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Allegheny National Forest Proposes Changes to Monitoring Program

Warren, Pa. (March 9, 2016) – The Allegheny National Forest is seeking comments on proposed changes to its monitoring program that will bring it into compliance with new Forest Service planning regulations. “The 2012 Planning Rule requires that national forests’ monitoring programs include key measurements that gauge how forests move towards achieving desired conditions and objectives,” said Forest Supervisor Sherry Tune.

The changes to the ANF monitoring program is posted on the Allegheny National Forest’s website’s Quick Links” section: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/allegheny/>.

Comments need to be received by April 4, 2016 to be considered in the development of the final updated monitoring program. They can either be:

- Sent electronically to Collin Shephard at collinmshephard@fs.fed.us,
- Mailed to: Allegheny National Forest – Supervisor’s Office; 4 Farm Colony Drive; Warren, PA 16365.
- Hand-delivered to the Supervisor's Office weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Collin Shephard at (814) 728-6142 or collinmshephard@fs.fed.us.

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