

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION ON APPA LAND - REVIEW & COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES (February 2013)**

<p align="center"><b>Routine Maintenance &amp; Repair (no special circumstances)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Routine Maintenance &amp; Repair (with special circumstances)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Major Projects</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Advance Review Required? NO</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Advance Review Required? SOMETIMES</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Advance Review Required? ALWAYS</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean drainage structures, including waterbars, grade dips, and drainage ditches.</li> <li>• Cut plant growth along the A.T., including woody growth, such as branches, saplings, and blackberry canes, and soft annual growth.</li> <li>• Remove fallen trees that block the Trail.</li> <li>• Renew or replace A.T. blazes, using only the minimal number needed.</li> <li>• Check signs for damage; repair or replace as needed.</li> <li>• Pick up and pack out litter along the Trail and at overnight areas; clean and restock privies.</li> <li>• Break up illegal fire rings, scatter the rocks and ashes and pack out any litter.</li> <li>• Brush in shortcuts and walk-arounds.</li> <li>• Remove loose rocks or roots from the Trail treadway. If possible bury (rather than cut) solid exposed roots in the treadway to prevent tree damage, erosion, and tripping.</li> <li>• Clean out water sources.</li> <li>• Return the treadway to its original location where overgrowth has forced hikers off the path.</li> <li>• Restore proper outslope and tread width where soil is sloughing from the cut bank.</li> <li>• Rebuild the treadway to remove the outside berm of gullied treadway and restore smooth, gently outsloped treadway, using tamped mineral soil.</li> <li>• Add or replace waterbars, grade dips, steps, check dams, and cribs to divert and slow water.</li> <li>• Add or replace step stones, short bog bridges, ditches, turnpike, or culverts to cross temporarily inundated areas (does not apply to recognized wetlands).</li> <li>• Eliminate braided trails or shortcuts and reestablish single treadway.</li> <li>• Minor repairs to existing, nonhistoric structures that do not change their scale, appearance, location, footprint, or principle characteristics.</li> <li>• Replacement in kind of small-scale nonhistoric structures and facilities (e.g., shelters, lean-tos, privies, signs, fences, kiosks, sheds, foot logs, and campfire circles and grills) with little or no change in location, capacity, or appearance.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b><i>Consult ATC regional office before proceeding to see if further review or compliance is required.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires clearing in excess of 4 feet wide and 8 feet high or extensive disturbance outside the established trail prism.</li> <li>• Requires significant or extraordinary reconstruction/rehabilitation of treadway. Factors to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The amount of harvested materials (e.g., logs, stones) that will be needed</li> <li>○ Requires mobilization of a trail crew</li> <li>○ Estimated person-days of labor needed</li> <li>○ Cut slope will be greater than 4 feet from the edge of trail</li> <li>○ Project is identified in annual trail assessment/FMSS</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Occurs in a natural or cultural resource priority zone, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recognized wetlands</li> <li>○ Rare or protected species habitat</li> <li>○ Historically significant sites (e.g., battlefields, CCC shelters, charcoal hearths, homesteads, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Consult ATC regional office.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New, expanded, or replacement bridges and water crossings</li> <li>• Requires any relocation of the treadway (there are no "minor" relocations nor "minor" side trails)</li> <li>• Side, connecting, access, alternate or spur trails</li> <li>• New or expanded shelters or campsites</li> <li>• New or expanded privies</li> <li>• New or expanded parking areas</li> </ul>