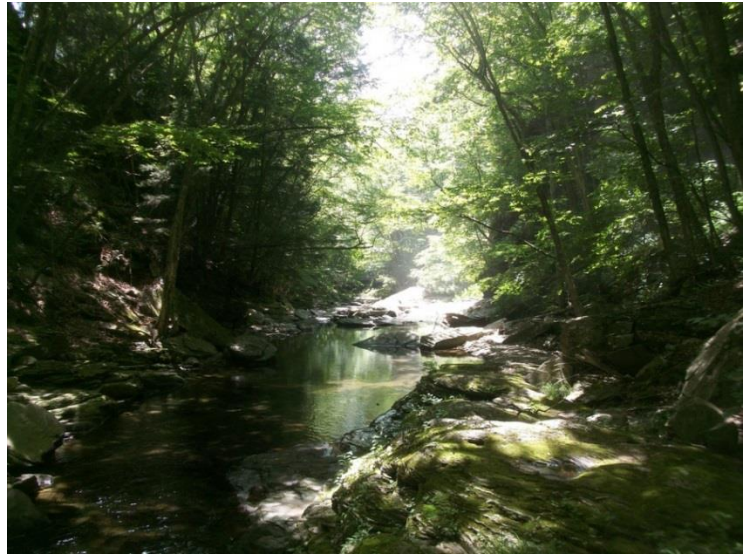


Help Protect Loyalsock State Forest

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has an opportunity to protect a special tract of the **Loyalsock State Forest** in Lycoming County. It contains some of Pennsylvania's most extraordinary natural resources:



Rock Run: photo credit: Jeff Mitchell

- The renowned Rock Run and other streams designated “Exceptional Value”
- An Audubon-designated Important Bird habitat area
- The Old Loggers’ Path hiking trail and Devil’s Elbow Natural Area
- Unbroken forest tracts and native trout headwaters

DCNR’s legal duty under the Pennsylvania Constitution:

DCNR has a legal duty to conserve and maintain State Forest Lands for the benefit of all Pennsylvanians, including future generations.

Background:

DCNR has been negotiating since 2012 with Anadarko Petroleum about extensive new gas development in a 25,000-plus acre tract of the Loyalsock State Forest, known as the Clarence Moore lands. The Commonwealth controls surface access on almost 19,000 acres of these lands.

Key Facts:

- **DCNR owns most of the surface rights on what are known as the “Clarence Moore Tracts” of the Loyalsock State Forest.** It contains an unusual covenant in the property deed that gives the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania **clear legal power** to control the surface activity.
- **DCNR, despite efforts by 28 organizations and extensive citizen advocacy, has not agreed to conduct a meaningful public input process on the future of our state forests.**
- **Gas drilling to date in Pennsylvania state forests is extensive.** Drillers already have access to one-third of our state forest lands -- equaling 700,000 acres. A comprehensive two-year study by DCNR in 2010 concluded that further leasing of state forest land would significantly alter the ecological integrity and wild character of our forests.

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What can I do to help?

1. Contact the governor, DCNR, and your state representative and state senator.
2. Sign up for email updates: saveloyalsock@gmail.com.
3. Take the Loyalsock Forest driving tour of the places at risk at www.saveloyalsock.org.



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Clearing a forest road: credit: FracTracker

