BMTA Annual Walk-thru Report

Section(s) Evaluated: _____

Direction walked: ☐ northbound ☐ southbound

Evaluator(s) Name(s) _____

Evaluation Date: _____

Work hours: _____ Travel Hours: _____

Reporting Evaluator's phone #: _____

Please see the reverse side (or below, if online) for evaluator suggestions and for a quick review of BMTA standards to use as a basis for your evaluation.

Overall assessments: Rate each category 1-5, with 3 being "ok" and 5 being "excellent."

Treadway (1-5) _____

Corridor Clearance (1-5) _____

Blazes, Signs and Trailmarkers (1-5) _____

Overall rating for the section (1-5) _____

Comments on problem areas (be as specific as you can on location):

Mileage	Waypoint	Comment

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Suggested process for evaluators

1. Carry the section map, a small notebook and a pen as you hike.
2. Note problem areas as you walk, using the section map to fix the location.
3. **The 2012 BMTA Trail Sign Inventory:** This year in addition to noting any problems with the trail itself, please also create a record of the trail signs already on the section you walk, as well as any places you think we may need a sign. Please note location as best you can of any sign you see, and make a record of exactly what it says, if possible by taking a digital photo of it to submit along with your report.
4. Fill out this form later, using your notes.
5. Save the form as YOURLASTNAME–Walkthru2012.pdf such as HARRIS-Walkthru2012.pdf
6. Submit the completed form ASAP, either in person, by mail, or online. (addresses below)
7. If you have a GPS, we suggest you GPS your walkthrough and waypoint any of the areas and in your journal note the distance the waypoint is from the trailhead. With your report, also attach an electronic copy of your GPS track with waypoints to the maintenance director.

BMTA evaluation guidelines

1) Treadway condition: The treadway standard is 18" wide, with a slight tilt to the outside. Does the sidehilling need refreshing? Are the water diversions clear and working? Significant erosion damage? Signs of ATV use? ATV damage? Are there muddy or wet areas.

2) Corridor Vegetation Clearance: The BMT standard is 4'x8' clearance. But this ideal is not always sustained throughout the growing season. The operative question is, can a tall hiker with a big pack walk the trail comfortably without snagging or ducking? Also, are briars and poison ivy cut back enough for a person in hiking shorts to comfortably pass? Where these standards are not maintained, note problem spots.

3) Blazes: Where the trail is well defined and there are no intersections, blazes should be crisp, clear, easily visible, and about 150 yards apart. Are intersections clearly blazed? Try to check intersections from both directions. This is a key area where your new set of eyes can be helpful to the maintainer.

4) Tree blowdowns: Report any blowdowns too high to step over, that block the trail. Provide location as near as you can, and indicate the smallest cutting tool sufficient to clear it: Folding pruning saw, bowsaw, or chainsaw?

5) Signs and trailmarkers: The BMT standard in GA is a road sign (each way) at each trail crossing of a public road. Also, Carsonite posts and trailmarker decals about 50 to 100 yards in to the woods from each trailhead. Are signs or trailmarkers, damaged or missing? TN/NC standards vary with the district. Please suggest locations for wood routed BMT signs, especially in wilderness where blazing is not allowed.

Return this sheet

When completed, ASAP, to the appropriate BMTA Maintenance Director:

* For GA: Tom Keene, 1641 Lucy Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30152, call (770-422-4838) or email the form to tkbmta AT gmail DOT com

* For TN/NC: Rick Harris, 533 Shaw Mountain Road, Tellico Plains, TN 37385, call 513-260-1184 or email at HarrisRi AT aol DOT com

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(b) save completed form as YOURLASTNAME-Walkthru2012.pdf

(c) Send as an email attachment