

Working Together (Leaders: Fore and Morrison)

Key Contacts

Residents (Kathie Livingston can give contact)
SC Nature based tourism Assoc
Awendaw community outreach center -Betty Simons
Sewee to Santee Community Development Corp
Marcella Smalls McClellanville Townhall offices
SC PRT
Churches-AME

Potential Partnerships

Sewee long leaf conservation corp
Robbin Mackie and Larry Hayden
Working w/ USFS-good avenue to bring in partners for 12/4 mtg
Collette Degardy-Lead Jan/Feb-FM forest plan table
Russell Hubright-working groups w/across state to avoid duplicating efforts
Landowners within forest to facilitate P. burn-coop agreement to firelines
Hydrology is really critical
Charleston putting in new park

Outreach to Low income/minority

Low Country housing trust (low income)
Issue-running water lines across NF land to impact low income/minority
Blueway-Intracoastal waterway Army Corps of Engineers

Opportunities to Interact

Sewee visitor center
Awendaw/McClellenville town council mtg
Fire chiefs mtg
Charleston /Berkeley emergency mgmt meeting
SC DNR
Charleston county greenbelt
High density developments
Keep forest rural-will help
Keep our ability to P. burn
Tap into grant money to build new wells and septic systems rather than expect Town of Awendaw-we do not want another Mt Pleasant!!
City of Charleston-Joe Riley, Steve Livingston
Plantation owners-inholders and adjacent owners
Historical Society-McClellenville/SC
SC preservation society
SHIPO-Bob Morgan

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Sarveyon-David Huff (Steve Livingston)
Timber Purchases (Bill T)
College of Charleston
Citadel-Richard Porcher
Eat smart-move more-Charleston
Lets more outside (Michelle Obama)
Dennis Forsey the retired Citadel Orthrodot
SC department of transportation
8 trust agencies NOAA, TWS, ACOE, SC DNR
(manage and maintain natural resources)
ACOE (Phil Wolf)
SC Pres Fire council
School board/PTA
Pvt schools

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Stake holders
Elected officials-town of Awendaw, McClenllvile, Berkeley counties
Charleston Water system (Vonnie Gilaeaff)
BC DCOG executive director
low country open land trust
Charleston county parks and rec
Sewee Forum-Donely Foundation-Noel Thorn

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Stake Holders
SC WPS
Assoc of consulting foresters
Clemson Extn
Ecotourism business
Cape Romaine Charter Schools/Cr environmental charter school/ask John Dupre
Community Meeting
Local School-outreach to youth
Audubon Society-local chapters
Kitchen table climate study group-David Stoney
Sewee Association

Potential Partners

Sewee wildlife expo
Charleston greenfair (sept)
Earthday events (april)
Users-connect to FB sites for these groups:
Birds of prey center

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Blue crab festival (town of Awendaw, 1st Sat in Oct
Blessing of the Fleet (McClellenville)
CORRA newsletter-Awendaw center time trials/Sewee outposts coastal cyclists

Your free time (Leader: Cooper)

Questions for Table:

Your free time....
The forest is the only place I can go to....
My favorite places to recreate on the forest are....
I can go to these places because.....
If I could take one photo of the forest it would be....
My visits could be better if.....

Hear silence, get away from congestion
To see a natural spring
Ride trails in mtn bike
Learn about the ecosystem
Place to be away from people

Wambaw Ck, Awendaw Ck, Sewee Indian ruins, I'on swamp trail
Open long leaf pine savannah growing season grasses, pitcher plants walk and look
Awendaw passage starting at Awendaw carwe launch off post green
Exploring waterways in a kayak
Go to recenter, kayak and bike
To escape-likes being in natural area near urban center
Like to see places that look like they might have looked before European settlement
Like to kayak, hike, see nature, endangered species, and birding
Wambaw creek wilderness w/old growth cypress trees like it looked like pre-settlement.
Horseback ride also.
Not a lot of opportunity to take pics of open pine, except for Waterhorn
Love the marsh
Take pics of plants often overlooked
Open, long leaf w/grasses in the fall when sun going down.

