

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

for Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline (PATH) Right-of-Way Applications

Appalachian National Scenic Trail  
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park  
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park  
Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail  
Monongahela National Forest  
West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

U.S. Forest Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Baltimore District



## MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST

- 919,000 acres in the north central highlands of West Virginia
- One of the most biologically diverse national forests in the country
- Contains the headwaters of six major river systems
  - 95% of West Virginia’s coldwater fisheries
- This National Forest provides:
  - A wide range of recreational opportunities
  - Wilderness areas
  - Timber, water, grazing, and minerals
  - Habitat for wildlife
  - Federally-listed threatened and endangered species
  - Unique ecological areas
- Approximately 1.1 million visits to Monongahela National Forest sites in 2006

