

Paynes Creek Multi-Purpose Trail

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Original Agreement

- Conversation between Lake Hartwell and SORBA (Southern Off Road Bicycle Association) to develop trail on Hartwell began summer of 2009
- Lake Hartwell applied for and received \$25K in FY10 Handshake Partnership Funding
- Formal partnership agreed upon and signed between Lake Hartwell and SORBA March 2010
- Corps agreed to match handshake funds, provide free camping to SORBA volunteers, provide and maintain signage
- SORBA provided trail design, layout and pre-construction flagging and volunteer work to maintain trail
- Handshake funds, matching project funds and volunteer labor provide a professionally constructed 7.2 mile multi-purpose trail



Construction

- Construction of trail began Fall 2010
- SORBA volunteers and Hartwell ranger staff provided pre-construction clearing (limbing trees, flagging trail)
- Certified trail contractor constructed trail November - January
- Trail opened to public use April 2011



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

- Hartwell OPM speaks
- SORBA POC speaks
- Volunteers recognized
- Formal Ribbon Cutting
- First riders hit the trail



Keys to Successful Partnership

- Open communication
- Mutual understanding of each parties capabilities and needs
- Continually build/foster relationship



Partnership Providing Positive Results

- Georgia Single Speed State Championships held September 2011
- Additional \$25K in FY12 handshake funding applied for and received to build additional 3 mile loop and changing station/restroom
- Cooperative Association Agreement between Lake Hartwell and SORBA signed into effect September 2011
- Numerous trail runs and mountain bike races scheduled throughout the year
- All registration fees collected from these special events will be returned directly to future maintenance and expansion of the trail through the cooperative association

