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Dear Interested Party:

The Marienville Ranger District of the Allegheny National Forest (ANF) is considering converting the Kelly Pines Campground from a free use area to a fee area, and I am seeking your comments on this proposal.

If a fee is set, it would be determined based on the services and facilities that are available at Kelly Pines. The campsites at Kelly Pines are in high demand. If the campground is a fee area, then the sites may be placed on a reservation system. The ability to reserve sites could apply year round, could apply only to a portion of the year, or could apply to only a portion of the campsites. Currently at Kelly Pines, campsites 1 and 2 are available for non-equestrian use and sites 3 through 7 are open to equestrian use only. This restriction could also be adjusted throughout the year. For example, for the opening weekend of trout season, sites 3 through 7 could be made available to all users. If Kelly Pines Campground became a fee area, some minor facility work would occur, like the installation of a new bulletin board.

This analysis falls within the category of exclusion 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 220.6(d)(5). This category allows for "repair and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities." This falls within the categories of actions for which a project or case file and decision memo are not required. This analysis will consider whether extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action warrant further consideration in an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. This decision will not be subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.

You may submit written comments to Robert T. Fallon, Marienville District Ranger, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, PA 16239 or by facsimile (814) 927-2285. Comments may be personally delivered at the Marienville District Office or by telephone (814) 927-5700. Business hours are 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments may be submitted to comments-eastern-allegheny-marienville@fs.fed.us. Comments should be submitted or postmarked no later than October 16, 2009.

This letter and the attached map are also available on the ANF website at http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forest/allegheny/projects/recreation_projects. For additional information, contact Linda White at (814) 927-5749. Thank you for your interest in the management of the Allegheny National Forest.

Sincerely,

/S/ ROBERT T. FALLON

ROBERT T. FALLON
District Ranger

Attachment: map

