

Special Lands and Water (Leaders: Danaher and Mackie)

Important Habitats

Fire maintained woodlands in a patchwork with native warm season grasses.

Areas with rare and endangered plants.

The long leaf picture-LLF ecosys with grasses and native plants, Hwy 45 through Waterhorn, & Halfway creek

Swamps and wetland "savishly" areas with Pitcher Plants.

Want to see less dense pine stands and savannahs -20-BA ft ²/ac

Concerns:

Burn more, thin more, control hogs esp. Hellhole 50,00 acres

Concerns with feral pigs, need to allow FS employees to carry firearms, better tools to control them.

Concerned with areas that aren't being burned, Cainboy, Cordesville, etc.

Concerned with not being able to utilize herbicides to manage the forest, esp. in areas not being burned.

also invasive plants

What plant communities, ecosystems, and/or habitats are most important to you?

Are there areas that are important to you? Why? Put on map

Are there areas that need improvement?

Are there changes in our management that need to occur?

Habitats/Communities

Nothing should be written off, need to restore as many natural communities as possible.

Wetlands, hydrology needs to be restored, then the more open woodland habitats.

Love turkey oak & runner oak communities.

Diversity is the key: composition and structure

Dog Swamp Rd-best remaining wetland area

Would like to see the big opening restored

Ancient aeolian dunes along the Cainboy ridge & Betherg Ridge are wonderful and need restoring- to restore the

complexity that needs to be there-fire.

Reduce trees density & fire, esp. with rainfall.

Feels like there was a lot more pond pine.

Restore plant communities.

Buy land in Manitime-highly vulnerable and disappearing

Long Leaf communities are challenged

Need to burn everything on a 2 year rotation/100,000 a year

FS wastes money managing foraging habitat and don't just focus on clusters

Need to manage/monitor all PETS on the forest

Recovery of turkey population since Hugo on the FM has been phenomenal and need to cont. thinning and burning.

Your Free Time (Leaders: Robles and Cooper)

The forest is the only place to...

- enjoy the lowcountry october to may
- hunt
- Dog hunt for deer/quail
- Photograph different species of flowers
- Like to be close to society and still get into the forest
- Black water floating
- day hikes
- Learn about their roots
- See a natural spring
- public shooting range

Off forest:

- beach
- saltwater fishing
- Santee coastal/Bonneys Fevrs
- biking, hunting
- camping/hiking in state parks
- I go to those places because:
- you feel like you go back in time (presettlement)
- proximity
- "sharpen the saw"-feelings of renewal
- heritage/historical places
- magical/like being in church
- feels natural, like it has been for a long time
- pride in land mgt work

Travelways:

- hwy 17 between in undeveloped areas, Awendaw and McIlvenille
- hwy 45 forest maintained section
- Guerin Creek rd (or bridge rd)
- Through waterhorn area-Echaw Rd
- Guerin Creek rd (or bridge rd)
- Wambaw Creek
- My visits would be better if....
- burn, burn, burn
- thinning
- above done in areas that have not been thinned or burned
- patchwork burn

Favorite places on forest:

- Waterhorn
- open forests to walk through (quail wood)
- wetlands and undeveloped/primitive areas
- open savannahs to look and walk through

Notes from October 25, 2012 public meeting

heritage/historical places

Awendaw savannah

where ever the turkeys are (successful hunting)

birdwatching at Tibwin (mud flats, edge of maritime forest, etc.) year-round

bays and wetlands

undeveloped natural environment

black water fishing (dark bay)

I go to these places because....

best ex of unquine ecosystem anywhere in the world

remoteness (no cell phones, no cars) its free

great experience/memories

its spiritual

all the creatures outnumber me

camraderie/sharing

family/friends

If you could take one photo.....

