



Awendaw Passage Trail- Closure Information

Francis Marion National Forest

- **Closure timeframes**
 - **Treatment window**
 - The Francis Marion National Forest may conduct prescribed fire operations in this area anytime between March 12, 2015 and June 30, 2015. Due to dynamic weather and fuels conditions, it may be difficult to accurately predict the specific day operations will begin. Due to these circumstances advanced notification of subsequent trail closures may be difficult to achieve.
 - **Closure length**
 - Though Awendaw Passage Trail may be closed for undetermined number days following prescribed fire operations, a two to three day closure can be expected.

- **Description of closure area**
 - The Awendaw Passage Trail will be closed between the Buck Hall Recreation Area trailhead and Awendaw Canoe Launch trailhead.

- **Prescribed fire objectives/goals**
 - Reduce fuel accumulation to protect national forest land and private property from the effects of catastrophic wildfire.
 - Improve wildlife habitat for a variety of species including the endangered Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, deer and turkey.
 - Mitigate the spread of non-native, fire intolerant vegetation
 - Allow fire to play its natural role in the maintenance and preservation of Southern pine ecosystems.

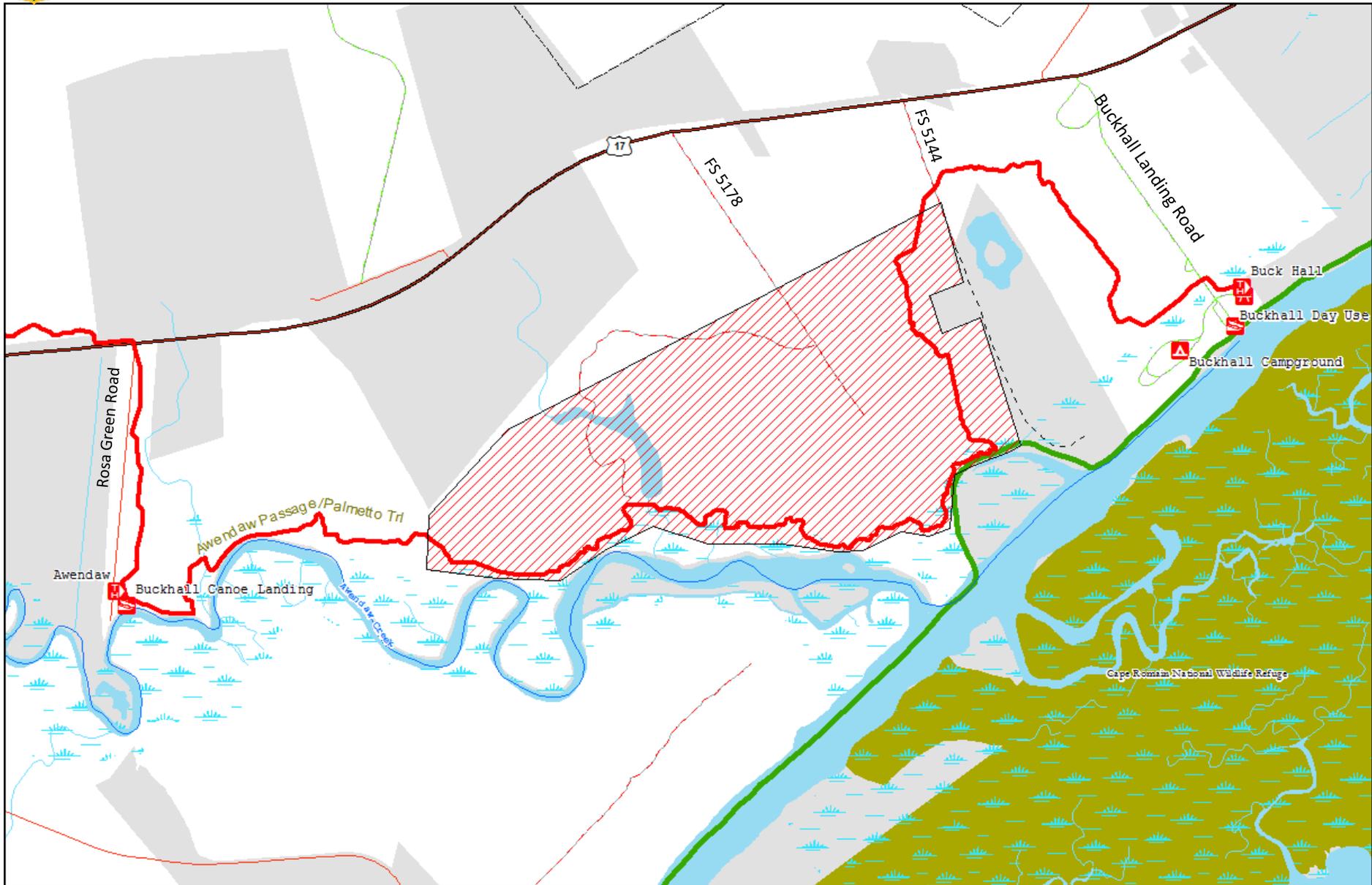
- **For information regarding possible trail closures contact the following**
 - Sewee Visitor Center- 843-928-3368
 - Hours- Wednesday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Francis Marion Ranger District- 843-336-3248
 - Hours- Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- **Other available trail options**
 - Area trails include: I'on Swamp, Sewee Shell Mound, South Tibwin, Swamp Fox
 - See attached map for alternative trail options



