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ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST RELEASES FINAL RECREATION FACILITY ANALYSIS RECOMMENDATIONS

Five-year Program of Work Approved by Regional Forester

Warren, Pa. – Forest Supervisor Leanne Marten announced the Recreation Facility Analysis (RFA) for developed recreation sites on the Allegheny National Forest (NF) was approved by the Regional Forester’s Office in Milwaukee last week.

Extensive analysis and public involvement occurred throughout the process. As a result of comments received, some of the initial recommendations were revised. Sites with changes to initial recommendations include Timberdoodle Flats, Roper Hollow Boat Launch, Dunkle Corners Boat Launch, and Sugar Bay Dispersed Area on the Bradford Ranger District, and Beaver Meadows Campground, Loleta Campground, and Buzzard Swamp on the Marienville Ranger District.

“We would like to thank the public for taking the time to respond to our recommendations. We read each and every letter and appreciate the public taking the time to share their thoughts and ideas; they are very important to us,” said Forest Supervisor Leanne Marten.

A five-year program of work has been developed to move forward with these recommendations. “We have decided to have sites remain open as we continue to evaluate our options for implementation of the program of work,” said Forest Supervisor Marten. The Allegheny NF is currently putting together a new campground concession package to replace the one scheduled to expire this December. This package will include the operation and maintenance of sites including Dewdrop, Tracy Ridge, Kiasutha, Red Bridge, Willow Bay and Twin Lakes. All other sites are still under a current concessionaire permit or are operated and maintained by the Forest Service.

Response to public comments and the final RFA program of work document, including the revised recommendations by each District Ranger, are available at http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/recreation/rec_facility_analysis/index.php.

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