Trouble finding where a trail starts and when its open
Directions are vague and hard to find. Can't mapquest trails...provide coordinates
Walk through an open forest-get sunburned
Grade the roads and stop squirrel hunting in Wambaw Ck (boats have been shot), get rid of dog hunting

Meditate-find microenvironments that are peaceful
Ideal to pursue all outdoor interrests close to home (kayak, birding, botanical, etc.)
A place to kayak, hike, mtn bike, birdwatch,

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To help clear your head 5 mins from home
A refuge from urbanization

Waterhorn
Small creeks/tributaries
Wambaw Creek area
Anywhere there is moisture, habitat variance

A treasure hunt
Remnants of Wythewood Plantation (historic, put yourself back in the 18th-19th centuries)
A place to get out-the experience, I'm working for a change of scenery
Enjoys the beauty of a year-round forest, looks different on different seasons-an unfolding drama....

Mature long leaf pine forest w/knee high grasses
Blackwater swamp in fall, yellow leaves, good smells

Violators of the law and abuse the forest
Gotten creepy, bodies dumped, don't feel safe alone, dumping on dead end roads
need more mtn biking opps
Less dog hunting because it's a violation of forest, difficult, rude, scary, they own the forest, tear up roads

Get away from people
Walk dog off leash
See great example of long leaf habitat and certain plant communities
A place to ramble cross-country and explore
Creeks and streams
Wambaw Creek kayaking
Battery Warren area
Walking through dry swamps (Santee swamps, Cedar Hill Island)
It's remote, center of big forest
Within an hour of Charleston your in the middle of a wilderness
See wildlife in remote places
Picture of ivory billed woodpecker, Carolina parakeet
From honey hill Tower and pics of swallow tailed kites
Views from a tower (birding, etc.)
Long leaf with diverse understory (40 species/square meter)
Bottomland hardwood forest on Cedar Hill Island among Cypress and sycamoyes

To many roads, close some, trash, illegal off road use
Less dog hunts around holidays (can't camp)

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Hike (a place)
Only place to ride ATVs (public place)
Hike around Awendaw, at Sewee Visitor Center, user created trail off of Dorr Rd that accesses El Donnelly Rd
Freedom to do what I want to do
OHV recreation
Awendaw passage of P.T.
Shell Ring
Wambaw Cycle trail
Charleston
Rifle range, Wambaw Creek
Unique places (Sewee shell ring)
Take groups out to enjoy Awendaw passage
Only place to go on an ATV, family time
Likes being outside
A place to challenge oneself, volunteer, meet people on Wambaw cycle trail
Scenic driving
Enjoyment and relaxation
Near Awendaw can launch looking over the marsh
A new beginners trail, Wambaw cycle, watching a kid ride a bike for the first time
Trails, trees, and outdoors
A tree on Awendaw passage-a huge oak tree on edge of marsh
Woodpecker w/long leaf pine in background (in flight)
If I knew more about what to do
If widened current Wambaw cycle trail and added more miles
More coordinations/connections/loops
More places like Sewee Outpost

Greatest Challenges/Greatest Opportunities (Leader: Purnell)

What are the greatest challenges/opportunities for the FMNF?

Maintaining trails in good condition
Providing potable water along some of the longer trails
Would like to know what the rec. opportunities are
Connecting NF facilities with the East Coast Greenway Trail
Balancing trail systems w/sensitive habitat systems
Coordination and conflicts between different uses/users & different entities/jurisdictions (Awendaw, EC Greenway, USFS)
Coordination and planning between different groups, agencies, and organizations
Coordinating trail uses between different users; ATV, horse, hikers, mtn bikers
Coordinating mgt activities w/ USFS and residential
Not getting shot on my own property (in NF)
Need to eliminate dog hunting (Adopt regs that dogs are vaccinated and collared)
Concern over hunting adjacent/co-mingled w/ other rec uses

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Opportunities for a lot more high quality recreation activities and experiences
Challenge/Opportunity: accomplish rx burning in context of urban growth/expansion
Integrating rx burning and fire suppression w/ support and cooperation of local communities
Too many hunters concentrated in some areas of the forest- Swamp Rd near Ion Swamp Trail
How much money does hunting bring in vs eco-tourism and other recreation
Fix our roads
Environmental education, esp rx burning
Population pressure and that effect on the ability to manage the forest
Balancing the need for management w/ public perception, context: need for rx burns and timber harvest for example
Continuing to manage the forest with the increasing number of users
Conflict of hunting w/all other recreational uses.
The health of the forest
Public pressure on the forest: litter, erosion
That public use of the forest not compromise the health and beauty of the forest
Profound need of rx burning on the forest
Need for education and the responsibilities that users have. Not just users, but also neighbors and the public at large
Challenge: need for and accomplish rx burns
Burning in the urban interface
Challenge is increasing human impacts and conflict between user groups
Need to designate some areas (Wambaw Cr) as paddle only
Opportunity: improving age class distribution in the forest, it has been 23 yrs since Hugo w/little/no regen.
Need for more conversion from Loblolly Pine to Longleaf Pine.
Use partners and partnership opportunities for longleaf pine restoration (to accomplish more)
Opportunity: to create a model for using rx fire in urban interface-before the interface grows even more
Use "Windy Fire" as an example of what happens when you don't get rx burns done
Challenge : public recognition of the value of this NF in their backyard

