

March 25, 1998

Mr. Glen Stapleton  
District Ranger Office  
U. S. Forest Service  
South Pinckney Street  
McClellanville, SC 29458

Re: Proposed rail right of way -- Francis Marion National Forest

Dear Mr. Stapleton:

As you are aware the South Carolina State Ports Authority is in the process of securing a rail right of way to serve its proposed marine cargo terminal to be located on Daniel Island. Routing of the right of way is proposed through the Francis Marion National Forest to connect with the East Cooper & Berkeley Railroad.

The South Carolina State Ports Authority requests the National Forest Service to consider a fee simple exchange of property within the Forest to be used as right of way for suitable property outside the Forest to be acquired by the Authority and made part of the Forest. Such exchange would be contingent upon final permitting of the proposed rail route.

If an exchange is an option please advise how we should proceed.

Sincerely,

Joe Bryant