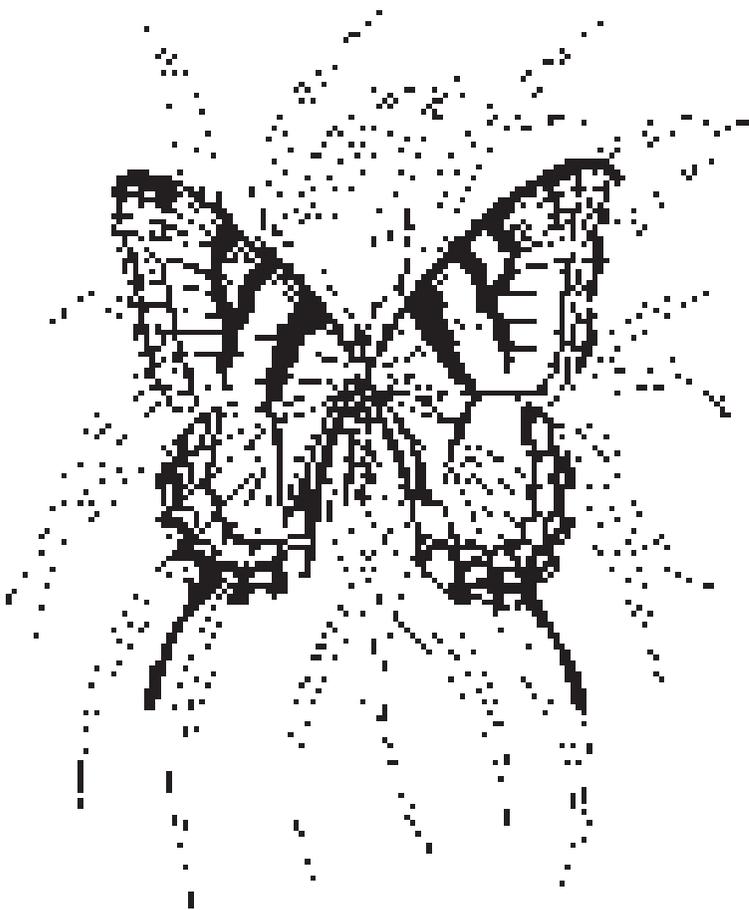


Allegheny National Forest

Fiscal Year 2000 Annual Report

Allegheny National Forest....
Land of Many Uses



The Allegheny National Forest is one of 155 National Forests managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Forest Service, and the only one in Pennsylvania. National Forests are different than other federal lands, most of which are managed for a single purpose. Congress mandates that National Forests be managed to provide multiple resource benefits, and in a sustainable way so future generations will enjoy these lands, too.

Forest Reserves were first established in 1891. The Organic Administration Act of 1897 defined their mission to “improve and protect the forest within the boundaries, or for the purpose of securing favorable conditions of water flows, and to furnish a continuous supply of timber.” In 1907, the Forest Reserves were renamed National Forests. Over time, various laws added other benefits like wilderness, heritage resources and grazing to the original idea of watershed protection and continuous timber. The Multiple Use—Sustained Yield Act of 1960 recognized outdoor recreation and habitat for wildlife and fisheries.

The motto “Land of Many Uses” captures the National Forest goal of a healthy, vigorous forest providing wood products, watershed protection, a variety of wildlife habits, and recreational opportunities.

The Forest Service practices conservation of all natural resources entrusted to its stewardship, caring for the land and striving to balance these multiple benefits—to meet not only our needs today, but the needs of tomorrow too. Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the Forest Service, summed it up when he said National Forest lands are managed “for the greatest good of the greatest number in the long run.”

Visit our website at:

www.fs.fed.us/r9/allegheny

for more information on recreation opportunities, employment, and Forest management projects.

Dear Friends:



Kevin B. Elliott

Fiscal year 2000 was filled with many management opportunities and challenges for the Allegheny National Forest. National initiatives included the Roadless Area Conservation proposal and the LUCID project. The roadless proposal was introduced in May of 2000, and each National Forest hosted public meetings to further understanding and collect public comment. LUCID, Local Area Criteria and Indicator Development, was introduced in December of 1999 and it builds on work started in 1998. This project was launched to develop a comprehensive monitoring system that tracks a variety of programs and will assist the Forest Service in implementing sustainable land management practices.

On the local level, our staff had the opportunity to meet with former Seneca Nation President Duane Ray to discuss archaeological resources on the forest. We continued to implement a zebra mussel prevention plan and dealt with ongoing litigation. Partnerships were formed with many organizations including the Sand County Foundation, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission to implement "Quality Hunting Ecology", a program that creates and maintains habitat to sustain a healthier deer herd.

