

## Monongahela National Forest – North Zone

Watershed Management Order of Entry Strategy – July 2020

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to consider environmental effects of their actions. In order to provide an efficient NEPA review and decision-making process,

Monongahela National Forest has developed a watershed-based order of entry strategy. Project planning will focus on one largescale watershed every year on the "North Zone" of the Forest. The North Zone includes the Cheat-Potomac and Greenbrier Ranger Districts. With concurrent planning on the "South Zone", all Monongahela National Forest lands will receive environmental

WATERSHED *noun*. An area of land that drains or "sheds" water into a specific waterbody.

planning and application of the NEPA process, including public involvement, over the next decade.



The purpose of this effort is to implement the <u>2006 Revised Forest Plan</u> and move the Forest toward the desired future conditions as laid out in the Plan. This approach takes the guess work out of planning and provides opportunities for aligning future projects with partners and stakeholders.

| North Zone Order of Entry |  |               |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Year of<br>Entry          | Watershed Name   | Lead District | Notable Features Within Watershed  |  |  |  |
| 2020                      | Upper Cheat River  | Cheat-Potomac | Horseshoe Campground; Cheat River  |  |  |  |
| 2021                      | Deer Creek   | Greenbrier    | Ramshorn; Elleber Knob   |  |  |  |
| 2022                      | Upper South Branch-<br>Lower North Fork<br>Potomac River | Cheat-Potomac | Seneca Rocks; Seneca Shadows Campground; Smoke Hole<br>Canyon; Big Bend Campground; Roaring Plains West<br>Wilderness (partially); North Fork Mountain Trail |  |  |  |
| 2023                      | Upper Shavers-Tygart<br>Valley                           | Greenbrier    | Stonecoal dispersed camping; Gaudineer Scenic Area; Cheat<br>Summit Fort; Shavers Fork   |  |  |  |
| 2024                      | Haddix Run-Shavers Fork                                  | Cheat-Potomac | Stuart Recreation Area and Campground; Bickle Knob; Bear<br>Heaven Campground; Shaver's Fork   |  |  |  |
| 2025                      | Upper Glady  | Greenbrier    | Laurel Fork North Wilderness; Laurel Fork South Wilderness;<br>Laurel Fork Campground; West Fork Rail Trail (partially)                                      |  |  |  |

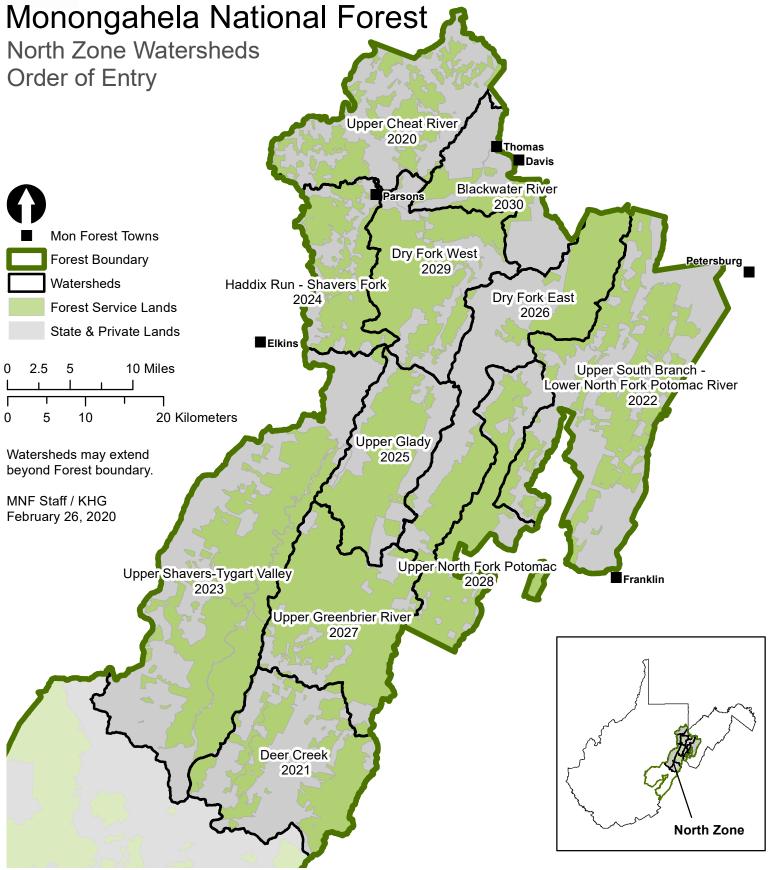
| 2026 | Dry Fork East               | Cheat-Potomac | Dolly Sods Wilderness; Roaring Plains West Wilderness<br>(partially); Red Creek Campground, Seneca Creek<br>Backcountry; Spruce Knob Lake; Spruce Knob Campground |  |
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| 2027 | Upper Greenbrier River      | Greenbrier    | Camp Allegheny; Old House Run Picnic Area; Island<br>Campground; Buffalo Lake; West Fork Rail Trail (partially)   |  |
| 2028 | Upper North Fork<br>Potomac | Cheat-Potomac | Spruce Knob; Seneca Creek   |  |
| 2029 | Dry Fork West               | Cheat-Potomac | Otter Creek Wilderness; Lower Glady dispersed camping;<br>Canaan Mountain Backcountry (partially)   |  |
| 2030 | Blackwater River            | Cheat-Potomac | Canaan Mountain Backcountry (partially); Blackwater<br>Canyon; Dobbin House   |  |

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More information on watershed boundaries can be found at <u>https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/ngp/national-hydrography/</u>

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