

State Forest Annual Work Plans

Forest Service Seeking Public Comments

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on the proposed 2022 fiscal year work plan for Potomac Garrett, Green Ridge, Savage River, Chesapeake and Pocomoke State Forests.

Annual work plans help identify priorities within the scope of the forest's long-range management plan. They address establishment, growth, composition, health and quality management operations, along with maintenance and construction projects, and other actions.

The comment period is the final step in the three-step process. The first was an internal review by a team of natural resource professionals and the second step was a review by an appointed advisory committee.

Following the conclusion of the comment period on March 5, 2021 each forest manager will review, revise and finalize their plan.

Click on the links below to view the work plans for the following forests:

-  [Green Ridge State Forest](#)
-  [Savage River State Forest](#)
-  [Potomac-Garrett State Forest](#)
-  [Chesapeake Forest/Pocomoke State Forest](#)

Submit comments to: stateforests.dnr@maryland.gov

ATTENTION 2.12.21:

DNR Forestry is looking for comments on state forests plans for 2022, two of the forests contain OHV trails. Comments are due by March 5th. Please take this opportunity to share this post with fellow riders/wheelers and submit comments asking for the following:

“Please utilize the funding from SB606 to increase the trail mileage at Saint John’s Rock within the Savage River State Forest by utilizing other parcels as modeled by Wolf Den Run State Park. An increase in mileage will increase users and decrease rogue trail creation by keeping riders on designated, legal, and sustainable trails while staying entertained for their entire trip.

Please also utilize these funds in Potomac-Garrett to interconnect Wolf Den Run State Park to Wallman Run/ Laurel Run. Please also utilize these funds to modify the Wallman Run and Burkholder Snowmobile trails to accept OHV vehicles when snowmobile use is not feasible. The SB 606 funding was created to increase OHV access in MD and should be used accordingly. Especially with it now legal to cross roads with OHV vehicles and funds available to maintain and reroute these Snowmobile Trails."