An environmental assessment (EA) for the Sulphur Lick Run Road Decommissioning and Relocation project has been prepared by the Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act. The Marlinton/White Sulphur Springs Ranger District is proposing to provide improvements to several forest roads within the Brushy Mountain Grouse Management Area of the Monongahela National Forest, which were heavily damaged by storms and flooding in 2016. The project includes the decommissioning a segment of Sulphur Lick Run Road and providing an alternate access route by reconstructing FR 719A and unnamed woods road. The non-system unnamed woods road is a proposed addition to the MNF formal road system and, as such, would need to be brought up to Forest Service standards.

An electronic version of the EA is available for your review on the project website: https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/wv/wverfofs201616/. Paper copies of the document are available upon request.

This EA will be available for public review from October 29, 2018 through November 28, 2018. During this 30-day period, hardcopies of the EA will be available for review at the Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District, 1627 Cemetery Road, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954, and the McClintic Public Library, 500 8th Street, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954.

Please provide your written comments to Lisa Landers, Environmental Protection Specialist at the Federal Highway Administration, Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division Office, 21400 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA 20166-6511. You may also email comments to Lisa.Landers@dot.gov. Please include the project name in the subject line of the e-mail. Comments received are part of the public record and; therefore, are available for public inspection upon request. After the 30-day comment period has ended, a draft decision notice will be sent to those parties who submitted comments as outlined above or those who request a copy. Comments on this EA will be summarized and addressed in an appendix to the decision document. A 45-day objection filing period will begin for the draft decision upon release of a separate legal notice.

Only individuals or entities who submit timely and specific written comments about this proposed project during the 30-day comment period will be eligible to file an objection. You must be sure to include name, postal address, title of the project and signature or other verification of identity upon request of both the person/entity who submitted the comment and who authored the comment. Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual.