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Allegheny National Forest Reviewing Acid Remediation Project

Marienville, Pa. (July 2, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest's Marienville Ranger District is reviewing a proposal from the Headwaters Charitable Trust to construct and maintain an acid remediation site. The purpose of the project is to restore a wild brook trout fishery whose numbers have diminished over the years as a result of acid rain.

The proposed three-acre site is located in the headwaters of Pine Run, a tributary of Bear Creek. The project would require constructing and maintaining a two-pond passive treatment system, a short access road to the site, and a stream intake structure. "This proposed project would restore trout stream habitat that would ultimately improve recreational opportunities in the Bear Creek watershed," said District Ranger Rob Fallon. If approved, the Allegheny National Forest would issue a 25-year special use permit.

Fallon also said that there are four similar treatment systems that are successfully restoring water quality and aquatic life to at least 20 miles of Big Mill Creek and its tributaries.

Information and maps are available at: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=47333. The Marienville Ranger District is seeking comments about this project, which should be submitted by July 31, 2015. Comments may be submitted by:

- **Mail**: Robert T. Fallon, District Ranger, Marienville Ranger District, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, PA 16239
- **Fax**: 814.927.2285
- **Email**: comments-eastern-allegheny-marienville@fs.fed.us. Electronic comments must be submitted in plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), portable document format (.pdf) Word (.doc or .docx), or any other format supported by Microsoft Office applications. Please enter the project name (*Pine Run Acid Remediation Ponds 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 8:00 am and 4:30 pm at the Marienville Ranger District or by calling 814-927-5700.

For more information about this project, please contact Kevin Treese, Marienville Planning Team Leader at 814.927.5759 or ktreese@fs.fed.us.

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