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## FAW group to scout hemlock-killing pest

Friends of Allegheny Wilderness welcomes participants to take part in a hike on June 8 to take in backcountry scenery of the Allegheny National Forest while scouting for signs of the non-native invasive hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA).

The adelgid, introduced from Asia, was found in four locations on the ANF in 2013 and has devastated Eastern Hemlock in southern forests.

The group will hike into the untrammled wilds of the proposed Scandia National Recreation Area on the west side of the Allegheny Reservoir

to look for the adelgid, which threatens Pennsylvania's state tree.

The hike will be approximately four miles round-trip, and all off trail — though old remnant logging roads will be utilized in places, according to FAW. Hikers will need to be able and willing to climb over fallen logs and navigate steep terrain in some places.

During the hike, participants will not only get to experience an undeveloped portion of the Allegheny National Forest that few people get to see (Jackson Run drainage), but will also learn the skills necessary to

monitor for HWA wherever they go on the Allegheny Plateau.

There is no charge to join the hike, but participants will need to bring all of their own water, snacks, food, etc., and come prepared for any weather conditions that may be encountered.

The group will meet at 1 p.m. June 8 at the old Scandia general store parking lot at the four corners at the top of the hill in Scandia to embark on the hike. A four-wheel-drive vehicle is advisable, though not absolutely critical.

Contact FAW at [info@pawild.org](mailto:info@pawild.org) for more information or with any questions.