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Editorial: The forest's future/Pennsylvanians should call for balance in the plan

In traditional marriage ceremonies, the minister asks if anyone in the assembly has objections to the impending union, using the words "speak now or forever hold your peace." That moment has arrived for Pennsylvanians in their fond relationship with the land symbolized by the beautiful Allegheny National Forest.

The U.S. Forest Service has proposed a 10-year management plan for the natural asset, which could be improved if enough people make their views known. While this plan -- which sets out four alternatives -- will be succeeded by others as the decades roll on, the decisions reached now will have large consequences for the future.

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