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## **US FOREST SERVICE ANNOUNCES MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., FEE FREE WEEKEND**

(Columbia, S.C.) The U.S. Forest Service officials announced today that the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests will waive day-use fees charged at recreation sites and trails Jan. 14-16, 2012 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. This is a new fee waiver event. Fees associated with other recreational activities, such as camping and motorized trails are not waived.

In announcing the waiver, Forest Supervisor Paul Bradley said, “This an excellent time for Americans to discover all the wonderful opportunities their national forests in South Carolina have to offer.”

The national forests in South Carolina stretch across the state from Walhalla to McClellanville and offer a variety of nature-based recreational opportunities such as hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, horseback riding, off-highway vehicle and motorcycle trail riding, boating, hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking, birding – or simply enjoying the scenery.

For more information about recreation opportunities on the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests, visit our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnfs> or call (803) 561-4000.

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