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Allegheny National Forest Approves Special Use Authorization

Warren, Pa. (February 18, 2016) – Sherry Tune, Forest Supervisor for the Allegheny National Forest has approved a 20-year special use permit for North Western Well Services to construct, maintain, and use an access road National Forest System lands. This special use authorization will allow North Western Well Services access its mineral holdings (proposed tank battery and oil and gas pipeline) in Jenks Township, Forest County, Pennsylvania.

North Western Well Service has agreed to minimize visual and noise impacts to nearby residences by:

- Establishing vegetative screening (with assistance from Forest Service)
- Burying the powerline from the main line, under the township road, to and including the tank battery)
- Ensuring the tank battery is in a neutral color
- Not having any lighting on or around the tank battery

Additional information about the project can be found at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47433>

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