



Pocahontas Trails Quarterly Update

It's been a crazy busy start to spring! Winter was on and off, with lots of snow, wind, and rain—but fortunately, the SHARC Trail Crew and a host of volunteers have been hard at work on trail maintenance whenever conditions allowed.

The [Monday Lick Trails](#) have been getting lots of love in preparation for the Grand Opening celebration the weekend of **May 17th**. It should be a fun weekend with group rides, vendors, camping, and live music. Check out the details on the [Pocahontas County CVB Website](#).

We're hopeful that the already approved funding for the **2nd Fork trail build** will come through. This trail will connect Rock Run to FR 235, with potential for some great loops and improved connectivity—Spruce, Bald Knob, Snowshoe, and Mower, or even out to Holsterman and the bridge across the Greenbrier to Green Bank, Arborvale, and the Allegheny Trail.

Also in the works (thanks to Snowshoe) is the **adaptive trail** connecting the Basin trails to the gravel routes out to Spruce and Silver Creek. This is a really fun “green” trail, suitable for all riders, and it should be completed this spring.

We're hosting our first annual **Backyard Leadership Summit** in May. The main focus will be on coordination between local IMBA chapters and other key regional players, enhancing singletrack and gravel connectivity, and planning for emergency response. With pending cuts to Forest Service seasonal staff, coordination of volunteer trail maintenance will be a hot topic. This should be a great session featuring trail work, rides, open forums, and happy hour around the campfire.

Race season is nearly here, and this year we're going big with **two Enduros and an XC race**. The Enduros are part of the WV Enduro Series—one on the new Monday Lick trails and the other, our long-standing **Slatyfork Enduro**. The XC race will highlight the **Mower Basin** trails and is part of the **WVMBA Series**. While these races showcase some of the best riding in the area, they also help us stay focused on maintaining over **75 miles of trails**. Race details can be found under [Pocahontas Trails Sponsored Events](#).

Lastly, this will be my final quarterly update. The Board of Directors is seeking new leadership, and accordingly, I will be stepping down as both President and Board member. This change will open up a seat and provide room for a new officer and President to lead the organization. It has been a truly rewarding 10+ years, and Pocahontas Trails has far exceeded my hopes and expectations. The next 10 years should be even better.

Our next meeting will take place on **April 29th at the Linwood Pavilion**, where we'll begin discussing potential candidates for our upcoming elections in July.

V/R,
Eric Lindberg