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MARIENVILLE RANGER DISTRICT TO IMPROVE FISH HABITAT IN MAPLE RUN, ELK COUNTY

Kane, Pa. – Marienville District Ranger Rob T. Fallon has decided to improve fish habitat, increase watershed protection, decommission two segments of Forest Road (FR) 104, and remove FR 104 from the Forest Service Road system within the Maple Run watershed. Maple Run is near FR 104 south of State Route 948 in Highland Township, Elk County. Forest Road 104 will no longer be open for public travel. Additional, specific information is available by contacting the Marienville Ranger District, or from the Allegheny National Forest (NF) website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/projects/watershed/>.

The changes in road management and fish habitat work would:

- Remove stream crossings in poor condition;
- Improve fish passage throughout the run;
- Reduce sediment and overland water flows reaching Maple Run, and
- Improve habitat for aquatic life.

A complete description of planned activities is detailed on the website for the Allegheny NF. The attached map also visually displays planned activities.

This decision is not subject to an administrative review or appeal pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 215 and the *Earth Island Institute v. Ruthenbeck* ruling of October 19, 2005. Implementation of this decision may occur immediately. Questions regarding this decision memo should be directed to Kevin Treese at 814-927-5759.

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Note to reporters: map is attached to e-mail in a jpg format.