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Topic: : New State Forest Maps

Re: New State Forest Maps

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franklin wrote:

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troutbert wrote:

There are some new (re-designed) state forest maps with a different type of design. I think they are pretty good, a significant improvement.

The ones I've seen with the new design are Elk State Forest, Bald Eagle SF, and Loyalsock SF. There may be others.

These maps are great for exploring streams, and they are free.

To order a particular state forest map, Google the name of the state forest, call their office and request it. Their hours are typically M-F 8-4.

Can you expand on the improvements?

BTW this subject may be of interest and close enough on topic to be included in the general forum?

If a moderator sees this and would move it to the general forum, that would be great.

The new maps are just much easier to read. The stream lines are heavier and darker, so stand out better. Both the stream and road label type is larger and darker, so easier to read. The lines showing roads and trails also stand out better.

They make better use of tints. On the old Bald Eagle State Forest map, the green tint that indicated SF land was much too dark, which obscured everything: roads, streams, type, etc.

In the new map, the green tint is light in color, as it should be. So the stream and road lines, and the type are

~~much more legible against the background.~~

The much greater legibility is particularly helpful when the light is poor and/or if your eyes don't work as well as they did 30 years ago.

The more I look at these maps, the more I'm impressed. The graphic design is very good.

I haven't checked the new maps for accuracy yet. That's important too of course!