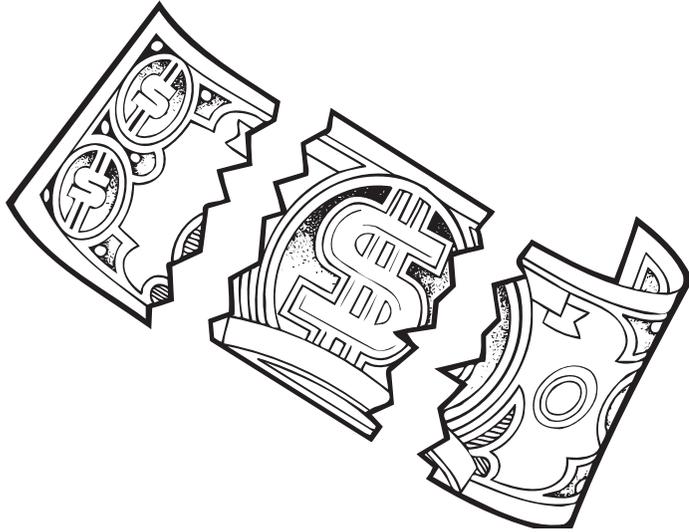
Former Forest Supervisor John Palmer is doing well as the Intermountain Region's Director of Ecosystem Management in Ogden, Utah. His leadership of the Allegheny National Forest over the last seven years fostered a spirit of involvement and support from a committed workforce. The following pages highlight many of last year's accomplishments.

As the new Forest Supervisor, I look forward to working with the people who use and love the Allegheny National Forest. Our challenge and responsibility as land stewards is to involve more people, incorporate science, and to make decisions that sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of our natural resources.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin B. Elliott". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "K" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

KEVIN B. ELLIOTT
Forest Supervisor

The Federal Budget Process:

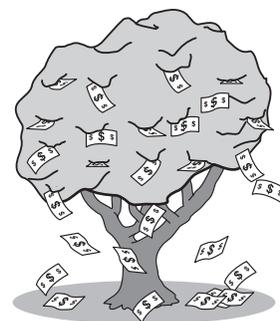


Each year, Congress and the President agree on a series of appropriation bills to allocate specific dollars to separate and distinct federal program areas for the upcoming fiscal year, which runs from October to September. Each federal agency is then responsible for implementing that budgetary direction "on the ground". Generally, agencies have very limited latitude to change the way dollars are allocated by these bills.

The budget process for each fiscal year begins 18 months before the fiscal year starts. Individual budget proposals are developed within the Forest Service at the regional and national level, and then the Forest Service budget is reviewed within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), with program budget requests being modified and prioritized at each review level. Sometimes the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issues additional budget guidance during the process, which further modifies the budget requests. By early fall, a full year before the start of the fiscal year in question, the USDA's final budget request is forwarded to OMB.

Between early fall and February, OMB reviews the USDA budget as well as other Departments' budget requests in detail. OMB assists the President in the formulation of a comprehensive budget reflecting the President's priorities, which is submitted to Congress in February.

Upon receipt of the President's budget, Congress initiates a round of budget reviews and meetings reflecting its own priorities on how the nation's funds should be allocated. Ideally, Congress and the President come to agreement on national budget priorities and pass the various appropriation bills by October 1, in time for the new fiscal year. If that does not occur, the federal government generally operates under a "continuing resolution" until the budget can be passed.



The Allegheny Budget:



The Hunting and Fishing Museum of Pennsylvania holds a planning Charette onsite of its future location



Timber stand

For fiscal year 2000 (October 1, 1999 – September 30, 2000), the Allegheny had over 11.4 million in appropriated dollars to work with, this includes any appropriated moneys not spent from the previous year. These dollars are allocated to us in roughly 35 separate and distinct appropriations, budget line items or expanded budget line items—we'll call them "categories"—with specific direction from Congress on how the dollars in each category are to be spent. Funds generally can not be switched between the categories. Examples include timber management, wildlife, recreation facility management, facility construction, trail construction, and water quality monitoring.

In addition, the Allegheny also received authority to spend 4.2 million in various permanent and trust fund accounts, such as K-V, salvage sale fund and road maintenance. Most of these funds are collected from timber purchasers as part of their payments for timber harvested.

The following table shows dollars allocated to the ANF in some of the appropriated and trust fund categories. We've also shown key projects accomplished by the ANF during fiscal year 2000 using those dollars. The projects listed are only a sampling of the many projects completed during fiscal year 2000.



