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Scoping Period – Opportunity to Comment Glady Fork Environmental Impact Statement

The Monongahela National Forest is proposing activities on the Cheat/Potomac District and Greenbrier District that are intended to improve forest health, improve water quality and fish habitat, enhance habitat for wildlife, and provide forest products to the local communities. An environmental analysis will be conducted on the proposal and the results will be documented in the Glady Fork Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

I am asking for your input on the proposal and have enclosed a detailed description of the proposed action that includes information such as the project area location, the purpose and need of the project, and a detailed description of the proposal with associated maps. The proposed activities would occur only on National Forest System lands.

Segments of the Glady Fork in the project area have been identified as eligible for designation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The proposed action, however, would not impact the ¼-mile zone along the Glady Fork.

Your comments will be used to identify the significant issues and to guide the environmental analysis and documentation. Please be as specific as possible when responding. In order for the Forest to consider research results referenced in comments, the person providing comments must identify why the research is pertinent to the Glady Fork project and must provide the Forest with a copy of the research paper. Comments received on the proposed action will become a part of the public record and, therefore, are available for public inspection upon request under the Freedom of Information Act.

The scoping period ends 45 days from the time the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS is published in the *Federal Register*. It is anticipated that the NOI is to be published on July 12, 2002. Should the NOI be published on July 12th, the scoping period will end **August 26, 2002**.

For additional information or to make comments, please contact Michele Jones, Forest Team Leader. Comments can be submitted in writing to: Monongahela National Forest, Attn: Michele Jones, 200 Sycamore Street, Elkins, WV, 26241. To make comments by telephone, please call (304) 636-1800, ext 206 or by fax at (304) 636-1875. E-mail can be sent to mhjones@fs.fed.us.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the management of the Monongahela National Forest.

Sincerely,

/s/ Clyde N. Thompson
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