Special Lands and Waters (Leaders: Danaher and Peters)

Would love to see cross country opportunities for motorized vehicles like Hatfield-McCoy system that goes through several counties
Wambaw Cycle trail and horse trail important
All plants and animals are important
Would like to see more hardwoods
Love birds
Would be good to educate people more about long leaf pines
All of the hiking and water trails-Huger Ck, Santee River, Wambaw Ck
Biggest challenge is that there is increasing rec uses and need to manage the trails for all uses at all times
Wambaw Creek is for silence

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Awendaw passage is important-part of the Palmetto Trail and created to be a spine of other trails-so it's important to have that network

Really like the longleaf forest, easier to walk through and see

Areas that fire isn't being used in, and concerned about the adjacent communities. Concerned about losing the ecological communities

in areas not being burned

Native grasses, long leaf pine, pitcher plants, swamps, chaffseed, red-cockaded woodpeckers, fox squirrels, wild flowers/orchids, tupelo gum forests, restore wetlands, bird species, turtles, palmettos, raptors, swallow-tailed kites, black swamp snakes

All of the ecosystems like the Carolina Bay and Pine savannahs are so unique

Wetlands-protect the 17 corridor, more waterways, buy the developments next to the forest

Blue Springs important-all the aquatic insects and amphibians are important

What lands and water are important and why?

Chicken Creek, Echaw Creek-particularly beautiful, great paddling, diverse. Awendaw Creek is beautiful and rich in Indian history.

Cedar Hill islands-beautiful and bottomland forest spectacular

Wambaw creek wilderness- for Swallow tailed kites, Pine ridges in compartments like 116&169 because of their beauty

Guillard Lake- Dutart Creek is amazing oak/history, limestone outcroppings

Its all neat. Some areas like Hellhole wilderness because it is unique, bird diversity. Sandhills and Longleaf ridges are not

Longleaf savannahs/wetlands-focusing on rare elements like plants and element can be accomplished by managing unique habitats

Pitcher plants habitats are important

Waterhorn/North Hampton interresting-212D area is really neat area.

Northside of old Georgetown Rd is important to focus on, cultural importance, Hampton P Foundation

Palmetto Trail is important

Indian shell rings/mounds-prehistoric sites, should be more accessible and more interpretation so public can learn about them

The forest hasn't always been forest-should be interpreted about how the forest came to be, what transitions took place-Kinsey Motorway

for instance. Better ways for people to learn about the history.

Wambaw cycle trail-would like to see expanded, it's the only place near by that you can ride on.

Important economically. Maintaining

trail can limit illegal riding on the FM

Wish there was more diversity on the Wambaw Cycle trail, its all sand-not made evenly for UTWs and even too narrow for newer ATVs

Are there other areas of the forest that you find interesting ? Which ones and why?

(Management ideas/concerns)

Issues with shooting on roads, Letticoe

Issues with safety-concerned w/ crime, dog hunting on non dog hunting days

Thinks that there are a lot of roads that just need to be closed restored/revegetated because of dumping and damage

Fire should be used as a management tool over mechanical

Bad wild fire on Germantown is ex of why its important to burn

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Need to establish

What lands and waters are important to you on the FM? Why?

Waterhorn-enjoys to hunt-the edges are really important for the butterflies. Glad that the FS Woodcock hunting, out on the forest 4-5 days a week.

The forest is a treasure. Hogs are being invasive.

The forest is a treasure of plants, species that grow here and nowhere else. Issues w/mowing and timing of mowing, need to let land do what it wants to do.

Love coming to the forest days after the burns and the effects are wonderful

Little concerned about the spatial arrangement of burns in areas like Wambaw and what it might do to the butterflies

Need fire, don't need hogs. Spectacular area for birds.

Every inch of the forest is important. Let's identify areas that are vulnerable and need help.

Analyze those sensitive areas-RCWs, wildflowers,

Wetlands, Carolina Bays, and don't bring attention to them.

Wish there was better interpretation for areas like RCWs.

Every inch of the forest is important, feels there could be better info.

