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## Allegheny National Forest Temporarily Closing Roads for Tour De Forest Event

**Marienville, Pa.** (May 17, 2016) – Several roads on the Allegheny National Forest’s Marienville Ranger District will be closed from 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2016 through 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2016 for the Marienville Volunteer Fire Department’s annual Tour De Forest ATV event. During this event, the forest will temporarily open several Forest Service Roads and portions of the Marienville Bike trail, but access will be restricted to participants who are registered for the event.

The following roads will be closed during this event. In addition, during this event, camping will be prohibited within 500 feet from the centerline of both sides of these roads.

- FSR # 127 from FSR # 145 to intersection with FSR # 128 (Abraxas)
- FSR # 226
- FSR # 131 from intersection with FSR # 327 (Lamonaville Road) , to Duhring
- FSR # 449 from FSR#449C to the intersection with FSR #116
- FSR # 116 from FSR # 449 to State Route (SR) 666
- FSR # 216
- FSR # 221 from FSR #128 to FSR # 221B, from FSR#221B to State Route (SR) 1003 (Blue Jay Road)
- FSR # 449C
- FSR # 159
- FSR # 287
- FSR # 180 and FSR # 180D
- FSR # 145 from the TGT Pipeline to FSR # 127
- FSR # 128 from the end of the blacktop road at Abraxas to the intersection with FSR # 180.

A map and closure order has been posted at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/allegheny/> under the “alerts section.” For more information, please contact Curt Bowley, at 814.927.5782 or [cbowley@fs.fed.us](mailto:cbowley@fs.fed.us).

All the forest ATV trails will officially open for the season at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016. Once the ATV trails open, users are required to purchase a permit, which can be purchased at any of the Allegheny National Forest offices or any authorized vendors. The list of vendors can be found on the Allegheny’s website. The 2016 ATV and trail bike permits cost \$10 for a day permit or \$35 for an annual permit. Applications can be obtained at any ANF office or by going to:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/allegheny/passes-permits>.

The U.S. Forest Service is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, with a mission of sustaining the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The Forest Service's Eastern Region has 17 national forests and one national tallgrass prairie located throughout 20 Midwestern and Eastern states. We're spread from Maine to Minnesota and from Maryland to Missouri. For more information, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/R9](http://www.fs.usda.gov/R9).

The U.S. Forest Service manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. The public lands that the Forest Service manages, contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$7.2 billion per year. The agency has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 80 percent of the 850 million forested acres within the U.S. and includes 100 million acres that are urban forests where most Americans live. For more information, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/).

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**ORDER NUMBER: 2016 – 01**  
**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR**  
**RESTRICTING ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST, TO WIT:**  
**SPECIAL AREAS OF THE ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST**

Under the authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551) and the Secretary of Agriculture's regulation 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Allegheny National Forest, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: 12:01 am May 21, 2016 to 6:00 pm May 22, 2016.

1. Camping is prohibited within 500 feet from the centerline on both sides of the following Forest Service Roads (FSR) displayed on attached Exhibit A ( 36 CFR 261.58 (e).
  - a) FSR # 127 from FSR # 145 to the intersection with FSR # 128 ( Abraxas Road),
  - b) FSR # 226,
  - c) FSR # 131 from the intersection with FSR # 327 (Lamonaville Road) to Duhring,
  - d) FSR # 449 from FSR # 449C to the intersection with FSR # 116,
  - e) FSR # 116 from FSR # 449 to State Route (SR) 666,
  - f) FSR # 216,
  - g) FSR # 221 from FSR # 128 to FSR # 221B, from FSR # 221B to State Route 1003 (Blue Jay Road),
  - h) FSR # 449C,
  - i) FSR # 159,
  - j) FSR # 287,
  - k) FSR # 180 and FSR# I80B,
  - l) FSR # 145 from the TGT Pipeline to FSR # 127,
  - m) FSR #128 from the end of the blacktop road at Abraxas to the intersection with FSR # 180.
2. It is prohibited to operate or use any type of motor vehicle on the following Forest Service Roads (FSR), displayed on attached Exhibit A , EXCEPT those vehicles registered as participating in the Marienville Volunteer Fire Company's Tour de Forest (36 CFR 261.13).
  - a) FSR # 127 from FSR # 145 to intersection with FSR # 128 ( Abraxas Road),
  - b) FSR # 226,
  - c) FSR # 131 from intersection with FSR # 327 (Lamonaville Road) to Duhring,
  - d) FSR # 449 from FSR #449C to the intersection with FSR #116,
  - e) FSR # 116 from FSR # 449 to State Route (SR) 666,
  - f) FSR # 216,
  - g) FSR # 221 from FSR # 128 to FSR # 221B from FSR # 221B to State Route (SR) 1003 (Blue Jay Road),
  - h) FSR # 449C
  - i) FSR # 159,
  - j) FSR # 287,
  - k) FSR # 180 and FSR # 108B,
  - l) FSR # 145 from the TGT Pipeline to FSR # 127,
  - m) FSR # 128 from the end of the blacktop road at Abraxas to the intersection with FSR # 180.

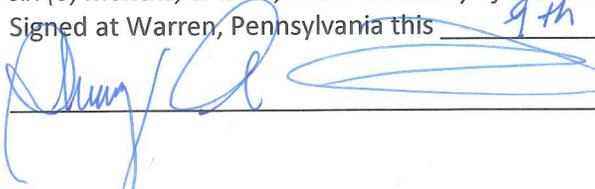
THIS RESTRICTION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THE PROHIBITIONS ARE IN EFFECT ON THE DATES LISTED ABOVE.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member or an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons engaged in a business, trade or occupation in the area.

*Violation of any of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both, under authority of Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.*

Signed at Warren, Pennsylvania this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

 Sherry Tune, Forest Supervisor, Allegheny National Forest

