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THE RIVERS OF VIRGINIA  **Currents & Eddies**

Craigs Creek: fighting a lawsuit against the state of Virginia that attempts to stop navigation on the creek. Could set a statewide precedent. Have created Friends of Craigs Creek, with membership now at 160. Next court date July 11 in Craig County Courthouse.

James River/Allens Creek: new access created by FFV and FORVA. Now share ownership of a critical access to the James. No other access for 20 miles upstream. ---- FFV & FORVA

James River - Balcony Falls Take-out (Amherst County): FORVA is working to find a political jurisdiction willing to partner on access development. Possibly Amherst County.
--- Bill Tanger, FFV

James River - Scotts Mill Dam (Lynchburg): working with dam consultant on portage around dam. Committee with Howard Kirkland, Charles Ware, Bo Calvert, Bill Tanger, Jeremy Bryant (Amherst County) formed.

Roanoke River Niagara Dam Relicensing (Roanoke County): Working on recreational access issues along the river. APCo not very helpful. ----- Bill Tanger, Ro River Blueway Committee

Blackwater River (Franklin County): Improving a 6-acre access on the Blackwater River at Round Hill Road in Franklin County. Just put in a parking lot, gate and ramp. Power poles with lights, kiosk and erosion control to come. ----- Bill Tanger, Creek Freaks

New River - Price Park (Montgomery County): Improving a 50-acre park along Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County. --- Randi Lemmon and Bill Tanger

Blackwater River (Franklin County): New access on the Blackwater River at Rt 122 under development for a parking lot and an access ramp. Need volunteers to cut and clear brush.
----- Bill Tanger; FFV: Pat & Ray Williams; Creek Freaks of Franklin County.

Roanoke River: (Salem City): Tucker Lane stormwater issue (Roanoke River). May be filing suit against City of Salem to get corrective action.

Statewide: working on a proposal for dam recreational safety study and regulations to address the continued drownings at unsafe dams. Help wanted.

Statewide: working on No Tires in the River bill to end incentives for people to throw tires in the river rather than pay landfill fees.

