**Francis Marion National Forest Scenery Inventory**

**Inventory Assumptions for Concern Levels**

***Interest in Scenery (Concern Levels)***

**Concern Level 1**

* Primary areas of fishing, swimming, boating, and other active or passive water recreation (i.e. large, navigable reservoirs and rivers)
* Designated wilderness areas
* Designated or eligible Wild & Scenic Rivers
* Primary recreation areas (vista points, campgrounds, picnic grounds, visitor centers, waterfalls, etc.)
* Trails that are:
  + Nationally designated (National Scenic, Historic or Recreation Trail) – on and off NFS land
  + Within designated Wilderness and Wild & Scenic River corridors
  + Primary access to a designated wilderness
  + Within a Class A landscape (iconic and distinctive scenic landscapes, well-known regionally of nationally)
* All public-use roads that are:
  + National, state, and/or Forest Service scenic byways, including overlooks
  + Interstates and US highways
  + Located within a Class A landscape
  + Located within a primary recreation area
  + Primary state through-routes which connect communities and are valued for their scenery
  + The primary access to wilderness area
  + The primary access road to a primary recreation area
  + The primary access to a Class A landscape

**Concern Level 2**

* Secondary recreation areas (vista points, campgrounds, picnic grounds, etc.)
* All designated trails that are not Concern Level 1
* All public-use THROUGH roads that are not Concern Level 1
* Gated system roads that are used as part of an existing, designated trail systems

**Concern Level 3**

* Most gates system roads
* All other general forest lands that do not fall into the seen area of Concern Level 1 and 2 lands

***DISCLAIMER: Concern levels are a measure of the degree of public importance placed on landscapes viewed from travelways and use areas. The assumptions, listed below, provide general guidelines for applying concern level values.***