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TIME TO TALK ALTERNATIVES

The Allegheny National Forest Announces its next set of Plan Revision Workshops

Warren, Pa. – The Forest Plan Revision process is moving forward, and it is time to take the next step towards completing the Revised Forest Plan, beginning the development of alternatives.

To begin this work with the public, two workshops will be held. On September 10th at the Dubois Holiday Inn, at US 219 and I-80, we will be meeting in the Plaza Banquet room. The workshop will begin promptly at 9:00 and end by 4:30. The September 11th session will be held at the Holiday Inn at 210 Ludlow Street in Warren. This event will run from 9:00 to 4:30 in the Stars and Stripes/Fleur de Lis conference room. Both workshops will involve the same content and process.

Dr. Susan Senecah and Dr. Gregg Walker will be facilitating the daylong events as we strive to develop functional alternatives for the Forest Plan. Participants are advised to provide their own lunch.

These workshops are the first step on the road to developing alternatives. The process will be involved, and we hope for and encourage your participation. **Please let us know in advance if you plan to attend,** contact Beth Porter at 814-723-5150 ext. 100 so we can plan for your participation.

To develop the alternative ways of managing the forest for the next 10 to 15 years we must go back to the issues identified in the Need for Change and Notice of Intent. They are issues such as Recreation Management, Vegetation Management, Habitat Diversity, and Special Area Designations such as Wilderness.

When developing alternatives, several factors have to be considered. The first is that they must be implementable. The second is that alternatives need to be responsive to the issues raised in the planning process. Third, alternatives should be consistent with regional and national guidance on direction for Forest Management. Lastly, alternatives should produce a range of outcomes responsive to the many resources and areas of concern.