

Project Update: April 2011

On Saturday April 30th 2011, Vasyi Fitsak (Kalush), Yurko Hudyma (Ivano-Frankivsk), and James Eleazer (Dolyna Peace Corps USA Volunteer) initiated field work on the Gorgany Mountain Range Ecotrails project. The three met in the village of Osmoloda and hiked to the “Kin” cabin which will serve as their base of operations for this action. Despite experiencing heavy rainfall and snow on the ground in the higher elevations the three managed to clean approximately 7 km of trail in 2 days. The objective for the summer of 2011 is to clean, mark, and sign 40 km of trail. The trails being cleaned were constructed during the time period when south-western Ukraine was ruled by the Austro-Hungarian Empire. At that time a system of trails existed throughout Ukraine connecting the Carpathian Mountains from Poland to Romania. The trails are historical in nature but have not been substantially cleaned for a long time.

