

# News Release



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## **National Forests waive fees for National Public Lands Day on September 29, 2007**

Columbia, SC – The Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests will waive fees charged at recreation sites and trails on September 29 in celebration of National Public Lands Day announced Forest Supervisor Jerome Thomas. All day use (parking and motorized trails) and overnight camping fees will be waived on all sites. Excepted are those sites (or portions thereof) on the National Reservation System (NRRS): Buckhall Campground on the Francis Marion, Cassidy Bridge Campground and the ten reservable sites at Whetstone Horse Camp on the Andrew Pickens. For more information on sites on the NRRS contact the Andrew Pickens district (864) 638-9568 or the Francis Marion at (843) 887-3257.

In announcing the National Public Lands fee waiver, Thomas said, “We want to thank those who support the national forests. We hope this fee-free day will encourage Americans to take advantage of their public lands for exercise and outdoor recreation pursuits throughout the year.”

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The national forests in South Carolina stretch across the state from Walhalla to McClellanville and offer a variety of nature-based recreational opportunities such as hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, horseback riding, off-highway vehicle and motorcycle trail riding, boating, hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking, birding – or simply enjoying the scenery.

For more information about recreation opportunities on the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests, visit our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms> or call (803) 561-4000.

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