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MARIENVILLE RANGER DISTRICT SEEKS COMMENTS ON PORKEY HEIGHTS PROJECT IN MCKEAN COUNTY

Marienville, Pa. – Marienville Deputy District Ranger Jodie L. Vanselow is seeking public comments on the environmental assessment (EA) for the Porkey Heights Project in Howe and Kingsley Townships in Forest County. Comments will be considered in selecting the final alternative. The Forest Service proposes two different alternatives to address forest health issues and implement direction in the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Allegheny National Forest (NF). Additional information is available at http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/projects/vegetative_management/.

Description of Alternative 1, the proposed action: intermediate stand activities on 1,207 acres, even-aged regeneration activities on 541 acres, uneven-aged regeneration activities on 92 acres, and reforestation on 757 acres. Prescribed fire is planned for 54 acres. Road decommissioning is proposed on 2.9 miles, and limestone road surfacing on 2.1 miles. Stone pits will be rehabilitated or reclaimed on 20 acres.

Description of Alternative 2, No Action: None of the proposed activities or treatments would occur.

Maps and complete project descriptions are available from the Marienville Ranger District, or at http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/projects/vegetative_management. Additional information may be obtained from Kevin Treese at 814-927-5759.

Comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of the legal notice in the *Kane Republican*. Comments can be mailed to Jodie L. Vanselow, Marienville Ranger District, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, Pa. 16239, ATTN: Porkey Heights Project; or by phone to 814/927-6628; or by FAX to 814/927-2285; or by e-mail to comments-eastern-allegheny-marienville@fs.fed.us (pdf, txt, rtf or documents compatible with Microsoft applications). Oral or hand-delivered comments will be accepted during Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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