

## Gauley Access Update

### Public Access Plans:

As most of you know, FOGR is now raising funds and volunteers to reopen the public Woods Ferry Road, parts of which have been closed for about 100 years! We are making good progress but need volunteers to clear brush, dig up stumps and move rocks.

All work will be done with hand tools to minimize environmental damage. When the work is completed, FOGR and outfitter Benjy Simpson (Passages) will operate a boat shuttle in and out of the gorge. As in the past, paddlers will have to walk in or out of the canyon themselves. A donation will offset the costs, with the surplus being used to maintain the road and access.

Here is the current status of our budget and donations: we are halfway there!

### FOGR - Woods Ferry Road - Road Renovation Budget

<b>Road Renovation:</b>	Dozer or Backender:	\$2,000
	Operators:	\$1,000
	Telephone poles:	\$ 2,700
	Gravel truckloads: 20 x \$300	\$ 6,000
	<u>Tools, chain saw sharpening, etc.</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>
	SUB TOTAL:	\$12,200
<b>Operations:</b>	Bus/trailer rental or use: 22 days x \$30?	\$660
	<u>Security (2) x 22 days:</u>	<u>\$3,080</u>
	SUB TOTAL:	\$3,740
	<b>Grand TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$15,940</b>

### Donations received: along with many hours of labor and in-kind donations!

WV Tourism Commission	Charleston WV	\$5000
Confluence Watersports	Trinity NC	\$1000
Float Fishermen-Roanoke	Roanoke VA	\$500
Chota Canoe Club	Knoxville TN	\$300
Shenandoah River Trips	Bentonville VA	\$100
Trey Coleman	Knoxville TN	\$100
Ed Rhett	Cross Lanes WV	\$100
Maria Melo	Roanoke VA	\$100
Kevin Hisel	Louisville KY	\$100
Ted Weld	Arden NC	75
Jim Franklin	Bassett VA	50

...and Phil & Wyona Coleman-West Brownsville PA; Evelyn Locke-Claremont MA; Michael Sawyer-Leesburg VA; Ted Weld-Arden NC; Sandra David-Grimsley TN; David Luinstra-Grimsley TN; Scott Meadows-Harbor Beach MI; Steven & Marcia Bletsch-Merrimac WI; Susan Schierling-Notre Dame IN;  
**TOTAL:** (if you want your name and amount listed, let FOGR know) **\$7890**

### How to Help:

If you can help, contact Bill Tanger. Email address: [tanger@mediavisionva.com](mailto:tanger@mediavisionva.com). Home tel. 540-366-2228. To donate, make a check out to FORVA, earmark for FOGR, and mail to FORVA, PO Box 1750, Roanoke VA 24008. (FORVA is a 501(c)3 non-profit.)

Our next work weekends are August 20 & 21, and August 27 & 28. We will meet at Surf City on Milroy Grose Road at 9 am each morning. This is directly across from Wildwater Expeditions on Rt. 19.