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## **Environmental Leadership**

*The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.*

### **Wilderness Trail Management: Using Traditional Tools**

Location: Cedar Creek Canoe Trail, Hopkins, South Carolina  
Partner(s): Friends of Congaree Swamp, U.S. Forest Service  
Partner Website:  
Total Cost: \$5,000  
Proposal # PMIS# 137492

**Summary:** This project will provide traditional tools and training for Congaree National Park Canoe Trail Maintenance staff. The majority of Congaree National Park is designated Wilderness, and Cedar Creek Canoe Trail is one of the park's most popular trails through the wilderness. Each year the trail must be cleared of downed trees from storms. The 1964 Wilderness Act mandates that motorized equipment should not be used for trail maintenance in wilderness areas. Traditional tools and appropriate training will allow Congaree National Park staff to accomplish canoe trail clearing while maintaining primary wilderness values.

Demonstrations and visitor interpretive/education programs relating to traditional tool use and wilderness values will allow Congaree National Park to share with NPS visitors the message of appropriate activities for wilderness management.

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