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Dear Interested Party:

The proposed decision for the Tour de Forest ATV Trail Ride Special Use Permit is now available for public review and comment. As a person or organization that has expressed interest in this project, you are invited to comment on the proposed decision. Tour de Forest documents are available on the Allegheny National Forest (ANF) website at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/projects/recreation/>

This event, two days in duration, twice each year, includes five loop routes on existing roads and designated trails in northwestern Pennsylvania. The proposed routes are located in Howe, Jenks, and Kingsley Townships in Forest County and Cherry Grove Township in Warren County, Pennsylvania.

In response to a special use application, the Forest Service is proposing to issue a special use permit to the Marienville Volunteer Fire Company (MVFC) to conduct the Tour de Forest ATV Ride twice annually for five years. This proposed fund raising event would occur in management areas (MA) 1.0, 2.2, 3.0, and 6.1.

How to Comment:

The comment period provides the public with the opportunity to comment on the proposed decision prior to a decision being made by the responsible official. This decision would be subject to an administrative review and appeal. Appeals may be filed by persons or non-federal organizations and entities that provide comments or otherwise express interest in the proposed action during the comment period. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to ensure they are submitted during the 30-day comment period.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral and electronic comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of the legal notice in *The Kane Republican* (Kane, Pennsylvania newspaper). The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Submit written comments to Jodie L. Vanselow, Marienville Deputy District Ranger, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, Pennsylvania 16239 or by facsimile (814) 927-2285. For those submitting hand-delivered comments, Marienville District office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Submit oral comments to the Marienville District office during normal business hours by telephone (814) 927-5700. Submit electronic comments to comments-eastern-allegheny-marienville@fs.fed.us in one of the following formats: e-mail message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc) or any software supported by Microsoft applications. If no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. A scanned signature is one way to provide verification. An email address is not sufficient.



Your views on this project are important. If you need more information or wish to comment, please contact Kevin Treese (814) 927-5759.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jodie L. Vanselow
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