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Allegheny National Forest Releases Environmental Assessment

Marienville, Pa. (November 20, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest's Marienville Ranger District recently released the Salmon East environmental assessment (EA) for review and comment. The 13,038 acre project area is located in Howe and Jenks Townships in Forest County, Pennsylvania. The EA was developed to assess potential effects from vegetative management activities, such as timber harvest, associated reforestation, non-native plant species treatments, wildlife habitat enhancements, and road decommissioning and maintenance.

Information and maps are available at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=37119>. Comments may be submitted by:

- **Mail:** Robert T. Fallon, District Ranger, Marienville Ranger District, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, PA 16239
- **Fax:** 814.927.2285
- **Email:** comments-eastern-allegheny-marienville@fs.fed.us. Electronic comments must be submitted in plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), portable document format (.pdf), Word (.doc or .docx), or any other format supported by Microsoft Office applications. Please enter the project name (*Salmon East project*) on the subject line and include your name and physical mailing address with your comments.
- **Hand-delivered and verbal comments** can be accepted between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm at the Marienville Ranger District or by calling 814-927-5700.

The legal notice was published in the *Kane Republican* on November 16, 2015. This began the 30-day comment period. Please note this project is subject to the 36 C.F.R. part 218 pre-decisional objection process. Only those who submit specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a designated public comment period established by the responsible official, are eligible to file and objection.

For more information about this project, please contact Kevin Treese, Marienville Planning Team Leader at 814.927.5759 or ktreese@fs.fed.us.

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