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I own Stampede Run Horse Camp in the Stearns District. Instead of replacing picnic tables etc. we need new trails constructed . The trails we do have are never maintained. We have had large numbers of campers this year. The Sheltowee Trace has had a huge tree down for a year. We need a reroute off of trail #616 to bypass a very rocky section. Some riders still go over the steep sand rock section with no problems but as some riders are up in their years or riders with small children a by pass would be safer. Barren Fork horse camp was constructed with the help of the Ky Horse Council we raised over $ 15000.00 dollars not counting all of the volunteer workers time. Stearns Ranger Station was in the process of being closed but this camp saved it from being closed down. I have been working on these trails for over 20 years. Barren Fork Horse Camp picnic tables are just fine. Why spend all that money on tables etc. instead of developing new trails or at least maintain the old ones. I can organize a meeting of horseback riders to meet with Stearns District Ranger Station so we can voice our opinion . I am seeing money spent where it serves no purpose. I use to be involved in all kinds if organizations to construct Barren Fork Horse Camp , White Sulfer Horse Camp and Bear Creek Horse Camp. On Trail #616 I have an idea for the reroute. I walked it November 28, 2020. Our camp Stampede Run Horse , Barren Fork Horse Camp and the McCreary County 4-H camp are all within riding distance of each other. A McCreary county horse ride is scheduled for the spring provided Covid settles down. It was cancelled this spring and fall because of Covid. This ride will involve all three camps. We desperately need to get prepared this winter or early spring so we will have safe rides. Everyone loves these scenic trails. These riders bring in lots of revenue to our county. Please give me a response . Thanks