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## Allegheny National Forest Approves Acid Remediation Project

**Marienville, Pa.** (November 20, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest has approved a 25-year special use authorization to Headwaters Charitable Trust to construct and maintain an acid remediation site. The project will restore a wild brook trout fishery where numbers have diminished over the years as a result of rapid changes in water chemistry following rain events, primarily attributed to acid deposition.

The proposed site will be constructed in the headwaters of Pine Run, a tributary of Bear Creek on approximately three acres of National Forest System lands in Elk County, Pennsylvania. It will involve constructing and maintaining a two-pond passive treatment system, a short access road to the site, and a stream intake structure. “This project will lead to the restoration of trout stream habitat that would ultimately improve water quality and recreational opportunities in the Bear Creek watershed,” said Rob Fallon, Marienville District Ranger.

Project documents can be found on the Allegheny National Forest’s website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47333>. For more information about this project, please contact Kevin Treese, Marienville Planning Team Leader at 814.927.5759 or [ktreese@fs.fed.us](mailto:ktreese@fs.fed.us).

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