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Congress OKs Lake Study

WASHINGTON – Congress has authorized a study of a proposed 5,500 acre lake in the Sumter National Forest in Union County, according to U.S. Reps. John Spratt (D-SC) and Jim DeMint (R-SC) who sought the report.

The lawmakers said the House transportation committee last week passed a resolution authorizing the Army Corps of Engineers to examine the proposed lake's potential for drinking water, recreation, and economic development. The study is a required first step in securing federal funding for the project.

If built, the proposed lake, fed by the Tyger River, would come close to Whitmire.

"A lot of folks would welcome this lake," said Spratt. "In addition to serving as a water source, it would bring fishing, boating, and residential development. I'm pleased to join Jim DeMint in moving this project forward, though this is just the first of many steps before this project becomes a reality."

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