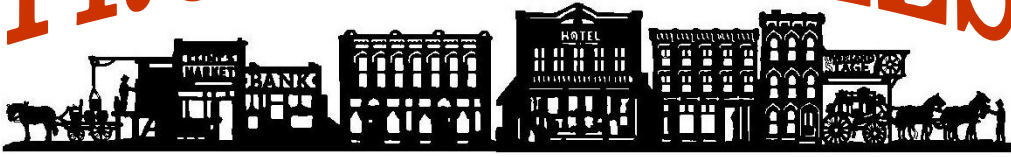


FRONTIER TIMES



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Trail Washed Out

When the rains come down hard, the earth moves.

Recent heavy rains have caused major damage to some trails just north of the Mohawk River. Be prepared this winter to find many favorite trails possibly closed due to washouts.



Powley Road Damage

Photo Courtesy Craig Small- Piseco Lake, N.Y. USA Facebook

Halloween night brought powerful storm to the area which included rain and strong winds. Many trails and highways suffered severe damage. Places like Wells, Indian Lake, Dolgeville, Speculator, and Salisbury found themselves cut off in places. Roads had been swept away.

One man lost his life due to fast rising flood waters on a road.

Highway departments have begun work, but backcountry roads and trails are likely a low priority.

ADVISORY - DEC's backcountry advisory remains in effect as the agency continues to evaluate damages that could affect the safety of trails. In addition, DEC is assessing roads and other state facilities in the region that were damaged by flooding and other storm impacts and will provide more information when it is available.



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Powley Rd Closed Photo Courtesy Craig Small- Piseco Lake, N.Y. USA

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What's Cooking?

Tom Rulison ordered 300 stakes from the Amish and delivered them to Mike Riek this past week. They are currently DRYING... apparently very green when cut and had considerable moisture. Mike has a system to rotate them and will paint them when they will hold paint.

Laudy Hoyenga reports the new drag is headed to powder coat Friday.

The Ogsbury bridge on the local Schoharie trail will need better decking. Looking for locals to get involved in developing this trail. Come to the meeting and volunteer if you want to see this trail happen.

Orvil Bates will be getting 100 stakes for the Knox section of C7B. Mike Riek will have the first batch ready sometime this week if dry.

Scott Claus And Yancey Zimmer will use 30 new stakes and will also place many diamond trail markers, some curve signs , and hazzard placards, stop ahead and stop signs. Will have them up in the next two weeks .

Larry White, landowner, has been doing a lot of earth work on the south side of Panis Rd. Reports the trail is okay where it is located and he's still working on the trail.

The club is looking for I-beam donations. Stronger bridges allow for bigger groomers.

Tom Rulison and Karl Pritchard picked up the donated Bombi 252. It will be very useful in spare parts for the Bombi now in use.

Local trail to Back Barn Brewery in Duanesburg maybe open this season. Trail would connect to C7E near top of Cooley Heights.

GPS app to be in use this season to track groomer use. Cost to club \$499 as per NYSSA report.

Trail Log



Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Scott Claus/Yancey Zimmer - Forester Paul Farley has been in contact and if weather allows, work on bridge may begin.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Trail signs are going up in Mariaville and widening trail continues. Bridge repair beginning on Lake Rd, will need new beams. Mariaville Peat section maybe rerouted, stay tuned.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - Brian and I will start signing next week. Bridge on Stockyard trail was reset.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison - C7E behind Hannaford needs bridge work done. Reroute behind Esperance Auto is being planned, will require large work party.

Duanesburg C7B - Dominick Friello - Some brush hogging has been done. Snow fencing will be needed up above Schoharie Turnpike. John Barr bridge needs to be reset. Cooley Heights top side has been widened.

Wright C7B - Joel Church - Skip cleared the Osterman section of C7B from RT 146 north to the Blevins property.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - Knox Cave reroute is complete. All trail is mowed and cleaned up.

Knox C7B - Orvil Bates - Meeting with landowners to look at Pleasant Valley reroute.

Maple Inn S73 - Donnie Bauer - Working with Middleburgh club on a reroute up the ski tow property , work date TBD within a couple weeks.

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - Dollar General reroute is done. Joslyn School Rd brush hogged.

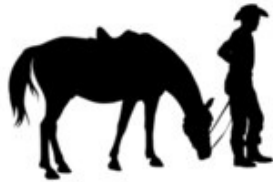


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Stockyard trail bridge salvage and reset.



Laudy Hoyenga pulls the bridge out.



Moving bridge back upstream.



Bridge back in place!



*Charleston
State Forest
C7E
Trail work.
Before....*



During....



*And after.

Photos
By
Yancey Zimmer*



(continued from page 1 - Wash out)

Areas hit by the heavy rains:

Crotched Pond (Indian Lake)

Extensive damage to roads and infrastructure.

Speculator Tree Farm and Perkins Clearing Conservation Easements

Extensive damage to roads and infrastructure. Closed to the public until further notice.

West Canada Lakes Wilderness

Due to road closures in the Perkins Clearing Easement, West Canada Lake Wilderness is inaccessible from the Pillsbury Mountain Parking Area and the Spruce Lake Parking Lot. Due to the closure of the Indian River Road at the Otter Brook Bridge the unit is also inaccessible from the northern trailhead within Moose River Plains Wild Forest's Brook Trout Lake Parking Area.

Ferris Lake Wild Forest (Towns of Stratford & Arietta)

Powley Piseco Road has severe wash outs on either end and is closed for the foreseeable future.

Silver Lake Wilderness (Town of Wells)

West River Road is closed until further notice due to flooding and washouts.

Moose River Plains Wild Forest (Town of Inlet)

Otter Brook road is closed at the gate at Otter Brook. Severe washout beyond the gate.

Fulton Chain Wild Forest (Town of Webb)

The Safford Pond Snowmobile Trail has experienced a large beaver dam failure approximately one quarter mile north of Safford Pond Road, as the Safford Pond inlet. The trail is impassable at this point.

(source info from <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7865.html>)



Flooding Photo Courtesy The Salisbury Ridgerunners—Where Old Friends Meet Facebook



Powley Road Damage Photo Courtesy Craig Small—Piseco Lake, N.Y. USA Facebook



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The new drag being built by Laudy Hoyenga.

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Mark VanWoeart has been widening C7B in Mariaville.



More Charleston SF work.
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Yancey Zimmer

Skip Murrell did the metal cutting and Brian Buchardt removed the old decking. The trailer frame is nearly ready for trail placement.
Photo by Brian B.

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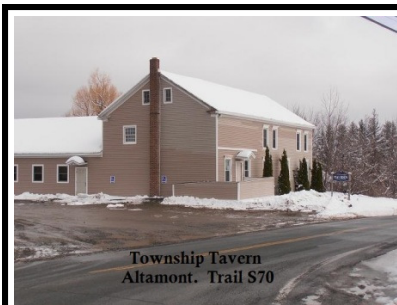
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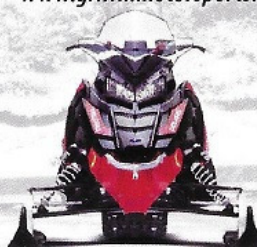
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