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Allegheny National Forest Proposes Vegetation Management Project

Marienville, Pa. (April 28, 2016) – The Allegheny National Forest’s Marienville Ranger District is initiating an environmental analysis designed to achieve a diversity of desired forest trees. The Chaffee Project also proposes to help move the forest toward a healthy and resilient ecosystem, and diminish the risks and consequences of forest health threats. “This project will help move the forest to achieving our desired condition for trees in early structural stages,” said District Ranger Rob Fallon. “Recent monitoring has shown that only 3.8 percent of the forest exists in early structural stages, which is less than half of our desired conditions,” he added.

The project will also address present and potential future decline of American beech, black cherry, white ash, and eastern hemlock, due to non-native and native insects and diseases and other factors. Project information and maps can be found at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37427>

Comments may be submitted by:

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- **Hand-delivered and verbal comments** can be accepted at the Marienville Ranger District office weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by calling 814-927-5700.

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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