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You may comment on any parts of the DEIS and PLRMP. The following topics will help you focus your comments and help us to better respond to your comments. You do not have to fill in every section in order to comment. At the end of the form, you will find a place to comment on other issues, alternatives, management direction and monitoring. Feel free to use additional pages.

Issues in the DEIS (please check the topics you are commenting on)

- ☒ Forest Vegetation ☐ Habitat Diversity ☐ Recreation
☐ Special Areas including Roadless Areas and Wilderness
☐ Other Concerns

The Multiple Use and Sustainable Yield Act requires that the Forest Service maintain a "sustainable yield" with regard to timber harvesting and management. Additionally, the Code of Federal Regulations mandate that a declining timber yield from decade to decade is not permissible. Last, the Weeks Law of 1911 (which authorized the creation of the Allegheny National Forest) specifically states that the Forest is to be managed in accordance with two primary objectives: timber for local economies and water shed protection. Despite the above regulations, the amount of timber harvesting in

The ASQ set forth in the 1986 Plan was 94.5 MMBF per year. However, from 1986 to the present, less than half of the permissible board feet have actually been harvested. Now the preferred alternative C further reduces the ASQ to 56 MMBF per year, and it is likely that, due to budgetary constraints, the actual amount of timber harvested will be in the 25-30 MMBF per year range for the duration of the planning period.

Research indicates that as much as 118 MMBF of timber per year is being produced in the Allegheny National Forest. Given that 118 MMBF per year is being generated while only 25-30 MMBF per year will be harvested, the Forest Service is not maintaining a "sustainable yield" as required by the Multiple Use and Sustainable Yield Act.

Additionally, over the past several decades, the amount of timber harvesting has steadily declined in violation of the Code of Federal Regulations. These disturbing trends are in violation of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Multiple Use and Sustainable Yield Act, and the Weeks Law of 1911. Therefore, in order to comply with federal law, the Proposed Plan must be rescinded and revised so that the amount of timber harvesting is sufficient to maintain a "sustainable yield," to prevent the continuing decline of timber harvesting from decade to decade, and to meet the needs of local economies.