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FOREST SERVICE TO WAIVE DAY-USE FEES ON NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

(Columbia, S.C.) - The Forest Service announced Saturday, Sept. 29 as its second fee-free day of the 2012 summer season. In recognition of National Public Lands Day, fees will be waived at all day-use fee sites operated by the USDA Forest Service.

“As the season changes, we invite visitors and their families to experience the forests’ day-use areas against the backdrop of beautiful fall foliage,” said Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests Forest Supervisor Paul Bradley. “We hope not only to introduce newcomers to the wide range of recreational opportunities available on the forests, but also to the many ways that visitors can volunteer to preserve those opportunities for the future.”

On the Francis Marion National Forest, day-use fees will be waived at Buck Hall recreation area and at the Wambaw Cycle Trail.

On the Sumter National Forest day-use fees will be waived at the Fell, Lick Fork and Parsons Mountain recreation areas and at the Cedar Springs and Parsons Mountain OHV trails on the Long Cane Ranger District, and at Buncombe Horse Trail and Enoree OHV Trail on the Enoree Ranger District.

The focus of National Public Lands Day is to instill a sense of shared stewardship and educate the public about the importance of natural resources.

The USDA Forest Service will also offer a fee-free weekend November 10-12, 2012 to honor Veterans' Day.

For more information on the national forests in South Carolina, please visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnfs>.

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