A Sampling of ANF Budget Categories and Some of Our Accomplishments

Budget Categories	Allocated Dollars	Key Accomplishments
① Recreation Management	\$ 1,092,793	<p>Administered over 40 developed recreation sites, hundreds of dispersed camping areas, the Allegheny and Clarion Wild & Scenic Rivers and many special uses. Planned for future recreation and trail improvement projects.</p> <p>Maintained over 40 developed recreation sites and maintained 650 miles of hiking, ATV, snowmobile and other trails across the Forest; continued to analyze accessibility issues. Rehabilitated Rimrock picnic area; built 40 new picnic tables for Willow Bay campground; installed a new Hearts Content shelter; rehabilitated Rocky Gap ATV trail; installed the Roper Hollow sweet-smelling toilets; Added new segments to the Tracy Ridge Trail system; designed replacement bridges for Tionesta Scenic Area (4); completed preconstruction work on Marienville Bike Trail and Buzzard Swamp trail, reconstructed Whig Hill snowmobile connector, Rimrock, Willow Bay and Hearts Content Recreation Areas.</p>
② Wilderness	\$ 42,593	Patrolled two wildernesses; continued working with Penn State to finish the final report on wilderness user surveys; continued campsite and erosion restoration; continued working on wilderness education plan.
③ Timber Management	\$ 2,007,757	Completed 12,374 acres of silvex, administered 19.6 mmbf of timber sale contracts, offered 12.7 mmbf of new volume, worked on out-year sales projects and managed litigation.
④ Salvage Sale Trust Fund	\$ 1,353,000	Analyzed proposed projects with a mortality component (dead & dying timber) under NEPA and other guidelines; marked and cruised timber in approved project areas; completed timber sale packages and advertised sales; administered timber sales.
⑤ Reforestation & Timber Stand Improvement	\$ 630,568	Completed 924 acres of reforestation work involving herbicide, striped maple cutting, planting and fertilization to facilitate seedling growth in a timber sale area and completed 492 acres of Timber Stand Improvement; maintained Blue Jay Superior Tree Area. See Also K-V Trust Fund.
⑥ K-V Trust Fund (Knutsen-Vandenberg)	\$ 2,210,000	Completed 3489 acres of reforestation projects involving herbicide application, striped maple cutting, planting, fencing and fertilization to facilitate seedling growth in a timber sale area; completed 172 acres of timber sale improvement; completed 1305 acres of K-V and wildlife habitat treatment involving shrub and seedling planting. Constructed wildlife openings and planted conifers for thermal cover for wildlife; cooperated with Northeastern Research Station on administrative studies and ongoing work related to herbicide effects, developed guides for release work and monitored effectiveness of tubex and fencing as a reforestation treatment; worked with Penn State on fisher re-introduction and monitoring.
⑦ Heritage Resources	\$ 106,113	Inventoried heritage resources; continued to work with volunteers and partners on many projects including a dig at Buckaloons; evaluated Minister Creek rock shelters; did project analysis of historic oil, gas, and mineral sites; did project analysis of historic railroad sites.
⑧ Wildlife Operations & Improvement	\$ 118,546	Completed 626 acres of wildlife habitat improvement involving opening maintenance, and wildlife opening construction, planting and completion of 10 wildlife structures; planted shrubs; continued work with National Wild Turkey Federation at Scott Farm; implemented waterfowl improvement on two impoundments with Ducks Unlimited and National Forest Foundation, and did habitat work with National Wild Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited, and Ruffed Grouse Society partners; PA Game Commission maintained wildlife openings; improved wildlife habitat with local sportsman groups and Scouts. See Also K-V Trust Fund.

A Sampling of ANF Budget Categories and Some of Our Accomplishments

Budget Categories	Allocated Dollars	Key Accomplishments
⑨ Fisheries Operation & Improvement	\$ 145,314	Improved 44 acres of fish habitat by working with Kinzua Fish & Wildlife Association in the Allegheny Reservoir and working with Willamette and Trout Unlimited to add lime to portions of Big Mill Creek; constructed, installed, and monitored fish habitat improvement structures; monitored for fish communities in the Allegheny Reservoir and for brook trout in several streams; used Global Positioning System (GPS) to identify biological and water chemistry survey sites; monitored sediment level in streams; conducted fishing derby at Twin Lakes.
⑩ Soil Operations & Improvement (Watersheds)	\$ 147,306	Completed 29 acres of soil improvement projects on the West Branch of Tionesta Creek, Farnsworth Creek, and Minister Creek in conjunction with the obliteration of 6.1 miles of system roads. Monitored water quality on 10 streams; monitor water quality in areas adjacent to herbicide application in Power-line Rights of Way.
⑪ Minerals	\$ 387,324	Processed 43 operating plans for new oil and gas wells, and administered 1074 existing operations.
⑫ Inventory, Planning, & Monitoring	\$ 610,067	Performed field inventory and data gathering relating to implementing the Forest Plan; evaluated issues related to wildlife and ecosystem management. Completed 5655 acres of vegetation inventory for Forest Plan support.
⑬ Aviation & Fire Management	\$ 166,372	Provided support to fire detection flights by state of PA; hosted two sessions annual fire fighter refresher training, coordinated pre-suppression efforts on forest to standby during high fire danger season; supported National fire effort.
⑭ Road Maintenance	\$ 410,277	Maintained 1201 miles of roads; maintained 26 existing bridges.
⑮ Road Construction	\$ 664,262	Chipsealed Rimrock, Twin Lakes, Kinzua-Wolf Run Marina entrance, Jakes Rocks road/parking area and Kinzua Point Information Center parking area; resurfaced Kiasutha recreation area, repaired Marienville office entrance road; gravel surface FR 201 (Beanfield Road); reconstructed road and parking for Timberdoodle Flats.
⑯ Land Line Location	\$ 113,835	Conducted boundary line support of resource activities, and surveyed 4.8 miles of boundary line for resolution of claims and encroachments of National Forest System lands.
⑰ T & E Species (TES)	\$ 101,690	Completed 100 acres of TES habitat improvement; supported T&E inventory work in conjunction with Recreation, Operations & Maintenance, Timber Sale projects; conducted 32,000 acres of TES Inventory (Bat surveys); completed conservation assessments for five species.

Caring For The Land... Serving People...
Recreation



Seeding North Country Trail relocation with Abraxas Crew in Salmon Creek Area.



New Deer Grove Camping Area with 29 tent sites at Willow Bay Recreation Area.



New Windy City snowmobile bridge southwest of Kane.

With over fifty developed facilities including 16 campgrounds, 660 miles of trails and 140 miles of Wild and Scenic River serving over 16 million recreation visits, our recreation program is indeed big business. As part of a National Recreation Agenda we are undergoing a reemphasis to improve the quality of facilities, improve visitor satisfaction and increase the economic efficiency and viability of facilities. In summary, the Forest Service is going through changes similar to the rest of the business world in how we are doing business.

