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## Allegheny National Forest Approves Special Use Authorization

**Marienville, Pa.** (July 7, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest recently approved a request for a special use authorization to allow the continued use and maintenance of an existing access road that crosses the Allegheny National Forest to access private property within the boundaries of the ANF.

The 20-year authorization will be issued to Jude Vavala, who recently acquired the property that is located on the Marienville Ranger District. Additional information about this decision can be found at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46603>.

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