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Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Several state parks will loan you snowshoes to try
<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2025/12/31/pennsylvania-state-parks-loaner-snowshoes/stories/202512290061>

Bradford Era: The battle for the heart — and health — of the Allegheny National Forest
<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/01/01/battle-heart-health-allegeny-national-forest/>

Butler Eagle: First Day Hike at Moraine goes ahead despite snow
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20260102/first-day-hike-at-moraine-goes-ahead-despite-snow/>

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Data Centers

Press-Enterprise: Data centers, shortages tied
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/123125/page/1/story/data-centers-shortages-tied>

Energy

York Dispatch: 'I'm not giving up,' Cuffs Run developer vows amid lawsuit and public outcry
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2025/12/31/cuffs-run-chanceford-township-york-county-pennsylvania-kristin-phillips-hill-pjm-electric-grid/87964599007/>

Lancaster Online: 'I'm not giving up,' Developer vows amid lawsuit, public outcry against Susquehanna River hydroelectric project
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Oil and Gas

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Waste

Philly Voice: Two private compost haulers are joining forces. They collected over 5 million pounds of food waste last year

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/bennett-circle-compost-merger-philly/>

Water

WPXI: Road closed in Bethel Park after water main break

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Times Observer: Higher river levels expected as Kinzua Dam increases water releases

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2025/12/higher-river-levels-expected-as-kinzua-dam-increases-water-releases-2/>

Lewistown Sentinel: Township approves 20% sewer rate increase

<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2025/12/township-approves-20-sewer-rate-increase/>

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Beaver County Radio: Updates provided on Norfolk Southern's efforts to help East Palestine as three-year anniversary of toxic derailment approaches

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CBS21: After 20-day fire frustrates residents, another fire ignites at Pa. compost facility

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WGAL: 'Foul smelling smoke' from a Lancaster county business continues to frustrate residents

<https://www.wgal.com/article/foul-smelling-smoke-lancaster-county-business-frustrate-residents/69899632>