Prescribed Fire Notification Map

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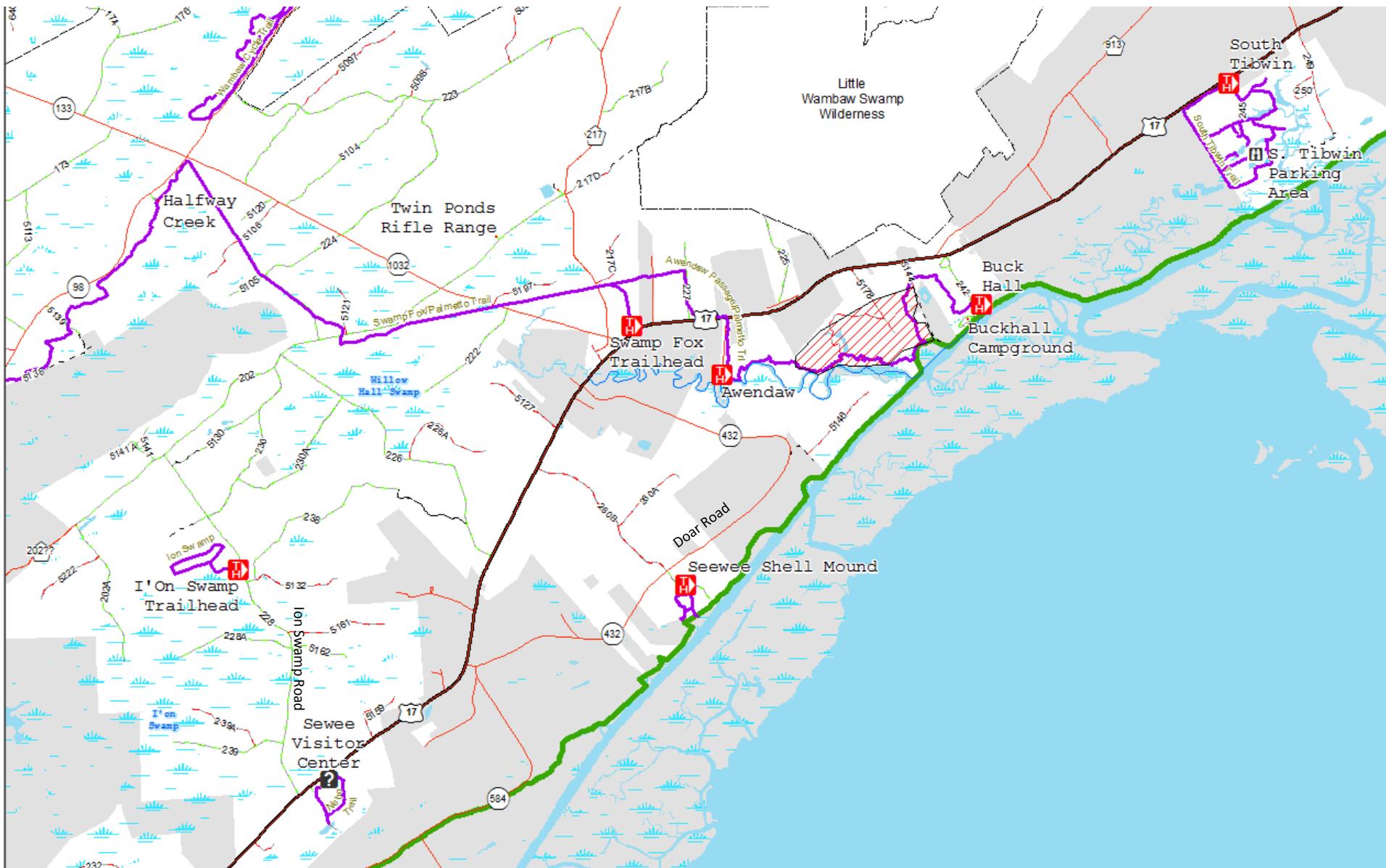
Proposed prescribed fire treatment area





Area Trail System

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