

2026 Baileys Trail System Construction
Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia
Pre-Bid Meeting
January 28, 2026, 1:00PM EST
Meeting Minutes

Introductions - Name, Company, Company Location

- Elle Dickerman, Sustainable Recreation Director, Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia
- Jessie Powers, Executive Director, Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia
- Jeremy Wimpey, Principal, Applied Trails Research
- Kevin Green, Recreation Team Leader, Wayne National Forest
- Reece Graham, TAT Realty LLC
- Ralph Protrano, Forest City Trails LLC
- Tracy Toler, Adventure Trail Systems
- Danny Radford, TAM Construction
- Kaitlynn Bianconi, Progressive Trail Design

Overview of Bidding Timeline & Requirements

- Bid Deadline: February 13, 2026 at 3:30 PM EST
- Contractor Email Question Deadline: January 30, 2026
 - Email Contractor Questions to Jessie Powers (jessie@orcaohio.com), Kevin Green (kevin.green@usda.gov), and Jeremy Wimpey (jeremyw@appliedtrailsresearch.com)
- Responses and Addenda Posted to Website: February 3, 2026
 - Contractors must acknowledge receipt of all addenda
- Deliver or Mail Bids To:
 - Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia c/o Ms. Jessie Powers, Wayne National Forest Headquarters & Athens Ranger Station, 13700 US-33, Nelsonville, OH 45764
- Bid Submission Requirements:
 - Sealed Envelope Labeled "2026 BAILEYS TRAIL SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION"
 - 1 Original and 1 Copy

Overview of Component Projects

1. Buchtel Spring Trail Construction
 - a. Completion of a connector trail between the new Buchtel-Snow Fork Trailhead and the existing Baileys Trail System

- b. The trail will include boardwalk, gravel surface, and natural surface trail construction
- c. Contractors should be aware of nearby property boundaries and construction on private property necessitating coordination with property owner for access
- d. Boardwalk materials less fasteners are on-site

2. Chauncey Depot Trail & Coal Train Trail Gravel Reshape/Rebuild
 - a. Addition of gravel and trail reshaping for drainage on a portion of gravel surfaced trail near the Chauncey-Dover Park Trailhead of Baileys Trail System
 - b. Trailhead access is good for dropping gravel
 - c. Most of the trail is in a meadow environment so there are not trees in the way for hauling gravel
 - d. Calculated gravel quantity is for replacing all the gravel, in reality it will be augmenting existing material, which may all not need to be replaced; unit prices will govern
3. Blue Devil & Wild Turkey Gravel Reshape/Rebuild
 - a. Similar to prior project in adding and reshaping gravel, as well as some rock armoring repair
 - b. There is a Forest Service gate and gravel forest road for access
4. Nebo Spirit Trail Reroute
 - a. Natural surface trail reroute and closing the original route
 - b. There are several forest road access options to bring equipment to the site
5. NICA Connector Trail Reroute
 - a. New trail construction at a sustainable grade and closure of steep hand built trail

Contractor Questions

Q: What are the finished trail widths for the different trail difficulty levels?

A: This can be found in Trail Specifications attachment in the bid book, and we will also include it in a Q&A Addendum.

Q: Is there a target date for when the bids will be awarded by?

A: We will include a date in the Q&A Addendum, but it will be ASAP.

Q: How will it work if the full quantity of materials is not required for the project?

A: Payment will be based on actual unit cost used in the project.

Q: Do we need to separate mobilization and access out per project or can we consolidate it into one mobilization fee?

A: We will include a restructured set of bid forms in the addenda which will allow contractors to provide a combined price for projects.

Q: What sort of drainage enhancements are needed for the Chauncey Depot project?

A: Existing culverts and ditch lines which feed them will need to be maintained. Additional rolling grade dip reinforcement will be needed, as well as grading to manage water flow.

Q: For the Blue Devil/Wild Turkey project, what drainage enhancements are needed?

A: Topping existing alignment to promote good drainage. The project sections are flat and in stream beds, so need additional gravel and grading.

Q: What will access be like for the Buchtel Spring Trail project?

A: Preferred access would be through the Snow Fork Event Center as the trailhead is under construction. The Snow Fork Event Center is a field, and so any disturbance caused by contractors should be repaired. Contractors should be sensitive to clean up needs as this site is an event center. We will add an item in bid forms for site repair following construction, which will be included in an addendum.

Q: Would there need to be coordination with the private property owner for the Buchtel Spring Trail project?

A: Yes, that project is on private property with a donated easement. We will assist with coordination with the property owner.

Q: When will addenda be shared?

A: It will be added to the website on February 3, and we will notify everyone by email when that comes available.