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Date: October 29, 2018

Subject: Request for Comments, Environmental Assessment for the Sulphur Lick Run Road Decommissioning and Relocation (Brushy Mountain Grouse Management Area Roads)

Dear Friends and Neighbors of the Monongahela National Forest:

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. This Environmental Assessment (EA) 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.

Enclosed is a copy of the EA for your review. We would appreciate receiving any comments that you may have regarding environmental impacts so that full consideration may be given to environmental issues. Comments on this EA will be summarized and addressed in an appendix to the decision document.

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. An electronic version of this document will be made available on the project website: https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/wv/wverfofs201616/.

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.

Thank you for your interest in the Monongahela National Forest.

Sincerely,

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District Ranger