Projects accomplished in fiscal year 2000 include continuing renovation and repair at the Rimrock Scenic Overlook, improved picnic areas and the addition of 35 walk-in campsites at the newly renovated Willow Bay Recreation Area and reconstruction of almost 10 miles of the Marienville and Rocky Gap OHV Trails. We also completed rehabilitation of five miles of the Laurel Mill X-C Ski Trail, constructed a new bridge over Martin Run and reconstructed a mile of trail on the Allegheny Snowmobile Loop. We completed limestone surfacing of the following recreation areas: Minister Creek Campground and Trailhead, the upper loop of Twin Lakes Recreation Area, Hearts Content Recreation Area and Tracy Ridge Recreation Area. We completed the Buckaloons Passport In Time Archaeological Dig and an archaeological field school in cooperation with Mercyhurst College. We also conducted a dig at Hopkins Farm in cooperation with Clarion University. A significant added responsibility this year was providing Zebra Mussel screening and public information at all Forest Service boat launch facilities on the Allegheny Reservoir, and the Allegheny and Clarion Rivers.

In a rural area, it is difficult to track the volume of visitors enjoying outdoor recreation. We track our calls, visitors and the information that is mailed out to get an idea of tourist interest and traffic. From October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000 our offices answered at least 45,256 telephone calls (not counting those that went through our direct dial-in system), spoke to over 20,000 visitors and mailed in excess of 2500 information packages. This does not include our E-mail requests and those that visited our website!

Plan Amendment



Small Whorled Pogonia
Courtesy: Nora Murdock - USFWS



Zebra Mussel cleaning station.

Zebra Mussel screening stations and a power wash unit are to help prevent the spread of Zebra Mussels into the Allegheny Reservoir from boats launching at Forest Service launch facilities. Zebra Mussel screening was called for in the Biological Opinion that helps guide endangered species management on the ANF



Zebra Mussel power wash equipment.

In July of 2000, the Allegheny National Forest released a Final Environmental Input Statement and Record of Decision amending the Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) for threatened and endangered species management. The federally listed threatened and endangered species found in or having habitat on or near the ANF include the Bald eagle, Indiana bat, Clubshell and Northern Riffleshell mussels, and the Small whorled pogonia. The amendment to the Forest Plan represents extensive public involvement and formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Included in the amendment are adjustments to the Forest Plan standards and guidelines that are the bounds and rules for maintaining, enhancing, and monitoring these species on the Forest. Threatened and endangered species and wildlife and fisheries management are a vital part of the ANF management activities. The new and revised standards and guidelines ensure the Forest Service actions provide increased protection and continued quality habitat for threatened and endangered species. Forest Plans can be routinely amended to address new resource management needs. To date, the ANF Forest Plan has been amended eleven times.



SNI President's Visit

In July of 2000, the staff of Allegheny National Forest were honored to host President Duane Ray of the Seneca Nation of Indians. This visit culminated a yearlong session of discussion on common issues relating to the Seneca heritage at the Buckaloons site. Historical documentation of Seneca occupation at the Buckaloons area dates from 1749. Archaeological evidence of human occupation of the site dates back to 1300. Presentations on the ongoing archaeological field school conducted in partnership with Mercyhurst College were a part of the President's visit. Representatives of the ANF, Seneca Nation of Indians, and Mercyhurst College expect to work closely in coming years to ensure proper protection, preservation, and interpretation of Seneca artifacts. The Buckaloons area is a popular recreation destination and provides multiple benefits to the public, including recreation, wildlife management, interpretation and educational opportunities, and heritage protection and preservation.



Prof. Joe Yedlawski demonstrates using transit equipment in locating artifacts at Irvine Flats to (from left) Dr. Garver of Mercyhurst College, SNI President Duane Ray, and FS John Palmer - July 2000.



From left, Jack McLaughlin, a Bradford District Archaeologist, SNI President Duane Ray, and FS John Palmer discuss common issues during a visit to Irvine Flats/Buckaloons area.



Buckaloons group field tour led by Rick Kandare, Forest Archaeologist, explains the ongoing excavation performed by Mercyhurst College.

Wildlife and Partners!



The new Pennsylvania Game Commission building near Muzette.

The Forest County land management office of the Pennsylvania Game Commission has been assisting with the Allegheny National Forest habitat management since the early 1960's. The Game Commission, in cooperation with the ANF, were instrumental in designing and developing the Buzzard Swamp wildlife complex. Currently, the Game Commission personnel help to maintain Buzzard Swamp and other areas on the Forest. Maintenance involves mowing, planting grains, fruit producing shrubs and warm season grasses, pruning fruit trees, repairing water control structures, raising and lowering water levels in ponds (according to schedule), cleaning outlet pipes, placing, maintaining and monitoring nest box structures (wood duck, bluebird, kestrel), soil testing, and banding geese and ducks. In addition to maintenance, the Game Commission assists with the organization and support of the annual youth field day and with prescribed burn projects.



Clemson Beaver Excluders - Water control structures installed at Buzzard Swamp, Owls Nest, and Meade Run ponds as a cooperative project involving Ducks Unlimited, the Game Commission, and the Allegheny National Forest to enhance waterfowl habitat.



Wood Duck Box



Engineering Related Activities



Newly-constructed stairway to Rimrock Overlook.



