



File Code: 2720
Date: June 28, 2022

Dear Interested Parties:

The Francis Marion & Sumter National Forests are evaluating requests to authorize Temporary Special Use Permits to the organizations listed below:

Applicant	Requested Use	Number of Service Days
Daniels Discovery Tours	Wade Fishing, Hiking, Camping	50
Southern Outlaw Adventures	Wade Fishing	50

I am seeking comments on this proposal.

Proposed Action

Daniels Discovery Tours and Southern Outlaw Adventures are requesting Temporary Special Use Permits (50 Service Days) for fly fishing, hiking, and camping outfitter and guiding services on the Sumter National Forest, Andrew Pickens Ranger District. Proposed outfitter and guiding services would take place in and/or using the following areas or resources on the Andrew Pickens Ranger District (APRD): any National Forest System trails and roads available for public use located outside of the Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area boundary, the Chattooga River downstream of this boundary, and along the Chauga River. The proposed permits would not authorize use of any sort within the boundary of Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area, including uses on the East Fork of the Chattooga River/East Fork Trail, Fork Mountain Trail, Spoonauger Falls, and the Chattooga River/Chattooga River Trail within the wilderness boundary located immediately upstream of Burrell’s Ford Bridge, as well as any tributaries located within this boundary.

Environmental Analysis

In accordance with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and Forest Service NEPA regulations, it appears that this project may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The applicable category of actions is: “Issuance of a new authorization or amendment of an existing authorization for recreation special uses that occur on existing roads or trails, in existing facilities, in existing recreation sites, or in areas where such activities are allowed” 36 CFR 220.6(d)(12).



How to Comment

To allow for timely consideration of comments, your comments must be postmarked or received by July 27, 2022. Comments may be submitted electronically, in a common digital format, to SM.FS.r8fmssocom@usda.gov or may be mailed to:

Howard Morrison
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Andrew Pickens Ranger District
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Please note the name of the project [i.e. FY22 Andrew Pickens Fly Fishing Outfitter Guides] in your comments and in the subject line when sending electronic comments and include the following information:

- Your name, address, and telephone number
- Specific facts or comments along with supporting reasons you believe the responsible official should consider in making a decision.

It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment will be considered part of the public record for the proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

For additional information, please contact Howard Morrison, 864-638-4463 or via email at howard.morrison@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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Signed by: ROBERT SITZLAR

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