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Allegheny National Forest Hosting Open Houses to Launch Road Study

Warren, Pa. (Feb. 20, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest is hosting two open houses to discuss the forest roads system and to look at the relationship between roads and various resource impacts. The open houses will provide an opportunity for the public to view maps, ask questions and provide feedback as the forest completes Subpart A of the 2005 Travel Management Rule.

Subpart A looks at the core issue of travel analysis – providing sustainable access to national forests. The Allegheny's network of roads provides access to numerous areas of the forest for public and forest management activities. Completing Subpart A requires that managers analyze impacts to natural and cultural resources while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

“We have initiated a science-based process to take a whole-forest look at our road system and at the risks and benefits to visitors and various resources,” said Forest Supervisor Sherry Tune. “This is not a proposal or decision document, but a transportation study that will help inform future road management planning and serve as an additional resource in future multiple resource projects. It will continue to evolve and change over the years, with opportunities for interested public to share their thoughts and engage in the process.”

The open houses will be held on:

Saturday, February 28, 2015

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Allegheny National Forest Supervisor's Office

4 Farm Colony Dr.; Warren, PA

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Park Inn by Radisson (formerly the Holiday Inn)

45 Holiday Inn Road; Clarion, PA

For anyone who will not be able to attend these open houses, the information (including maps and comment forms) will be posted on the Allegheny's website:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/allegheny/>.

The deadline to submit feedback is March 31, 2015. However, any comments received after that date will still be accepted, but may not be included in this analysis. We anticipate the report to be completed by September 30, 2015.

For additional information about this process, please contact Forest Engineer Dan Salm, at 814.728.6269 or dsalm@fs.fed.us.

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