

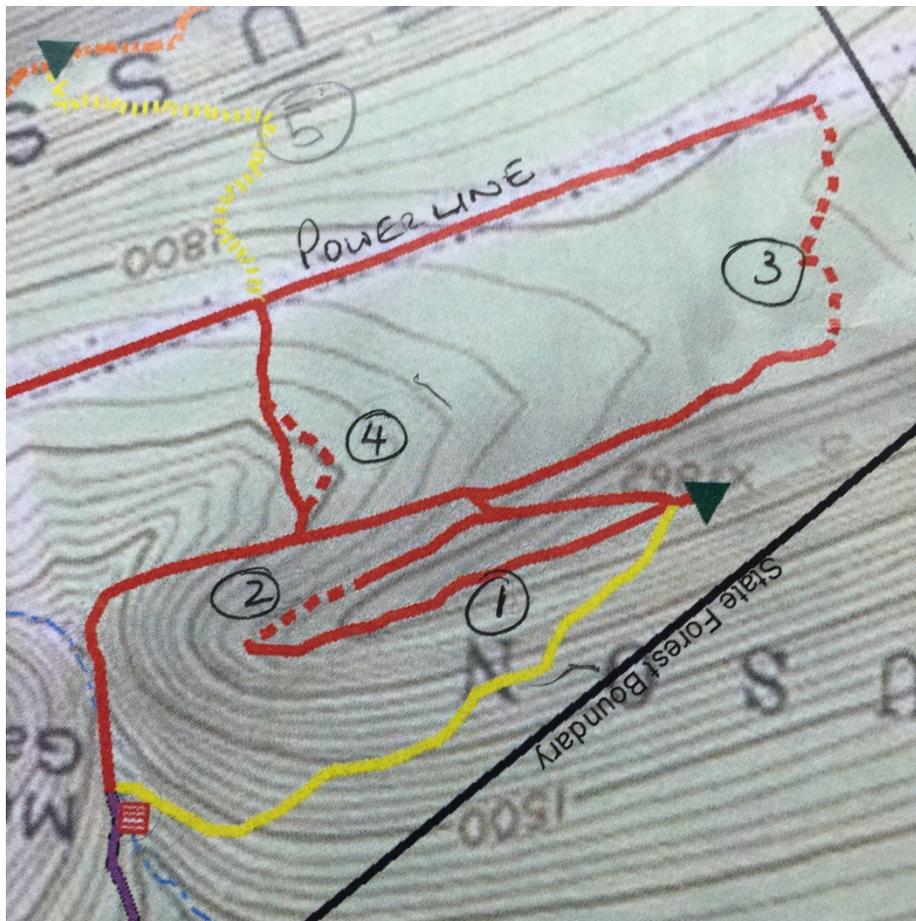
NMBA meeting—November 17, 2014

Musser Gap Trail update:

Neil, Jeremy, Ryan and Henry met with DCNR and other trail user groups on 11/17 to discuss vision for Musser Gap trail development and connections. Jacob (DCNR) flagged the trail at Musser and has asked NMBA to help with 3 areas;

- i. Minor trail reroute around one boggy area on the current Musser Gap trail in the trees up to the power line [(4) in pic below]
- ii. About 800 feet at that goes up to the power line in the corner [(3) in the pic below]. This too has been flagged, but as of 2014-11-23 the flags may have all been pulled by a hunter.
- iii. The short section [(2) in the pic below] on the loop to the future vista (green triangle).top of the long red trail that is currently too steep.

The rest of the trail and the Musser Gap Link trail, links off the power line to deer trail in Shingletown area is ok as is.



TRAIL WORK: December 7 at 1:00. Will focus on above trail reroute (4). Meet at Musser Gap parking lot.

New trail construction: Croyle to Gettis

- Jeremy (Applied Trail Research) and Neil continue to work out details of the Croyle to Gettis Ridge Rd. reroute. Due to substantial water conveyance on the existing Croyle trail, this is the highest priority trail for DCNR and fits into the overall trail expansion vision for Musser Gap trail network expansion. DCNR estimates that permits for the trail work will take approximately 6-8 months, but hope to begin work in early spring, 2015.
- DCNR has committed 3 weeks of staff time to work on this project, under the guidance of Applied Trail Research. NMBA committed to provide funds for rental of a mini-excavator and will be contracting directly with Applied Trail Research for trail design, flagging, and oversight of construction.
- Prior to committing funds, NMBA confirmed that (1) There are no plans for expanding Natural Areas or hiking only trails in the vicinity of Croyle that would prohibit mountain bike use; (2) Croyle trail will remain open to mountain bike use during construction; and (3) DCNR is OK with NMBA continuing to work on the trail beyond DCNR's 3 weeks of work, as long as the work follows the agreed upon design and permit requirements.

DIRT FEST—May 15-17, 2015

- Evan (Dirt Fest organizer) would like for NMBA to lead Friday and Sunday group ride. Rides would be advertised on the Dirt Fest website for preregistration (cost about \$20 per person) with profits going to NMBA. Friday ride would be at Tussey, Sunday ride at Greenwood/Coopers Gap. Club members agreed that this was a great way to support Dirt Fest and generate income for NMBA and future trail construction.
- Friday ride at Tussey will likely require transportation for participants. Details need to be worked out on renting a bus and trailer. Sunday ride would probably meet at the trail head so that folks can leave directly after the ride.
- Rides will be advertised as Intermediate and Advanced only, with several options for length of ride, but no options for rockless trails.
- 3-6 ride leaders will be needed for both days
- In addition to registration fees, NMBA could also sell advertising for the ride.
- Dirt Fest registration begins in December, NMBA needs to get advertising together ASAP, including information for Dirt Fest and NMBA websites.