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Forest Service Road 131 Temporarily Closed

Marienville, Pa. (June 29, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest's Marienville Ranger District has temporarily closed approximately 5-1/2 miles of Forest Service Road 131 between State Road 3002 north to the Forest Service Road 228 intersection. The road was closed because of concerns that a slump in the road may expand following the recent heavy rains.

Forest Service Road 131 will also be closed to dispersed camping, but the Loleta Campground is open. Engineering crews are monitoring the road and will begin repairs as quickly as possible.

For additional information, please contact the Marienville Ranger District at 814.927.5700.

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