Awendaw savannah 20 yrs ago

upper end of Wambaw creek-large cypress trees

see upland pine and wetlands at awendaw creek

edge of swamp as sun rises

Savannah w/scattered long leaf w/ waist high summer grasses (warm season) w/ occasional pitcher plants

Cypress swamps

same as above but w/ cane break dominated under story

Biggest challenges/Greatest Opportunities (Leaders: Churchill and Hepworth)

Biggest challenges:

Smoke impacts could be reduced with upfront planning or standards built into zoning or easement documents

Working mutually with partnerships to optimize money

Integrating our planning goals with those goals of cooperation or public

Invasive Plants and Animals

Hog control

plants

Health issues of community

Rx fire

Good partnerships between end users

Amount of private intermixed makes prescribed burning difficult

Burning in smaller patchwork "mosaic" patterns

Lack of education/outreach between end users

hunters/fishers

recreation

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Attempting to treat or manage by landscape or watershed; not exclusive federal land-including private with Wyden

type agreements

Prescribe burn-2 yr challenge

County wide-action plans

Be more aggressive with Rx Burns

Support from upper management

Overstocked w/ timber tree density

Diversity w/ landscape

Greatest Opportunities:

-working w/ communities, building with timber companies

-education w/ Rx burning

-keeping funding opportunities on forest

Working Together (Leaders: Fore and Morrison)

How can we improve outreach efforts?

Go to where people are; do not expect them to come to us.

Email scoping list recipients

Phone calls could go to specific meeting to represent FS plan @ local interest meetings?

-Churches

-local gov't meetings (COG-council of gov's) finance mtg

-Noel Thorn has numerous contacts

Door to door contact in communities (forest neighbors)

Homeowners Associations

Information boards (key intersections) -business signs

Forward email of 5 specific questions to individual mailing lists "pass it on"

Tie into other organizational email lists

Effectively use social media (include all outlets w/maps, info)

Tony Barteltine (post and courier)

Alternate locations and times for meetings

Churches, municipalities & churches are accustomed to get what they desire on their terms.

Format disfranchises groups prefer presentation style meeting.

Local press coverage of meetings

More specificity in outreach (give ex of what F. Plan is-expected outcome) interest in specific issues.

Flyers at check stations

Outreach to groups/individuals interested "hot button topics"

Local TV spot/radio during news (2 min. segment)

Flyers at specific commercial business that deals w/specific forest use (gun shop, outdoor fitter, outfitter guide)

Second tier users require and educational "curve" to bring them to a meaningful working knowledge

Notes from October 25, 2012 public meeting

More participation at communication meetings generate more noise, possible confusion and array of educational levels

regarding forest plan.

Topics must be relevant to participants.

Attendees of October 25, 2012 public meeting

Larry Hayden

John Brubaker

Robin Blakley

Sam Chappellear

Will Carlisle

Orlando Sutton

Tim Long

Robin Cooper

Robin Mackie

Allen Hepworth

Mary

Amy

Mark

Joe Robles

Francis Marion

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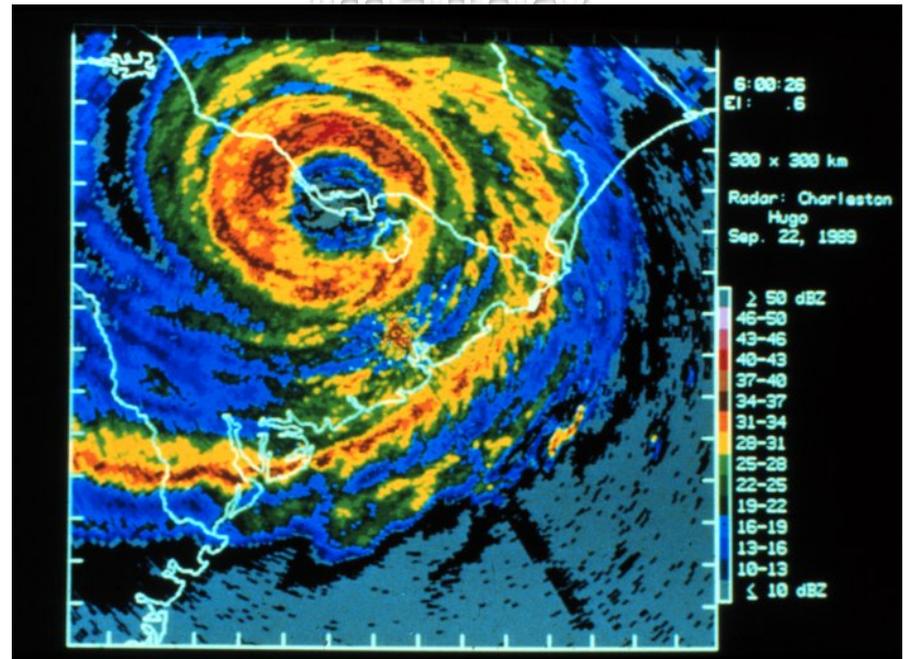
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Francis Marion Forest Plan