Warming hut at the Laurel Mill Cross-Country Ski/Hiking Area.

The ANF engineering staff is responsible for nearly all of the recreation and roads projects accomplished on the Forest. Our engineers evaluate proposed projects, provide project specifications, oversee contracted work, and do “hands-on” work when necessary. Many of these projects provide a solid foundation for our facilities here on the Forest but aren’t often readily recognizable. These projects include the design work for building offices, toilet buildings, and roads to mention a few. What the user experiences are the end results of the behind the scenes work including quality roads for scenic driving, new toilet facilities throughout much of the forest, 45 newly constructed picnic tables, bulletin boards for campgrounds and boat launch areas, reconstructed hiking, biking, and ski trails, and water-well drilling at the Kinzua-Wolf Run Marina to list just a few of the accomplishments by the ANF engineering staff.



Kinzua-Wolf Run Marina

Support to the Community



Reforestation, the growth and renewal of the forest, achieves our objectives for forest sustainability

Payments to Counties

The U.S. Treasury paid to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania an amount equal to 25 percent of all monies collected by the Allegheny National Forest (ANF) in fiscal year 2000.

Gross receipts on the ANF amounted to \$11,926,602 for the period of October 1999 through September 2000. Of this amount, \$11,830,167 — or 99 percent — came from timber purchasers paying for the value of wood they harvested. The remaining \$96,435 was collected from recreation activities and people or organizations who have special use permits for things like TV antennas, water wells for cabins, gas pipelines and transmission lines.

By law, twenty-five percent of all gross National Forest receipts are returned to the state where the National Forest is located. For fiscal year 2000, the 25 percent fund payment to Pennsylvania attributable to ANF activities was \$2,981,650.71. These funds can only be used for schools and roads in the four counties with ANF land. The distribution is prorated according to the amount of federal land in each county. Allocations to the four counties for fiscal year 2000 are:

Elk.....	\$ 649,604.67
Forest.....	\$ 691,977.52
McKean.....	\$ 786,262.04
Warren	\$ 853,806.48



The high value of gross receipts for the ANF, Pennsylvania's only National Forest, are due to the exceptional quality of the hardwood grown here.

These woods are highly prized for furniture. The twenty-five percent payment for Pennsylvania is among the highest in the country, exceeded only by five Western states, all of which have many National Forests.

Community Support

Senior Community Service Employment Program.

This program is designed to provide useful part-time community service employment work experience, training, and transition to the public and private sector labor markets for persons 55 years and older. The program is funded by Department of Labor (DOL).

On the Allegheny, an average of 68 enrollees performed a variety of duties including clerical and receptionist duties, road and building maintenance, trail and campground maintenance, building picnic tables, and painting and installing road signs. Without this program, and its many valuable enrollees, many of the projects would not and could not be accomplished.

Youth Conservation Corps.

The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is a summer employment program for young men and women, ages 15-18. These enrollees work, learn, and earn together by accomplishing projects that further the development and conservation of the natural resources.

On the Allegheny, 10 Youth Conservation Corp students worked on the following projects in 2000: hiking trail maintenance, replaced/repared tubex for reforestation, scenic vista improvement (clearing vegetation for roadside views), planting for wildlife habitat improvement, planting and fencing for reforestation.

Hosted Programs.

Hosted programs provide conservation training and work opportunities on the National Forests or in conjunction with Federal Programs. Programs are administered through agreements with state and county agencies, colleges, universities, Indian tribes, and private and non-profit organizations with multiple objectives. Most workers represent little or no direct cost to the Forest Service since funds are supplied by State health and welfare agencies, State block grants, Job Training Partnership Act, and sponsors of partnerships.

The Forest Service continues to serve as a host agency for the cooperative minimum security inmates work program through an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP).

The Allegheny has a close working relationship with the Federal Corrections Institution in McKean County. Three prison crews (an average of 17 inmates throughout the year) performed the following projects: fish structures improvement, cleared roadside brush, erosion control, planted for wildlife habitat improvement, removed fencing, maintained hiking trails, installed tubex for reforestation projects, and assisted the Warren County Conservation District in a barn clean-up project.

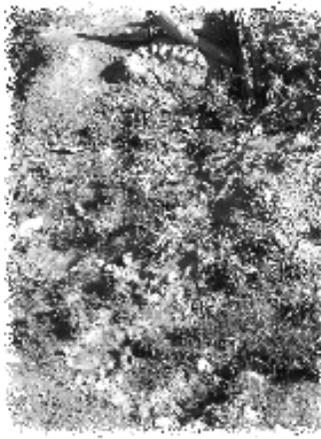


These are some scenes and features from Timberdoodle Flats Wildlife Interpretive Trail.

Beaver Pond



Entrance sign at Rt. 59.



