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 Many cabins and campgrounds on National Forests can be reserved ahead of time by phone or online.

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 Wildlife has always been an important part of

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Background
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The Hot Box

Weekly Updates
 NOI published Feb 27, 2009

NOI scoping period
 February 28, 2009 - March 30, 2009

Public meetings:
 March 9, 2009 - Warren, PA
 March 10, 2009 - Bradford, PA
 March 11, 2009 - Clarion, PA

Pennsylvania's cultural heritage.

▶ [Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission](#)

Pennsylvania is a diverse state with a wide variety of fishing opportunities.

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Provides local history and educational items that will enhance the visitor's experience.

▶ [National Forest Foundation](#)

The NFF is the only conservation organization focused on addressing the challenges that face America's National Forests. A commitment to facilitating local involvement and encouraging grassroots participation in forest stewardship is a key goal of this organization.

[Become a friend.](#)

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Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

The revised Allegheny National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP, Forest Plan or revised Plan) was approved on February 2, 2007. This plan provides a 10 to 15 year strategy for management of forest resources. It was developed in accordance with the National Forest Management Act (NFMA – 16 U.S.C. 1604, et seq.) and the 1982 planning regulations (36 CFR 219). The Forest Plan was administratively appealed, with the result that the Chief of the Forest Service directed the Regional Forester for the Eastern Region to provide for public notice comment on the application of design criteria to reserved and outstanding oil and gas development, and changes in Section 2800 of the Forest Plan. The Chief also instructed the Regional Forest to clarify the Allegheny National Forest's (Forest, ANF) authority to manage oil and gas activities, and to more fully document the cumulative effects of oil and gas developments on air quality. In the interim, standards and guidelines from the previous Forest Plan (1986) are applied to reserved and outstanding oil and gas development.

At this time, the ANF proposes to apply the design criteria included in the revised Plan to reserved and outstanding oil and gas development on the ANF. A Supplement to the Forest Plan Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) will be prepared for this proposal.

[Read the entire appeal response here](#)

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ANF Forest Plan Documents

There are a number of planning documents that may be of interest to you that pertain to this proposal. The ANF Forest Plan was made available to the public in March 2007. There is an accompanying Final Environmental Impact Statement.

- [2007 Forest Plan Documents](#)

The Draft ANF Forest Plan was made available to the public in May 2006.

- [2006 Proposed ANF Forest Plan Documents](#)

The previous ANF Forest Plan was approved in March 1986

- [1986 Forest Plan Documents](#)

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The Four Steps

1. Scoping is the process by which public opinion is received. It was initiated by publishing a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on February 27, 2009. There will be an on-going opportunity for continued comment throughout this process (Public meeting schedule)
2. Comments will be read to determine the issues that will be addressed in the SEIS. (Issues are subjects or questions of wide-spread public discussion or interest)

regarding management of National Forest System Land). Issues will be the basis for development of alternatives that will be addressed in the SEIS.

3. A draft SEIS will be published that examines differences and trade-offs between alternatives, as evaluated against the issues raised in connection with this proposal. There will be an opportunity for public comment on the draft SEIS.
4. Comments on the draft SEIS will be reviewed to determine what changes, if any are needed in the SEIS. A Record of Decision will be issued with the Final SEIS in which the deciding official (The Regional Forest for the Eastern Region of the US Forest Service) will state which alternative will be implemented.

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Email comments should be sent to **comments-eastern-allegheny@fs.fed.us**

Email comments should use the subject line "**Reserved and Outstanding Oil and Gas Design Criteria SEIS**"

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