

# “I Was Four When My Father First Took Me into the ‘Mon.’”



## Shouldn't the Next Generation Be Able To Enjoy Our National Forest Too?

— FRANK SLIDER, *Middlebourne, WV*

**T**he Monongahela National Forest, the “Mon” to most of us, is where we camp with our kids, where our fathers taught us to fish. But this place that’s so special to so many West Virginians has been caught up in a fight over the future of America’s National Forests.

The Bush administration has been opening up millions of acres of public lands across America to allow the big corporations to mine, drill and log more of our forests, meadows and mountains. Now the US Forest Service is in the process of revising the plan that will decide how the Monongahela will be managed for the next 15 years.

Right now only one in four acres in the Mon is protected but there’s a great opportunity to protect more. We can find a better way in West Virginia and get word to the Bush Administration that we will protect our National Forest from increased logging. That’s why we’ll be gathering this Saturday morning to talk to our neighbors about how we can work together to protect the Monongahela.

**Join us:**

April 17, 2004

10:30 AM at Celebration Station Playground

1300 block of Quarrier Street

Charleston, West Virginia

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