Wildlife Tracks



Wildlife Opening



Accessible Trail



Forest Management Statistics



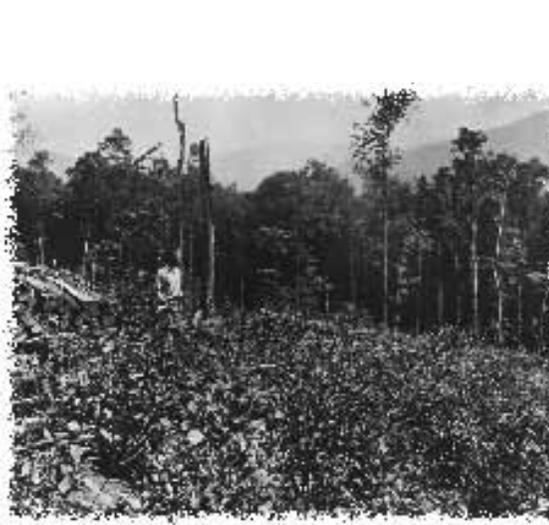
Description	1987	1988
Volume Offered (mmbf) ¹	78.0	68.5
Volume Awarded (mmbf) ¹	76.0	72.0
Volume Harvested (mmbf) ¹	94.0	78.1
Value of Award (million \$)	10.0	17.2
Value of Harvest (million\$)	10.5	10.1
Thinnings (acres harvested) ²	6182	8312
Final Harvest (acres harvested) ³	3074	3078
Selection (acres harvested)	--	58
ROW ⁴		
Roads constructed (miles) for timber	16.0	23.5
Roads reconstructed (miles) for timber	37.2	27.3
Roads restoration (miles) for timber		
25% total payment to PA (million \$) ⁴	2.7	2.2
25% portion from timber (million \$)	2.6	2.1
Financial account net gain (million \$) ⁵	5.0	5.7
Present net value of harvest (million \$)	4.6	5.6
Employment impacts (est. jobs) ⁶	835	750
Est. value of employment (million \$) ⁶	32.0	30.8

Forests Change...

An interesting photo collection, taken from the same location over the years, of the first timber sale on the Allegheny National Forest in Little Arnot Run. We can witness reforestation as a young forest matures to old growth.



Hearts Content Scenic Area prior to 1929.



1929 - Little Arnot



1947 - Little Arnot

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	82.2	84.3	81.7	57.0	60.0	64.1	55.8	53.4	52.6	8.6	15.3	9.8
	84.1	72.1	80.5	71.5	55.0	64.9	46.3	54.3	38.1	9.8	2.5	14.3
	65.2	79.1	68.2	80.2	70.4	54.7	54.0	59.6	57.6	51.1	21.4	14.2
	18.7	13.9	17.1	21.7	23.7	29.0	20.3	21.3	17.0	5.8	1.0	17.5
	13.2	14.8	16.1	19.7	17.7	21.4	20.9	24.9	24.7	22.3	9.9	12.6
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	3.6	3.5	4.1	4.8	4.5	5.2	5.3	6.2	6.0	5.8	2.8	3.0
	6.9	8.3	8.1	10.9	9.0	12.3	10.7	13.5	12.5	9.7	*	*
	10.8	13.7	14.8	15.1	13.5	11.2	9.9	9.2	11.7	*	*	*
	727	1097	970	1039	925	722	732	789	779	691	*	*
	30.4	54.1	48.4	56.4	54.0	42.6	44.0	48.6	48.5	43.0	*	*

1—mmbf = million board feet

2—includes shelterwood prep., shelterwood seed, salvage thinning, salvage sanitation, and commercial thinning harvest.

3—includes all final harvest treatments.

4—\$2,981,650 was allocated as follows for FY 2000:
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5—After payment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

6—Implan model.

* NOT YET AVAILABLE



1968 - Little Arnot



1998 - Little Arnot

Thank You To Our Partners and Volunteers

The volunteer program offers individuals and sponsored groups/organizations from all walks of life the opportunity to contribute their talents and services to assist in managing the Nation's natural resources. The volunteers and partners may assist in all Forest Service programs or activities except law enforcement. The volunteers' incidental expenses, such as transportation, uniforms, lodging, and subsistence, are sometimes provided by the Forest Service.

Much of the work accomplished each year is completed through our very active volunteer and partner program. This is our opportunity to recognize the many volunteers and partners that have helped complete a variety of projects on the Allegheny. During fiscal year 2000, the Allegheny had 470 volunteers and partners who contributed 7.5 person years of effort, mostly for our recreation, heritage, and wildlife programs. Fifty-two percent of our volunteers and partners are under 20, 14% are over 50, and 25% are female. In addition to the volunteers, the Allegheny joined efforts with 20 organized partners.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new volunteers and partners to the Allegheny National Forest. If you, a friend or your club are interested in volunteering on the Allegheny, please contact the Supervisors Office (814) 723-5150.

**Our intent is to recognize all partners and volunteers, however this may not be an all inclusive list.*

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
Abraxas	Fencing, flagging
Allegheny National Forest Vacation Region	Marketing, Customer Service
Babusci, Mike	Trails
Bair, Andrea	Heritage
Bair, James	Heritage
Bat Conservation International	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Baughman, Alyssa	Heritage
Becker, Amy	Heritage
Beinhacker, Jennifer	Heritage
Beinhacker, Neil	Heritage
Beneditto, Joann	Heritage
Boot Jack Snow Gliders	Trails
Bon, Peter	Heritage
Boy Scouts – Troop 9	Fish Habitat Improvement
Boy Scouts – Troop 93	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Boy Scouts of America	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Brinker, Tammy	Heritage
Brokaw, Beth	ELT's
Buchheit, Michael	Career Day
Buente, David & Nancy	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Carnegie Museum of Natural History	Archaeology Curation
Cavalini, Tony	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Cepuran, Joe and Rosemary	Recreation

