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Forest Service to Hold Public Meeting to Release River Management Plan

(Whitmire, SC) – The U.S. Forest Service will hold a public meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clemson Extension Office, 120 Kirby Street, Union, SC to release its Adaptive River Recreation Management Plan for the Enoree, Tyger and Broad rivers.

“We collected specific input on all three rivers in a public meeting held last year,” said Enoree District Ranger Beth LeMaster. “We’re excited to introduce the new adaptive management plan we’ve developed based on that valuable input.”

Although this plan is specific to recreation opportunities associated with the three river corridors, recreation is only one of many uses for which the rivers are managed. The Forest Service must, while providing quality opportunities for paddling, fishing, hunting and experiencing nature, maintain the river corridors for clean water production, aquatic and riparian habitat, and scenery.

The Broad, Tyger, and Enoree rivers offer over 90 miles for visitor use within the Forest Service proclamation boundary. Visitors can experience steep hardwood bluffs, bottomland forests and small marshy areas, wildflowers and abundant wildlife.

Both the Tyger and Enoree rivers range from two to six feet deep and 40 to 70 feet wide, while the Broad River is much larger. All three rivers provide excellent flat water with some sections of small riffles.

A copy of the proposal is available on the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests’ Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/sumter/resources/projects.current.php>.

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