FoOT Trail Adoption Investment Program

Friends of the Ouachita Trail (FoOT) is implementing a new Trail Adoption Investment Plan for those individuals, partners or groups that wish to be involved with the maintenance of the Ouachita Trail but due to time and distance or perhaps health issues cannot.

For a donation of $300, a mile of trail can be adopted. Or, for any amount you can contribute to the Trail Adoption Investment Fund so that we can maintain a mile that needs the most help. The focus will be on those areas of the OT that have not been adopted and are difficult to maintain. The donation will pay a contractor to do the trail maintenance. The goal is to string together several multiple donations to work on several miles of trail, such as Fourche Mountain or any area that is always in need of help. FoOT will identify those areas due to their location or heavy growth patterns. Depending on funding, the plan would be to work these areas each year.

The donation is for a one-time upkeep but renewable if so desired. Investment adopters would have their name beside the adoption on the FoOT trail maintenance report. While it would be nice to be able to do 20 miles of the OT, a goal is not being set. The sections of Fouche Mountain not adopted will be the first area to address. You can pick your section on Fourche Mountain. Several people have expressed interest in the OT adoption investment plan. FoOT will be grateful for any amount received. This is a soft sale.

Our current trail adoption program remains the heart of FoOT's maintenance effort. We are making this new avenue available to those that would like to be involved in this manner.

Contact FoOT (president@Friendsoftheouachita.org) if you have additional questions or if you would like to be part of this new effort. Online Donations at the website can be used to designate this special fund. Or you can mail donations to FoOT, P.O. Box 61, Hot Springs, AR 71902 and should note it is for the Trail Adoption Program.

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