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
Chinault, Dustin	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Chinault, Joseph	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Cichon, Joe	GIS/GPS
Clarion University	Alien Plants, Wilderness, Archaeology
Eastern National Forest Interpretive Assn. (ENFIA)	Interpretive Brochures, Customer Service
Elk County Visitor Bureau	Marketing, Customer Service
Emery, Dan	Heritage
Environmental Consultants Inc. (ECI)	Water Monitoring
Forest County Visitor Bureau	Marketing, Customer Service
Fox, Emery	Trails
Gardner, James and Donna	Recreation
Glick, Schein	Heritage
Hanes, Mark	Career Day
Haynes, Gary	Trails
Hennessy, Bob	Trails
Hensel, William	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Hilyer, Ashley	Recreation
Hilyer, Rebecca	Recreation
Hintlian, Ray	Heritage
Kane Alternative Education	Fish Habitat Improvement
Keelor, Linda	Heritage
Keelor, Russell	Heritage
Keithan, Mark	Heritage

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
Kinzua Fish and Wildlife Assn.	Fisheries and Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Kollar, Tom	KPIC
Kronnenwetter, Kristen	Career Day
Krugh, Amanda	Heritage
Lalumere, Anita	Heritage
Lemery, Chris	GIS/GPS
Liebel, Dan	Heritage
Lopez, Hana	Heritage
Marienville Trail Riders	Trail Improvement
Marienville Volunteer Fire Co.	Trail Improvement
Mason, Russell	Maps
Mast, Levi	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute	Archaeology
Miller, John	Heritage
Mitchell, David	Heritage
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Interpretive Trails
National Forest Foundation	Wildlife Surveys
National Wild Turkey Federation	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Neal, Harry	Heritage
Northern Allegheny Conservation Assn.	Resource Stewardship
Northern Alleghenies Vacation Region	Marketing, Customer Service
PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry	Snowmobile Grooming and ATV Trail Maintenance
PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
PA DCNR, Bureau of Recreation	Trail Maintenance
PA Fish & Boat Commission	Fisheries Habitat Improvement
PA Game Commission	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
PA NCT Association	Trails
Penn State University	Bat Habitat Surveys, Social Assessment
Penn State University	Ecological Land Typing/GIS
Pence, Jeremy	Fish Habitat Improvement
Pevear, Jay	GIS/GPS
Plumskey, Bob	Trails
Porter, Evie	Office

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
Prezzano, Susan	Heritage
Reagle, Nathan	Wildlife
Reagles, Nathan	Fisheries Habitat Improvement
Rudolph, Craig	Fisheries Habitat Improvement
Ruffed Grouse Society	Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Ryding, Bill and Jack	Trails
Secore, Sanford	Trails
Smile Center	Recreation
Sommers, Joshua	Wildlife
Stackpole Hall Foundation	Recreation
Stanley, Keith	Job study
Stauffer, Blaine	Trails
Steele, Linda	Heritage
Steffan, Susan	Wildlife
Streich, Jessica	Job study
Sturgis, Barbara	Heritage
Sturgis, John	Heritage
Summers, Rory	Trails
Tepke, Lori	Office
Three Rivers Competition Riders	ATV Trail Improvement
Tionesta Chamber of Commerce	Customer Service
Towns, Audrey	Heritage
Treese, Korey	Car Counts – Deer Season
Turner, Phil	GIS/GPS
Turpack, Taryn	GIS/GPS
US Army Corps of Engineers	Fisheries Habitat Improvement, Customer Service
Venango Museum of Art, Science & Industry	Allegheny Wild & Scenic River Programs
Volunteer Roundup	Trails
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	Wildlife
Wild Resource Conservation Fund	Wildlife
Willamette Industries	Wildlife Habitat
White, Rob	GIS/GPS
Williams, Charles	ELT's
Winters, Holly	Heritage
Wolfe, James	Trails
Zawacki, Derek	Career Day
Zinobile, Erin	Heritage

