Legal Notice USDA Forest Service FRANCIS MARION NATIONAL FOREST Draft Land and Resource Management Plan 90-Day Comment Period

The USDA Forest Service announces the release of the draft Land Management Plan (Forest Plan) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Francis Marion National Forest. The Responsible Official is John "Rick" Lint, Forest Supervisor, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest. The draft Forest Plan will guide management activities on nearly 260,000 acres of national forest system lands in South Carolina for the next 10 to 15 years. Publication of the Notice of Availability of the DEIS in the Federal Register initiates a public comment period on the draft Forest Plan and DEIS that will end 90 days from the date of publication of the notice in the Federal Register. The draft Forest Plan is the result of a collaborative effort between National Forest managers, partner agencies, conservation organizations, and interested members of the public. The draft Forest Plan and its associated DEIS are available on-line at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/scnfs/fmplan. Throughout the 90-day comment period on the draft Forest Plan and DEIS, comments can be submitted to: https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=40695. Comments can also be mailed to: Francis Marion Plan Revision, 4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29212. To view submitted comments go to the Public Reading Room: https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/ReadingRoom?project=40695. It is important to note that written comments are required to establish standing for the objection process.