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## **ANF GATED ROADS OPEN FOR HUNTING SEASON**

Warren, Pa – The Allegheny National Forest (ANF) will open a number of seasonally gated forest roads beginning October 2, 2004, to provide additional public access during the upcoming hunting seasons. These roads will remain open through approximately January 15, 2005.

Each fall we open roads that are normally gated offering hunters greater preseason scouting and hunting opportunities,” said Bradford District Ranger John Schultz. “Opening some of the roads that are typically closed through the remainder of the year also points hunters to areas that have an abundance of deer,” added Marienville District Ranger Leon Blashock.

The ANF Supervisor’s Office and Ranger District Offices have hunting maps available for sale, at a minimal cost. The maps show areas of moderate and high deer populations as determined by studies conducted by ANF personnel and the Northeastern Research Station. A successful deer harvest in these areas could lessen the impact deer browsing has on the diversity of tree seedlings in the area.

Nine roads are designated and open only for hunters with disabilities. To use these roads, hunters must possess a PA hunting license and a permit from the PA Game Commission allowing them to hunt from their licensed vehicle.

Currently road policy for the ANF is found in the forest’s Land and Resource Management Plan. Roads throughout the forest can be designated open year-round or open seasonally for motorized public traffic, or closed to motorized public traffic. Any open road is subject to closure at any time if the road’s driving surface becomes rutted or resource damage occurs, or has the potential to occur, from intensive use or changing weather conditions.

Non-motorized use including hiking, biking, or horseback riding is always permitted on closed roads. ATV use is not permitted on any forest roads during the closed season. Roads traditionally open on a year-around basis will remain open for the hunting season.

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Note to Reporters: A complete list of forest roads being opened for hunting season is attached.

**2004-2005 HUNTER ROADS**  
**Gated Roads On The Marienville Ranger District**  
**To Be Opened For Big Game Season**

The following Forest Roads normally gated on the Marienville Ranger District will be open for hunter access from 10/04/04 through 1/15/05

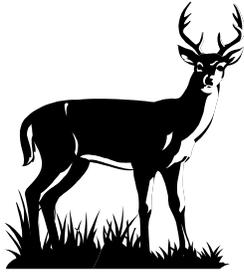
Also note that Forest Roads 101, 101B, 101BB, 113\*, 226, 332A, 458, and 458A will be open for vehicular access ONLY to hunters possessing Disabled Persons Hunting Permit issued by the PA Game Commission

Forest Road #	County	Road Name
279	McKean	Headwaters
295, 295A	McKean	South Branch
432, 432A	McKean	Trail West
448	McKean	Hubert Run
463	McKean	Greendale
468A	McKean	Penn Gas
475, 480	McKean	Breezy Heights
587	McKean	Lower Meade
134	Elk	Pigeon
161	Elk	Davidson Run (To 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gate)
185E	Elk	Little Mill Creek (Front Gate)
185F	Elk	Little Mill Creek
196, 196A	Elk	Martin Ridge
198	Elk	Crane-Martin
228B	Elk	Zimmerman Tower (Front Gate Only)
230	Elk	Hunter Run (Front Gate Only)
232*	Elk	Highland
236, 236A	Elk	East Branch
300	Elk	Tin Shanty (Front Gate Only)
300B	Elk	Tin Shanty
326	Elk	Wolf Run
327.1*	Elk	Coon Run
336	Elk	Three Mile OGM
340A, 340B	Elk	Silver Creek
340, 340C, 340D	Elk	Silver Creek (Front Gate Only)
341	Elk	Turkey Roost
393	Elk	Pole Road Run

Forest Road #	County	Road Name
442	Elk	Big Run (Front Gate Only Open)
443	Elk/Forest	Crane Run (Front Gate Only)
443A	Elk/Forest	Crane Run
580*	Elk	Spring Creek
581	Elk	Propagation
584*	Elk	Elk Forest
592	Elk	Lick Run
128F, 128FA	Forest	Seldom Seen Area
166,168	Forest	Laurel Run
165	Forest	Francis
180	Forest	The Branch
214	Forest	Wildcat Run
218A	Forest	Hastings A
219	Forest	Rocky Run
221, 221A*	Forest	Slater Run
222	Forest	Rock Hanger (Front Gate Only)
223	Forest	Bald Hill
225	Forest	Rest Area (ATV Parking Area Only)
394	Forest	Watson Branch
377	Forest	Crooked Creek (Front Gate Only)
395*	Forest	Pipeline
396*, 396A*	Forest	Horse Trail
404*, 404B*	Forest	Kemp Run
488	Forest	Reck Branch
526	Forest	Coal Bed Run
559	Forest	W. Bird Dog
591	Forest	Log Run
683	Forest	Bald Hill

(\* ) Indicates road closure on December 20, 2004 for winter-motorized recreation.

- Hunters are permitted to drive on opened, numbered Forest Roads only. Observe all road signs. It is unlawful to drive other access roads, trails or pipelines and powerlines; violators will be prosecuted.
- At anytime, any road will be closed when rutting becomes excessive and damage to the road surface is occurring, or acts of nature block roads, or for safety reasons.
- There is not legal area on the Allegheny National Forest to use ATV's during hunting season.
- If you camp during the season, please leave the area clean – Pack In – Pack Out.



# Attention Hunters

## Gated Roads on the Bradford Ranger District To be Opened for Big Game Season

The following Forest Service Roads on the Bradford District that are normally gated will be opened for hunter access from October 2, 2004 through January 15, 2005. *Note: Roads may be closed due to poor/unsafe conditions, or bad weather.*

Forest Roads #451 (McKean Co.) will be open for vehicular access **ONLY** to those possessing a Disabled Persons Hunting Permit as issued by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Forest Roads #117, 247, 250, 251, 254, and 263 will be open for General Deer Season from November 29 to December 11, 2004.

Forest Road 120A will be open from October 2, 2004 through December 15, 2004\*.

<b>FR#</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Road Name</b>	<b>FR #</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Road Name</b>
558	Forest	Schwab Ridge	202	McKean	Boatroad Run
418	Forest	Bush Creek	268	McKean	Bump Run
103	Warren	Jugglestone	272	McKean	Willow Creek
140	Warren	Coal Flat	273	McKean	Fuller Brook (to 2 <sup>nd</sup> gate)
163	Warren	Cherry Knob	306	McKean	Timbuck
204	Warren	Robs Knob	309	McKean	Kennedy Springs
245	Warren	Grunder Run	312	McKean	Miam Run
293	Warren	North Branch "A"	316A	McKean	Townline Run "A"
365	Warren	Four Mile	317	McKean	Pennzoil
419	Warren	Camp Nine, Cherry Grove	320	McKean	Lafayette
438	Warren	Clarendon Run	464	McKean	Lafayette/Marshburg
441	Warren	Mix	478	McKean	North Westline
534	Warren	Muddy Branch	479	McKean	North Thundershower
535	Warren	Cherry Grove Center	500	McKean	Dutchman
552	Warren	East Hickory	500A	McKean	Dutchman
241	Warren	Little Arnot	504	McKean	Camp Run
120A*	McKean	County Line "A"	508A	McKean	Wintergreen "A"
120B	McKean	County Line "B"	587	McKean	Lower Meade
142	McKean	Root Run	841	McKean	Guffy Pine
144	McKean	Armstrong	158	McKean	Bullis
153	McKean	Tracy (open both gates)	110A	McKean	Gibbs Hill
174	McKean	Prue Hollow	187	McKean	Four Corners