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## Allegheny National Forest Initiates Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Suppression Project

**Warren, Pa.** (March 30, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest is initiating a project to suppress hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) infestations. The forest is working with surrounding public and private landowners to develop this landscape approach to reduce the impacts of the hemlock woolly adelgid to important hemlock areas.

The hemlock woolly adelgid is a tiny nonnative (introduced to United States from Asia) invasive insect that is attacking and killing hemlock trees across Pennsylvania and many eastern states. The hemlock is an important part of the forest ecosystem because it provides thermal cover for wildlife; habitat for a number of arthropods, birds, and mammals; shade along streams and springs; and contributes nutrients to aquatic systems. It is also valued for its year-round green foliage and spiritual values.

“The project is designed to limit hemlock mortality from HWA and promote survival of ecologically and culturally important hemlock areas on the Allegheny,” said Andrea Hille, Forest Silviculturist. “Some of the most notable examples of old growth hemlock in Pennsylvania occur on the Allegheny and we want to protect these areas.”

Information and maps are available online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45834>. The ANF is seeking comments about this project, which should be submitted by April 30, 2015.

Comments may be submitted by:

- Mail: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Suppression Project
- Fax: 814.726.1465
- Email: [comments-eastern-allegheny@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-eastern-allegheny@fs.fed.us). Please enter the project name (*Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Suppression Project*) on the subject line and include your name and physical mailing address with your comments
- Hand-delivered and verbal comments can be accepted between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm at the Supervisor's Office, 4 Farm Colony Dr.; Warren, PA 16365 or by calling 814.728.6100.

For more information about this project, please contact Andrea Hille, Forest Silviculturist, at 814.728.6161 or [ahille@fs.fed.us](mailto:ahille@fs.fed.us).

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