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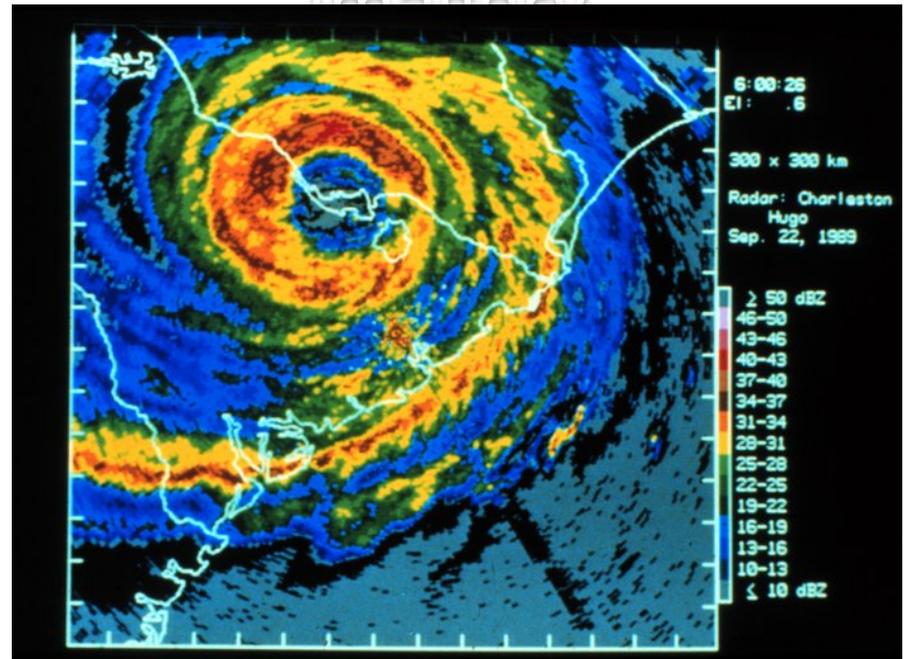
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1996 Plan

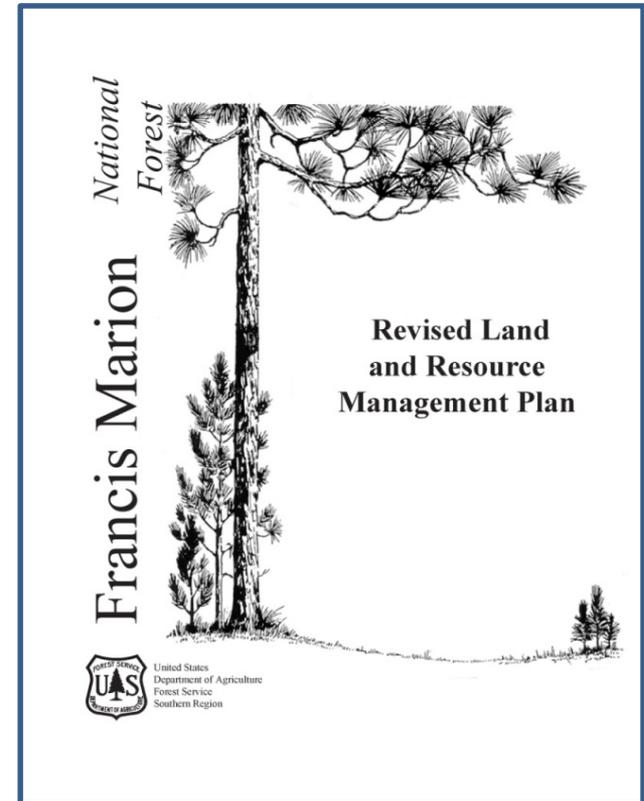
- **Hurricane Hugo hits SC in 1989**
- **Emphasis on recovery from the hurricane**

Hurricane Hugo



What is a Forest Plan?

