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## Allegheny National Forest Reducing Carbon Footprint at Minister Creek Campground

**Bradford, Pa.** (April 10, 2015) – As a steward of the land, the Allegheny National Forest is committed to reducing carbon footprints on the forest. One step the Forest will take this spring is to convert the Minister Creek Campground to a carry-in; carry-out site. What that means is visitors must carry out all their garbage and recycled materials when they leave the site because trash cans will no longer be available. Campers should carefully burn any paper waste in their campfire, but must carry out foil, glass, cans, plastics or food waste.

“We have provided garbage collection at this site in the past, but because of the remote location, we feel it is better suited to be managed similar to a dispersed recreation area,” said Paul Weese, Acting District Ranger. “Most of the forest’s remote or dispersed recreation areas, such as trailheads and boat access campgrounds, are managed as carry-in; carry-out sites.”

For more information, please contact the Bradford Ranger District at 814.362.6000 or go to the Allegheny National Forest’s website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/allegheny/>.

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