Table Rock could get trail improvements

State is seeking federal funds to cover work at local park

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Table Rock State Park's trail system is one of a dozen projects across the state selected for improvement through possible funds from the federal Recreational Trail Program.

The 12 have been recommended for federal grants by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, according to a press statement from the state agency.

The 12 projects total more than $784,000.

The Recreational Trails Program is part of the Federal Highway Administration, with the money targeted toward construction of new trails, improvement of existing trails, the development and improvement of trailhead or trailside facilities and the acquisition of corridors for public recreation.

The grants are provided on an 80-20 reimbursable match.

Table Rock, located off State 11 in northern Pickens County, includes around 16 miles of trails within the park's boundary.

In neighboring Greenville County, the Conestee Foundation hopes to receive funding through the program for the third phase of a trail system at Lake Conestee Nature Park.

Also, the city of Fountain Inn hopes to receive funding for its recreational greenway project.

All of the state projects are awaiting final approval from the Federal Highway Administration.

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A lone hiker walks on one of the trails at Table Rock State Park. FILE PHOTO