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## Allegheny National Forest Releases Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Suppression Project Environmental Assessment

**Warren, Pa.** (January 29, 2016) – The Allegheny National Forest recently released the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Suppression Project environmental assessment for review and comment. The EA was developed to assess integrated pest management practices to suppress, and manage hemlock woolly adelgid infestations on the Forest. “This environmental assessment is the result of a multi-year, collaborative landscape hemlock conservation strategy developed with The Nature Conservancy, numerous partners and landowners,” said Forest Supervisor Sherry Tune.

The hemlock woolly adelgid is an invasive, nonnative insect that attacks and kills eastern hemlock trees. “We are proposing to use chemical and biological control treatments to manage these infestations in designated areas of the Forest, so we can conserve priority hemlock conservation areas in the face of this threat,” said Andrea Hille, Forest Silviculturist.

Information and maps are available at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45834> .  
Comments may be submitted by:

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- **Email:** [comments-eastern-allegheny@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-eastern-allegheny@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 (Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Suppression Project) on the subject line and include your name and physical mailing address with your comments.
- **Hand-delivered and verbal comments** can be accepted weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Forest Supervisor’s Office.

The legal notice was published in the Warren Times Observer on January 28, 2016, which begins 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 Andrea Hille, Forest Silviculturist at 814.728.6100 or [ahille@fs.fed.us](mailto:ahille@fs.fed.us).

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