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To: All Municipalities and School Districts in Elk, Forest,
McKean and Warren Counties

Dear Sir or Madame:

On July 25, 2006, our office sent you a letter indicating that the Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan for the Allegheny National Forest has been published and requesting that you pass a Resolution authorizing the Chairman (in the case of a municipality) or the Superintendent (in the case of a school district) to approve the submission of comments on the Plan **by the August 28 deadline**. In that letter I also indicated that an ad hoc committee was in the process of drafting comments and that these comments would be provided to you upon their completion. A copy of this letter has been enclosed for your convenience.

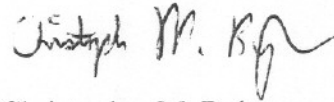
Enclosed please find the 23 comments that were created by the ad hoc committee. These comments focus on issues such as timber cutting, oil and gas development, recreation, and the planning procedure as outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations. Each of the comments is on a separate comment form and the name of the entity submitting the comment has intentionally been left blank on the forms.

In the event that you have (or will) pass the Resolution authorizing comment, please review each of the 23 comments carefully. Once you have reviewed the comments, simply fill in the name of your entity on the comments that you would like to adopt and either (1) mail the comment forms to the Allegheny National Forest, Plan Revision, P.O. Box 36, Warren, PA 16365 or (2) fax them to (814) 726-1465 **by the August 28 deadline**.

Additionally, if you would like to draft unique comments that are not included in the comments created by the ad hoc committee, our office would be glad to assist you in the drafting of such comments if need be. Thank you for your attention to this matter and, given the extraordinary economic and social impact that the Allegheny National Forest has on the four county area, the ad hoc committee (comprised of a number of local government entities) strongly encourages you to review the enclosed comments and submit those comments that you deem relevant to the interests of your entity **prior to the August 28 deadline**.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at all regarding either the comments or the process to submit comments and we look forward to your participation in the comment process.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher M. Byham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Christopher M. Byham

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Enclosures