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Dear Interested Parties:

I am writing to inform you of the release of a Draft Decision Notice for the Tracy Ridge Shared Use Trails and Forest Plan Amendment project. The project environmental assessment (EA) analyzed effects of the Proposed Action, which will convert a portion of a hiking-only trail system to shared use – open to hikers and bicyclists.

I have decided to authorize bicycle use on a portion of the Tracy Ridge Trail System as described in the attached Draft Decision Notice. The Draft Decision Notice and other related documents are available on the Allegheny National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49767>.

This decision is subject to an objection process pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 219, subpart B and 36 C.F.R. 218. These regulations are available at: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-04-09/pdf/2012-7502.pdf>. Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted substantive formal comments specific to the proposed plan amendment during scoping or the 30 day public comment period. Objections must be based on previously submitted substantive formal comments, unless based on an issue arising after the opportunities for formal comment ended.

Objections for the project, including any attachments or supporting documentation, will be accepted for 45 days, beginning on the first day after the date of publication of the legal notice in the Warren Times-Observer, of Warren, Pennsylvania.

The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the objection period. Additional information about the objection process can be found in the "Administrative Review and Objections Process" section of the draft decision notice, as well as in the legal notice. Those wishing to file an objection should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Printed copies of the decision is also available from the Bradford Ranger District upon request.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this process. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact District Ranger Richard Hatfield at (814) 363-6098.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor

