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USDA FOREST SERVICE ANNOUNCES SECOND SUMMER FEE-FREE DAY

(Columbia SC)- The USDA Forest Service announced September 24 as its second fee-free day of the 2011 summer season. In honor of National Public Lands Day, fees will be waived at all day-use fee sites operated by the USDA Forest Service.

“Fee-free days offer the public an opportunity and incentive to experience scenic areas and recreational activities they might not have explored before,” said Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests Forest Supervisor Paul Bradley. “It’s a great way to introduce newcomers to the variety of recreational opportunities on the forests, as well as a way to thank our regular visitors for their continued enthusiasm and support.”

The Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests will waive all day-use fees (including motorized trails) at recreation sites and trails.

Use fees are not charged for 98 percent of national forests and grasslands. More than two-thirds of developed recreation sites can be enjoyed for free. The fees charged for popular day use areas are critical to their maintenance, upkeep and patrol.

The USDA Forest Service will also offer a fee-free weekend, November 11-13, 2011, to honor Veterans' Day.

For more information on the national forests in South Carolina, please visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnfs>.

For more information on the Weeks Act Centennial Celebration, please visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/weeksact>.

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