

Pass It On® ... A Tradition of Kindness on the Appalachian Trail

The Appalachian Trail is a rugged footpath that runs from Northern Georgia to Central Maine along the crest of the Appalachian Mountains. It passes through 14 states and all kinds of unpredictable weather. At age 21, Nick, an avid outdoorsman raised in Maine, decided the journey would be a good adventure. The trek takes an average of 6 months. Hiking 20 miles a day through the wilderness for 5 or 6 months will get you to a place you've never been before.

"I guess I wasn't prepared for two things," says Nick. "How hard sections of the trail were going to be, and all the small acts of kindness along the way that kept me going." Those thru-hikers who complete the entire 2,200 miles talk about trail magic, little acts of kindness that happen at exactly the time they are needed. "I had been living on filtered water and granola bars for a month, my legs were aching, my body hurt, and I was having that once-a-week feeling of quitting. I came around a corner, and there was a bag of clementines hanging from a tree. A small thing at home, but on the trail, the taste of that fresh fruit was so amazing it kept me going for days."

As Nick learned, the people who live in the towns that border the trail see it as a privilege to give. "People blind-side you with kindness," Nick says. They provide rides into town when hikers need to replenish. They open their homes to a fresh shower after months on the trail. And they offer encouragement to keep going.

Sweet oranges are one thing. But after Nick's first two weeks on the

trail, an unseasonable cold front hit Northern Georgia. Normal temperatures of 20 or 30 degrees Fahrenheit dipped down to 0, and the wind gusted through the branches above. Nick remembers doing situps in his thin sleeping bag all night to keep warm. "I got started early the next morning because I was so cold and had to get moving. I couldn't feel my toes until noon. The next stop was a lean-to 20 miles away, and I decided that if the night was as miserable as the last, I would pack it in. It got dark, and really cold again. But when I entered the lean-to, somebody had brought up two down comforters--hiked the seven miles in from town hauling two comforters. I was so tired and relieved, I cried. I never slept better in my life."

Nick would go on, experiencing small acts of kindness that motivated him and discovering that his own small acts of kindness kept others going, too. "When you have extra food, you share it. You share a campfire. When it's raining sideways, you build a wall with rain ponchos. You work together. You encourage other thru-hikers to keep going," Nick says. "Once you get through Virginia, you get this energy high because you know you are part of something greater that will support you. You learn to trust it. Not rely on it, just trust it. Your hope develops. And when it's all over, you realize how great the people in this country are."

Trail magic is kindness in action, kindness without being seen. Kindness that becomes the change we all need.

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Legals

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HASKELL COUNTY, KANSAS)

IN THE MATTER OF)
KAREN HORNSBY)
)Case No. HS-2026-PR-000017)

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Yolinda Greeson, one of the heirs of Karen Hornsby, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Haskell County, Kansas:

SURFACE AND SURFACE RIGHTS ONLY, IN AND TO:

LOT THREE (3), BLOCK SIX (6), LULU RENO ADDITION IN THE CITY OF

SATANTA, HASKELL COUNTY, KANSAS. according to the recorded plat thereof

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before September 21, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the city of Sublette in Haskell County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Respectfully Submitted,
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TO: Katie A. Willis
Pursuant to K.S.A. § 58-2565(d) you are hereby notified that your remaining personal property will be disposed of on or after October 3, 2026. Prior to that date you may obtain possession of this personal property by paying all past due rent, fees, damages, and the reasonable expenses of

taking, holding, and preparing the property for sale. Re: 307 Cox Street, Sublette, Kansas. Contact Bobbie Aragon at (303) 229-6162, for more information.



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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the matter of the Application of Indian Oil Co., Inc., to drill the Kells 1885 #2 well as a deviated wellbore pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-103a to be located in Sections 29 and 30, Township 27 South, Range 33 West, Haskell County, Kansas.)
Docket No. 26-CONS-3110-CHOR
CONSERVATION DIVISION
License No. 31938

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

TO ALL: OIL AND GAS OPERATORS, PRODUCERS AND LESSEES, OIL AND GAS LESSORS AND ROYALTY OWNERS, UNLEASED MINERAL INTEREST OWNERS, LANDOWNERS, AND ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Indian Oil Co., Inc. ("Applicant") has filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting an order authorizing the drilling of the Kells 1885 #2 well ("Well") as a deviated wellbore producing from the Morrow formation beneath SW/4 of Section 29-T27S-R33W ("Subject Land"). The Well will be drilled vertically from its surface location in Section 30-T27S-R33W to a true vertical depth ("TVD") of 2000' at which point drilling will kickoff in an easterly direction at a build rate of 2 degrees per 100' until it reaches approximately 15.5 degrees of deviation. Drilling of the Well will continue at approximately 15.5 degrees of deviation through the Morrow formation to the Well's bottom-hole location. As proposed, there will be approximately 8 degrees of deviation in the Well from the surface location to top of the Morrow formation. The surface-hole location, the expected location where the Well will enter the Morrow formation, and the expected location where the Well will reach its bottom-hole location ("BHL") are described in the below table, where TMD means true measured depth, TVD means true vertical depth, and the locations are measured from FSL and FEL of the Subject Land:

Well	SECTION	FSL	FWL	TVD	TMD
Surface Location	30	1586'	5103'	0'	0'
Top of Producing Formations	29	1645'	581'	5165'	5265'
BHL	29	1678'	682'	5500'	5613'

The application is pending with the Commission. Any persons who object or protest to such application shall be required to file their objections or protests in writing with the Commission within 15 days from the date of this publication. If a written protest is not timely filed, the application may be granted by the Commission without hearing or further notice to any interested party. All objections and protests shall clearly state the reasons why granting the application will violate correlative rights, cause waste or pollution. Objections or protests shall be mailed to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Conservation Division, 266 N. Main St., Ste. 220, Wichita, KS 67202-1513, with a copy to Applicant's attorneys listed below. All parties in any way interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and govern themselves accordingly.

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