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Comments:

First, let me say that I am glad to see that you plan to increase control burns in the Francis Marion Nat'l Forest (FMNF). It will bring many benefits to its ecosystem. I would like to see a posting of the burn schedule posted online, so that people can avoid making plans for an area to be burned. This is a safety issue.

I would like to encourage the USFS to acquire most, if not all, inholdings in the FMNF, regardless if they are environmentally valuable. Eliminate as many property lines (land-owners) as possible to aid in management of the Francis Marion.

I would also like to see that hunters have the ability (via permit?) to hunt feral hogs at night, year-round, and with any weapon. The USFS needs to press this issue with SCDNR. Current regulations have created an oasis for feral hogs.

I would also like to request that the USFS consider allowing private individuals & organizations to contribute to the planting of wildlife plots in the FMNF. SCDNR/USFS' budget is inadequate to plant the many fields in the FMNF. And to have only one man to do all the planting is insane. Please consider allowing a farmer to plow & plant a field(s) under the supervision of the SCDNR/USFS. Or allow individuals & organizations contribute funds to the planting program. It would enhance wildlife populations as well as the outdoor experience for its users.