

LU-26-030 — SNACK TIME TRAIL APPEAL

Public Process Chronology and Next Steps

Where comments should go now: LU-26-030 has been **appealed to the Planning Commission**. Comments intended to be considered in the land-use decision should be submitted to Community Development for the Planning Commission record, rather than sent to the Board of Commissioners at permitcheck@bentoncountyor.gov, hand delivered, or mailed.

Chronology

April 27, 2026 — Application received. OSU submitted LU-26-030 concerning the Snack Time Trail alignment in the McDonald-Dunn Research Forest.

Summer 2026 — Public notice and written comment. The County provided notice and accepted written comments before the administrative decision.

September 2026 — Administrative decision issued. The Planning Official approved the limited trail request with conditions. The decision included information about the right to appeal.

September 30, 2026 — Appeal received. A timely appeal was filed. The administrative decision is stayed while the appeal is pending.

What Happens Next

October 2026 — Prepare for the Planning Commission hearing. Staff will compile the application, decision, appeal, comments and other record materials; prepare the staff report; and issue the required hearing notice.

Tentative: October 20–23 — Hearing notice. Notice is expected to be mailed and published during this period. The notice will provide the confirmed hearing date and instructions for submitting testimony.

Tentative: October 27 — Planning Commission packet. Staff expects the hearing materials to be available in advance of the hearing.

Tentative: November 3, 2026 — Planning Commission public hearing. Because the original decision was administrative and did not include a public hearing, the Planning Commission will hear the matter de novo. In plain language, the Commission will hear the case itself and may consider relevant testimony and evidence submitted through the hearing process.

How to Participate

Written comments: Submit comments to Benton County Community Development for LU-26-030 so they can be included in the Planning Commission record. The hearing notice will provide the submission instructions and deadlines.

At the hearing, interested parties may provide testimony to the Planning Commission consistent with the procedures in the hearing notice.

The Board is not the decision-maker at this stage. Sending comments to the Board does not substitute for submitting them in the Planning Commission proceeding. A later County appeal may bring a Planning Commission decision before the Board, if an appeal is filed and the applicable requirements are met.

PLEASE NOTE: Dates above are tentative until the County confirms the hearing schedule and applicable decision deadline. The formal hearing notice will control if dates or procedures change.