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Allegheny National Forest Planning Prescribed Burn

Warren, Pa. (May 1, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest is planning a prescribed burn for May 3 – if conditions are suitable. The Coalbed Run Burn is located north of Kellettville, PA off of Forest Road 449c and the Allegheny Snowmobile Loop. Approximately 63 acres will be burned.

Fire staff will burn smaller hardwood species to maintain the oak forest community and to improve wildlife habitat. During the burn, smoke may be visible from Forest Road 449 and State Highway 666. Please use caution when driving in the area when smoke is visible.

Fire Management Officer Peter To said that burning will only occur when the appropriate weather is forecasted and the required personnel and equipment are available. He also said that fire management crews will patrol for as long as necessary after ignition to ensure public safety.

For more information, please contact Peter To, Fire Management Officer at 814.706.4464

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