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Hellbender Journal is a voice for forest activists working towards the protection of the Allegheny Forests in Pennsylvania. In this issue, Rachel Martin takes over as editor. The issue focuses on the Forest Service's opening of the Allegheny National forest to clearcutting, the effects on local people in Lynch, Pennsylvania, and the response of activists.

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After a sweet summer in these woods, free from the chainsaws, in September, once again, the Forest Service sought to work around the laws, and opened the Allegheny National Forest to clearcutting. Folks in Lynch, PA experienced one assault on their drinking water and health after another from rampant oil drilling near their homes, the Grine family in Tionesta experienced more intimidation and harassment, and the folks fighting Willamette's chip and paper mills unfortunately have seen no respite from the noise and pollution. Despite these struggles, my hope for a wild and free Allegheny has been consistently restored. [...] People throughout the region are raising their voices and continuing to fight for our forests. I'm assured we'll see a wild Allegheny yet!

—Rachel Martin

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