1996 Plan

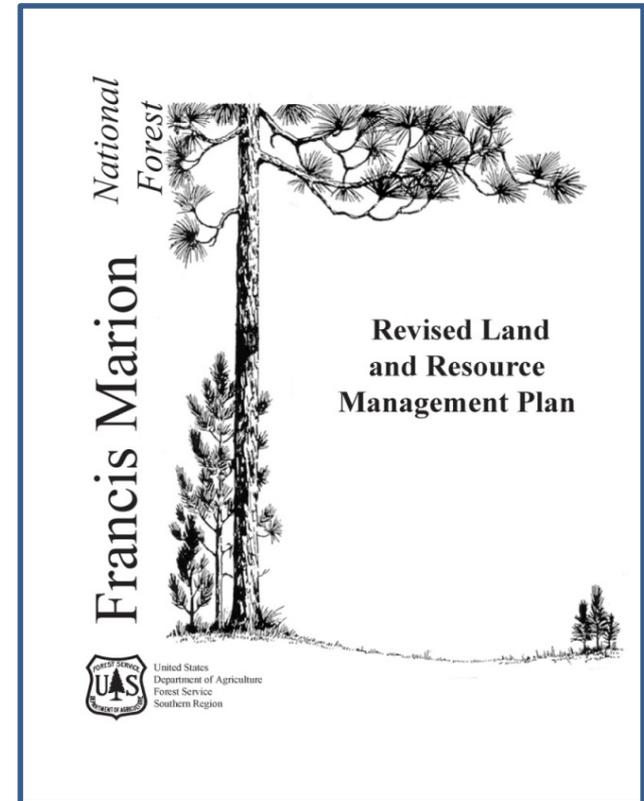
- **Hurricane Hugo hits SC in 1989**
- **Emphasis on recovery from the hurricane**

Hurricane Hugo



What is a Forest Plan?

- **Similar to a County Zoning Plan**
- **Desired Future Conditions**
- **Standards**
- **Objectives**
- **Management Areas**



