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**SEDIMENT SURVEY OF LAKE GREENWOOD  
TO BE CONDUCTED**

Upstate Forever, the Foothills Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, and the Ninety Six District RC&D Council announced today that they will conduct a sediment survey of Lake Greenwood upstream of the Highway 221 bridge. This section, which consists of approximately 6,000 acres, represents about 40 per cent of the entire lake.

"This project will provide extremely useful and valuable information on the amount of sediment in Lake Greenwood and the rate at which sedimentation continues to take place," said Jimmy Sanders, Coordinator of the Ninety Six District RC&D Council. "As a result of the study, we should be able to make a reasonably accurate prediction of the 'life expectancy' of the upper section of the lake."

Brad Wyche, Executive Director of Upstate Forever, said, "The Greenville area has been having it both ways for a long time—it takes clean water out of the mountains but then sends a lot of polluted water and sediment to Lake Greenwood. The lake is now suffering the consequences, and there are limits to how much it can take. This study will give us some real insights into what those limits are for sediment."

The work is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 15, 2002 and will take that entire week to complete. It will be performed primarily by Dr. Jim Doolittle, a soil scientist with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Radnor, Pennsylvania, and Kim Kroeger, a geologist with the USDA office in Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. Doolittle and Mr. Kroeger are nationally recognized experts in the ground penetrating radar technology that is used on projects of this nature. They were the project leaders on all five sediment surveys that have been done on other lakes in South Carolina as well as on numerous other lakes throughout the country.

Upstate Forever is a non-profit membership based organization promoting sensible growth and protecting special places in the upstate region of South Carolina. One of their main objectives is improving the condition of the region's lakes and rivers. One half of the cost of the study is funded by a grant from the V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation.

The Foothills and Ninety Six District RC&D Councils are non-profit organizations promoting the protection and restoration of the soil and water resources in their respective areas. The study is also strongly supported by the Upper Savannah Land Trust, which administers and manages a land trust program in Greenwood, Abbeville, Laurens, Saluda, Edgefield, and McCormick Counties.

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