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Allegheny National Forest is Proposing Salvage Timber Harvest

Bradford, Pa. (June 1, 2016) – The Allegheny National Forest’s Bradford Ranger District is proposing a timber harvest to remove trees infested with insects and disease. The 89-acre project area is located in McKean County’s Hamilton Township and includes Forest Road 503; the Kiasutha Campground area and James Hamlin tract. “This harvest will remove trees that would die within the next five to ten years,” said District Ranger Rich Hatfield. “We are removing these trees because of forest health concerns, and to provide safe access to roads and to visitors at the Kiasutha Recreation Area.”

The Forest Service is currently accepting scoping comments on the proposed action and treatments. Your comments are important, and may be used to modify or develop alternatives to the proposed action. Information about this project can be found at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49497>. Comments may be submitted by:

- **Mail:** Rich Hatfield, USDA Forest Service, Allegheny National Forest, Bradford Ranger District, 29 Forest Service Dr., Bradford, PA, 16701
- **Fax:** 814.362.2761
- **Email:** comments-eastern-allegheny-bradford@fs.fed.us. Please enter the project name (FR 503 Salvage) on the subject line and include your name and physical mailing address with your comments.
- **Hand-delivered and verbal comments** will be accepted weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Bradford Ranger District or by calling 814.362.2761.

Comments will be most helpful if received by June 24, 2016. For more information about this project, please contact Irfaan Cua at 814.363.6053 or irfaanscua@fs.fed.us.

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