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Allegheny National Forest Temporarily Closing Roads for Tour de Forest Event

Warren, Pa. (May 12, 2015) – Several roads on the Allegheny National Forest's Marienville Ranger District will be closed between 12:01 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 2015 through 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2015 for the Marienville Volunteer Fire Department's annual Tour De Forest ATV event. During this event, the forest will temporarily reopen several ATV trails, but access will be restricted to participants who are registered for the event. All the forest ATV trails will officially reopen for the season at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2015.

The following roads will be closed during this event. In addition, during this event, camping will be prohibited within 500 feet from the centerline of both sides of these roads.

- a) FSR # 127 from FSR # 145 to intersection with FSR # 128 (Abraxas)
- b) FSR # 226
- c) FSR # 131 from intersection with FSR # 327 (Lamonaville Road) , to Duhring
- d) FSR # 449 from FSR#449C to the intersection with FSR #116
- e) FSR # 116 from FSR # 449 to State Route (SR) 666
- f) FSR # 216
- g) FSR # 221 from FSR #128 to FSR # 221B, from FSR#221B to State Route (SR) 1003 (Blue Jay Road)
- h) FSR # 449C
- i) FSR # 159
- j) FSR # 287
- k) FSR # 180 and FSR # 180B
- l) FSR # 145 from the TGT Pipeline to FSR # 127
- m) FSR # 128 from the end of the blacktop road at Abraxas to the intersection with FSR # 180.

Once the ATV trails reopen, users are required to purchase a permit, which can be purchased at any of the Allegheny National Forest offices or any authorized vendors. The list of vendors can be found on the Allegheny's website. The 2015 ATV and trail bike permits cost \$10 for a day permit or \$35 for an annual permit. Applications can be obtained at any ANF office or by going to: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/allegheny/passes-permits>.

A map and closure order has been posted at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/allegheny/> under the "alerts section." For more information, please contact Curt Bowley, at 814.927.5782 or cbowley@fs.fed.us.

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