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Hearings Slated on ANF plan  
By SAMANTHA BALDENSPERGER, Staff Writer

In a news release Tuesday the Allegheny National Forest (ANF) said they will be hosting two public hearings to allow people to voice their opinions about the Forest Plan Revision.

The first hearing will be on Aug. 21 on the Slippery Rock University campus at the Spotts Auditorium in the Spotts World Culture Building. The second hearing will be Aug. 22 at the Kane Area Community Center located at 46 Fraley St. The hearings will be held from 5 until 9 p.m. with a half hour break at 6:30 p.m.

Participants should sign up at the door when they arrive. Each person will have five minutes to express their opinion on the Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement of the ANF.

Mary Hosmer with the forest service said "The public hearing is a good opportunity for people who are more comfortable speaking to make their opinion known."

Hosmer added that this is a great opportunity to get to talk directly to Forest Supervisor Kathleen Morse and Planning Officer Bill Connelly. The hearing will be run by a moderator and all comments made will be recorded for official use.

The 90-day public comment period began on May 26 and will end on Aug. 28. Comments can be made at the hearing or in writing. All written comments can be sent to Allegheny National Forest Forest Plan Revision, P.O. Box 36, Warren, Pa 16365.

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