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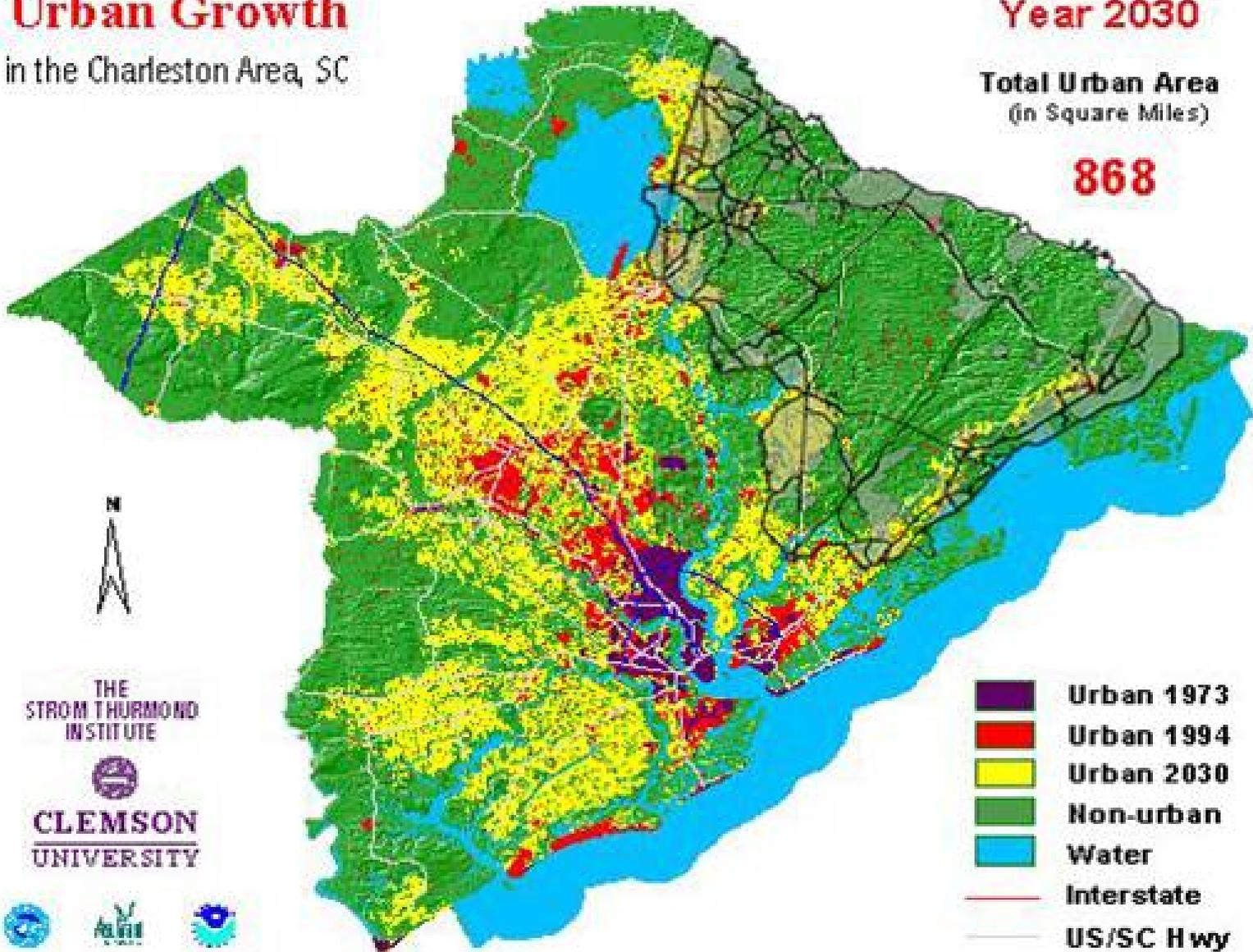
Urban Growth

in the Charleston Area, SC

Year 2030

Total Urban Area
(in Square Miles)

868



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Major Steps

- Involve Public**
- Gather Information**
- Draft Forest Plan**
- Analyze Effects**



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Upcoming Public Meetings

Thursday November 15

6 – 8 p.m.

St. James-Santee Elementary School Cafeteria
McClellanville

Tuesday December 4

Mt. Pleasant

Specific location TBD



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Ready to Start?

Today

Find out what is important to you

Identify interested publics

Break out into Groups

Four tables

20 minutes per table

Report back



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Vegetation Communities

Wildlife

Water

Lands

Connecting People to Nature

Soils

FOREST HEALTH

Land Cover

Scenery

Facilities

Timber

Ecosystem Services

Primary Forests

Special Uses

Minerals

Heritage Resources

Santee Experimental Forest

Geology

Ecological Disturbances

Carbon Cycling

Fire

Recreation

Social Analysis

Streams

Monitoring

Watersheds

Air

Carbon Stocks

Economics

Nutrient Cycling

Fish

Collaboration

Engineering

Roadless

Cultural Resources

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Invasive Species

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Riparian Areas

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Wilderness



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