – December 4 & 5

December 4 at Morehead Conference Center, Morehead, KY

December 5 at Bath County Extension Office, Owingsville, KY:

***Saturday Lunch* – Participants will be required to eat lunch outside of the Conference Center. Please be prepared to comply with the Conference Center's request.**

***Sunday Lunch* – Workshop participants are requested to bring their own lunch.**

The purpose of the workshop will be to educate and inform workshop participants on multiple aspects of trail management, including sustainability and social aspects. The format of the workshop will be an interactive classroom session on Saturday followed by a possible field trip on Sunday.

Woody Keen, president of Trail Dynamics LLC, will lead workshop participants through a discussion of how the influences of terrain, soils and climate are balanced with user desires when planning a trail system. Sunday's session includes a field trip to a section of the Cave Run Trails to discuss the principles presented on Saturday. Participants should bring their lunch on Sunday and be prepared to hike.