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



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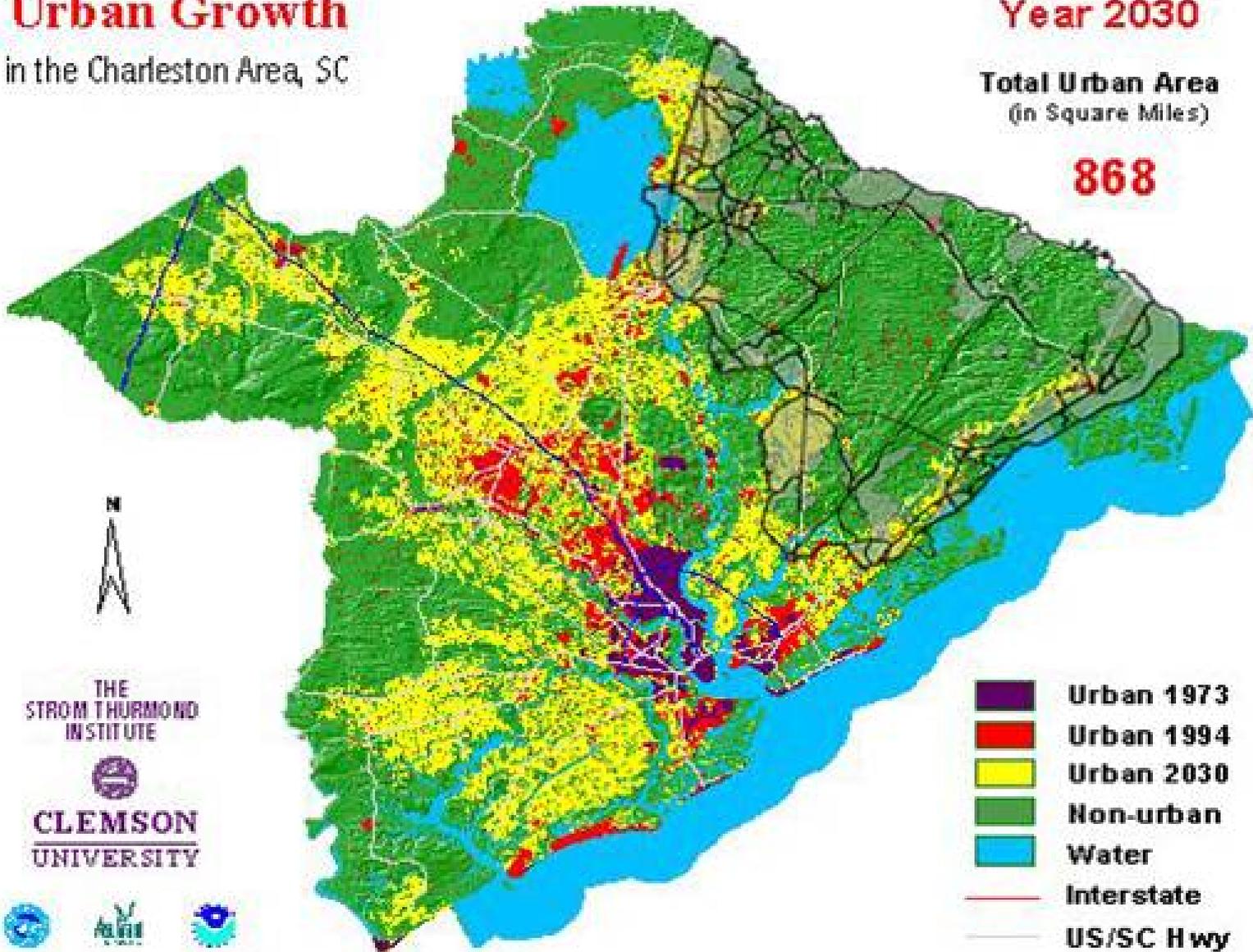
Urban Growth

in the Charleston Area, SC

Year 2030

Total Urban Area
(in Square Miles)

868



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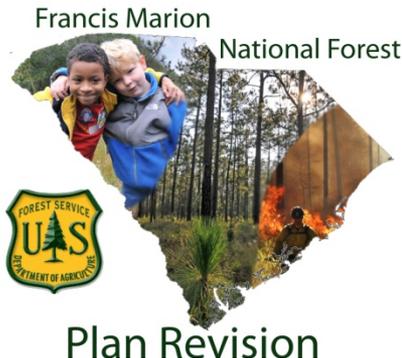
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Major Steps

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



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Upcoming Public Meeting

Tuesday December 4;

12 noon to 3 pm

Mt. Pleasant Visitor Center
Waterfront Memorial Park,
99 Harry Hallman, Jr. Blvd
Mt. Pleasant, SC

postponed



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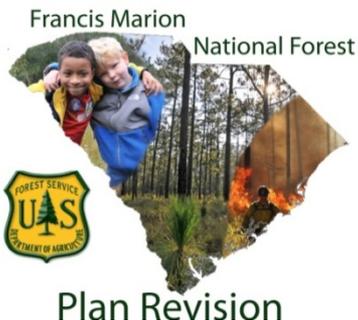
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Ready to Start?

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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