First and Second Decade Forest Plan Implementation

Activity	Unit Of Measure	Decade 1 Plan Amt.	Sum Of Decade 2 Plan Amt.	Dec. 1 & 2 Plan Amt	Balance FY 86-95 Accompl.	Decade 2 Plan Amt.	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Accomp. To Date	Completed To Date
Developed Rec														
Semi-primitive/ Motorized	MRVD	370	380	750	583.1	166.9	62.3	63	75	75	*		858.4	114.5%
Roaded Natural	MRVD	4,300	4,710	9,010	4,553.2	4,456.8	661.2	671	792	792	*		7,469.4	82.9%
Rural	MRVD	4,190	4,320	8,510	4,966.9	3,543.1	706.6	717	846	846	*		8,028.5	95.0%
Dispersed Rec														
Semi-primitive/ Non-motorized	MRVD	300	420	720	335.8	384.2	28.7	33	39	39	*		475.5	66.0%
Semi-primitive/ Motorized	MRVD	3,680	3,720	7,400	5,175.7	2,224.3	791.1	802	947	947	*		8,662.8	117.1%
Roaded Natural	MRVD	4,990	5,250	10,240	8,194.1	2,045.9	1,013.7	1,028	1,213	1,213	*		12,661.8	123.7%
Wilderness														
Semi-primitive/ Non-motorized	MRVD	10	16	26	23	1	3.6	3.9	4.7	4.0	*		39.2	150.8%
Trail Construction														
Pedestrian	Miles	48	41	89	39.3	49.7	3.1	0	1.3	18.0	*		56.2	63.1%
Motorized- Winter	Miles	11	11	22	50.5	0	0	0	22.0	3.3	*		74.7	339.5%
Motorized- Summer	Miles	145	145	290	70	220	0	0	4.4	1.0	*		74.4	25.7%
Timber Management														
Hardwood Sawtimber	MMBF	383	460	843	350.1	492.9	32.6	20.9	5.5	1.2	*		410.5	48.7%
Hardwood Pulpwood	MMBF	562	480	1,042	333.1	708.9	23	16.2	4.2	0.8	*		377.3	36.2%
Hardwood Firewood	MMBF	0	0	0	17.1	0	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.9	*		20.9	N/A
Total Sell	MMBF	945	940	1,885	700.3	1,184.7	55.6	38.7	10.6	2.9	*		808.7	42.9%
Clearcuts	Acres	3,300	3,400	6,700	6,925	0	420	177	27	187	*		7,736	115.5%
Shelterwood Seed/Prep	Acres	29,700	30,600	60,300	12,930	47,370	1,196	1,641	217	0	*		15,984	26.5%
Shelterwood Removal	Acres	29,700	30,600	60,300	12,971	47,329	1,864	1,119	371	0	*		16,325	27.1%
Thinning	Acres	94,000	78,000	172,000	40,653	131,347	3,225	1,342	116	15	*		45,351	26.4%
Selection Cuts	Acres	6,000	0	6,000	5,573	427	334	299	0	0	*		6,206	103.4%
Timber Stand Improvement	Acres	8,000	6,000	14,000	855	13,145	0	0	0	0	*		855	6.1%
Herbicide**	Acres	20,000	18,000	38,000	11,240	26,760	1,315	1,460	1,313	783	*		16,111	42.4%
Fertilization	Acres	25,000	14,000	39,000	9,571	29,429	755	1,148	0	1,060	*		12,534	32.1%

** Excludes respray areas (Total of 457 acres from 1986 to 1999)

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Timber Management, (continued)														
Fencing	Acres	4,000	4,000	8,000	9,451	0	650	373	768	929	*		12,171	152.1%
Planting	Acres	2,000	2,000	4,000	1,096	2,904	143	191	189	429	*		2,048	51.2%
Site Prep	Acres	18,000	18,000	36,000	11,887	24,113	1,230	1,108	1,150	1,743	*		17,118	47.6%
Release	Acres	0	0	0	169	0	261	543	553	664	*		2,190	N/A
Roads														
Construction	Miles	239.0	134.0	373.0	158.1	214.9	2.3	4.2	0.3	0.0	*		164.1	44.0%
Reconstruction– Betterment	Miles	97.0	55.0	152.0	116.9	35.1	1.0	3.5	0.0	0.0	*		121.4	79.9%
Reconstruction– Restoration	Miles	0.0	0.0	0.0	424.7	0.0	61.6	75.0	39.4	43.9	*		645.8	N/A
Temporary	Miles	17.0	17.0	34.0	12.7	21.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	*		13.1	38.5%
Wildlife														
Hunting Use	MRVD	1,970	2,200	4,170	2,302.2	1,867.8	181.7	167.2	163.9	163.9	*		2,978.9	71.4%
Fishing Use	MRVD	1,510	1,720	3,230	1,663.1	1,566.9	164.3	203.2	205.2	200.1	*		2,435.9	75.4%
Fish Habitat Improvement	Acres	N/A	N/A	1	149	0	22	44	45	44	*		304	N/A
Wildlife Habitat Improvement	Acres	23,720	27,580	51,300	22,273	29,027	2,204	2,003	1,663	1,609	*		29,752	58.0%
Wildlife Habitat Improvement	Struct	60	110	170	2,256	0	119	82	42	36	*		2,535	1,491.2%
Soil/Water/Air														
Water/Soil Improvement	Acres	N/A	N/A	0	7,765.5	0	41.7	14	10	29	*		7,821.2	N/A

* A supplement will be printed when data is available.

Customer Comments



Maps, brochures, and information



ATV trail

Caring for the land and serving people has been the mission of the Forest Service for many years. In our effort to improve customer service, we routinely collect comments from visitors. In 2000 we received comments from 61 customers from our customer response cards. We received many positive comments and some excellent suggestions for improvements. The following gives a sample of the many suggestions/comments we received:

"Are you happy with the fact that thousands of acres of trees are not being used? And what about the people that live and work in industries using those resources?"

"This was the only time I received the information I requested without further requests or picking someone's brain on the phone. Sylvia sent me the information I asked for and went further by providing information about outside resources without asking."

"Please stop the man-made modifications to the hiking trail. The treated wood will leach into the run off and imported rocks are not indigenous."

"Great ATV trails! Need more!"

"We were somewhat disappointed that there were no campgrounds with showers available, but we do understand it must be too early to trust the weather. (April)"

Multi-Use Management

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Oil and Gas: Many oil jacks are seen throughout the forest due to 94% of subsurface mineral ownership being privately held.

Wood: Sound forest management, including proper timber harvesting methods, results in increased growth and vigor while sustaining the supply of some of the most highly valued hardwoods.

Recreation: Camping and enjoying a campfire is popular on the Allegheny National Forest.

Wildlife: Wild turkey and her poults

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