

Francis Marion Draft Plan Overview Open House Layout

Three tables cover highlights of the draft plan and one table has copies of the draft plan and information on how to comment



Table 1 Maintain, improve, or restore the Francis Marion's unique landscapes and features;

Topics: Ecosystem Restoration; Timber Management; Wildlife Habitats; Riparian Areas and Riparian Management Zones; Prescribed burning

Staffing: Robin Mackie, Jay Purnell; Danny Carlson; Joe Robles; Paul Churchill



Table 2 Improve the quality of life and health for stakeholders;

Topics: Recreation; Multiple Use; Special Uses; Roads and Access;

Staffing: Robbin Cooper; Janna Dupre; Bob Morgan; Joe Benton



Table 3 Respond to challenges;

Topics: Sea-level Rise; Climate Change; Fuel Reduction near Communities;

Staffing: Emrys Treasure; John Cleeves; Drake Carroll (SC Forestry Commission) ; Tom Dooley (The Nature Conservancy); Amy Fore



Table 4 Commentor's corner;

Material Available: Francis Marion Fact Sheet, Draft Plan and Draft Environment Impact Statement (DEIS) CDs; Reader's Guide; Reviewer's Guide;

Staffing: Mary Morrison, Robin Blakely

Lunch provided by the Coastal Conservation League



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Francis Marion Draft Plan Overview Working Groups

Three sessions focus on improving draft plan direction and one session focus on understanding the draft forest plan



10:00 am to 10:30 am
Commentor's Overview

- *Understanding a forest plan*
- *How to comment and why is it important*



10:30 am to 12:00 Noon

Maintain, improve, or restore the Francis Marion's unique landscapes and features;

How can we improve Forest Plan direction to protect, maintain or restore:

- *Forested wetlands and riparian areas along creeks and streams?*
- *Longleaf pine ecosystems?*



12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Improve the quality of life and health for stakeholders;

How can we improve Forest Plan direction to promote:

- *Opportunities for local communities to connect to the forest (trails)?*
- *Partnerships that help sustain recreation opportunities?*



1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Respond to challenges;

How can we improve Forest Plan direction to allow for:

- *Rapid response to climate change and sea-level rise impacts now and in the future?*
- *Fuel reduction near communities?*

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Francis Marion Forest Plan Revision

*Together, Shaping the Future of the
Francis Marion National Forest*



Visit
www.fs.usda.gov/scnfs
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Plan Revision
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draft forest plan,
background information
and notes from public
meetings.

Comments can be
submitted electronically
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by mail to Francis
Marion and Sumter

Greetings!

Since the October 6 open house was canceled, several people asked us to reschedule the open house. To accommodate these requests, the October 27 public meeting will include an open house with concurrent working groups. The open house will give you a chance to get additional information on the draft forest plan while the working groups provide an opportunity to refine management direction.

Please join us on October 27 from 10 am to 3 pm at:

Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center
5821 Highway 17 North
Awendaw, SC 29429

To take advantage of our time together, a working lunch is planned. Since lunch will be provided, we are asking you to register by emailing me at FMplanrevision@fs.fed.us. If there are additional topics (see agenda below) that you wish to discuss with the team on October 27, please let me know before October 20 by emailing us at FMplanrevision@fs.fed.us. Or you can call me at 803-561-4000 with your topics or registration!

At the open house, 4 informational tables will be staffed from 10 am to 3 pm. Forest Service personnel will be on hand to answer your questions on the following topics:

- **Table 1 Maintain or restore the Francis Marion's unique landscapes and features;** *Topics: Ecosystem Restoration; Timber Management; Wildlife Habitats; Riparian Areas and Riparian Management Zones; Prescribed burning.*
- **Table 2 Improve the quality of life and health for stakeholders;** *Topics: Recreation, Multiple Use; Special Uses; Roads and Access.*
- **Table 3 Respond to Challenges;** *Topics: Sea-level*

National Forests,
Francis Marion Plan
Revision, 4931 Broad
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Rise, Climate Change; Fuel Reduction near Communities.

- **Table 4 Commentor's Corner; Material Available:**
*Francis Marion Fact Sheet; CDs of draft forest plan and
draft environmental impact statement; Reader's Guide,
Reviewer's Guide.*



The discussion in the working groups will supplement
the material presented at the 4 informational tables. Below is
the agenda for the working groups.

10:00 am to 10:30 am - Commentor's Overview

- *Understanding a forest plan*
- *How to comment and why is it important!*

**10:30 am to 12:00 noon - Maintain or restore the Francis
Marion's unique landscapes and features;**

*How can we improve Forest Plan direction to protect, maintain or
restore:*

- *Forested wetlands and riparian areas along creeks and
streams?*
- *Longleaf pine ecosystems?*

**12:00 noon to 1:30 pm - Improve the quality of life and
health for stakeholders.**

How can we improve Forest Plan direction to promote:

- *Opportunities for local communities to connect to the forest (trails)?*
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1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Respond to Challenges;

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- *Rapid response to climate change and sea-level rise impacts now and in the future?*
- *Fuel reduction near communities?*

3:00 End Meeting

Don't forget that comments are due no later than **November 11, 2015!** Submitted comments may be viewed in the forest's public reading room at [Visit the Reading Room](#).

To learn more about the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnfs>. If you have questions about the Francis Marion Forest Plan revision, please e-mail us at fmplanrevision@fs.fed.us

Sincerely,

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