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## Additional groups endorse ANF citizen wilderness proposal

WARREN — Three additional organizations have recently endorsed a citizen wilderness proposal for the Allegheny National Forest, located in northwest Pennsylvania, joining a growing list.

The Pine Creek Headwaters Protection Group, PrimalNature.org, and the Tiadaghton Audubon Society have all endorsed the Warren-based Friends of Allegheny Wilderness FAW proposal to permanently protect select national forest tracts as wilderness.

FAW'S "A Citizens Wilderness Proposal" for Pennsylvania's Allegheny National Forest, was published in the fall of 2003 to coincide with the beginning of the revision of the national forest's long-term management plan.

After two years of study,

FAW identified eight parcels of the forest, or a total of 54,460 acres as prospective wilderness. Once designated by an act of Congress, new national forest wilderness areas would augment America's National Wilderness Preservation System, which was established with the passage of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Wilderness designated under the Wilderness Act consists of significant parcels of federal public land left in its natural condition on a permanent basis for the benefit of wildlife and people alike.

Hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding and other forms of non-mechanized recreation are permitted in the wilderness. New roads, permanent developments, logging and other forms of commercial extraction are not permitted.