

ITEM 6:

Consider a request to remove approximately 1.27 acres from the boundary of the Bombing Range Ridge Florida Forever Project.

LOCATION:

Polk County

DSL STAFF REMARKS:

Christopher Rocheford was granted one lot totaling 1.27 acres in Polk County via Quitclaim Deed on March 15, 2017. The land had been included in the design of the Bombing Range Ridge Florida Forever project. The owner submitted a certified letter to DSL requesting removal of their property from the project. The property contains no improvements and supports disturbed dry prairie that may function as semi-improved pasture. A narrow unpaved road separates the tract from the adjacent wetland and many off-road vehicle tracks are conspicuous in aerial photography.

The Bombing Range Ridge project was added to the Conservation and Recreation Lands priority list in 1998. The purpose of the project is to protect a corridor of flatwoods, marshes, swamps, hammocks, and scrub that connects Avon Park Air Force Range, with adjacent state-owned conservation lands. The project currently includes 46,221 acres of which 28,480 remain to be acquired. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Forest Service manage the project except for 540 acres adjacent to Rosalie Creek that is managed by the Division of Recreation and Parks. The South Florida Water Management District, The Nature Conservancy, United States Air Force, and Polk County have acquired and manage lands that are within or adjacent to the project boundary.

Pursuant to Rule 18-24.005(5)(a) and 18-24.007(2), F. A. C., ARC shall delete property from a Florida Forever project boundary if a landowner requests to do so by a certified letter. ARC may recommend that the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (BOT) add such property back into the project boundary, if appropriate. Pursuant to Section 259.105(7)(b)2, Florida Statutes, the BOT has the option of adding this property back into the project boundary if the BOT determines that the property is critical to achieve the purposes of the project.

DSL STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Vote to accept the owner-requested deletion.

ARC RECOMMENDATION:

() ACCEPT OWNER-REQUESTED DELETION

() ACCEPT OWNER-REQUESTED DELETION AND RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADD OWNER-REQUESTED DELETION BACK INTO THE PROJECT BOUNDARY

Project	DHR	FFS	Lynetta Griner	FWC	Bill Palmer	Elva Peppers	DEP	Selected
Bombing Range Ridge								

Parcels to be deleted from the boundary: Polk County Property Appraiser

Parcel Id	Acres	Tax Value	Market Value
31-32-24-000000-0033100	1.27	\$636.00	\$636.00
Totals	1.27	\$636.00	\$636.00



To: Deborah Burr, DEP/ Office of Environmental Services
From: Dale Jackson, FNAI
Date: January 13, 2021
Subject: Proposed boundary modification (deletion) to Bombing Range Ridge Florida Forever BOT Project – Rocheford property, Polk County

The Goal of the Bombing Range Ridge (BRR) Florida Forever Project is to conserve and protect significant and dwindling habitat for native species characteristic of Florida’s heartland. A secondary goal is to enhance natural-resource based recreation, including adding to the Florida National Scenic Trail system. The Rocheford property proposed for deletion is situated near the southern end of BRR ca. 95 m east of its border with Avon Park Air Force Range. Relative to the project, the property is very small, ca. 1.5 acres (roughly a 100 m x 50 m rectangle).

The parcel, which lies immediately south of an isolated wetland (depression marsh), supports disturbed dry prairie that may function as semi-improved pasture. A narrow unpaved road separates the tract from the depression marsh. Many off-road vehicle tracks are conspicuous in aerial photography.

FNAI has no specific rare species records for the property, although some species, such as Florida sandhill crane, may potentially forage there.

As summarized in the accompanying Florida Forever Measures Evaluation (FFME), the tract contributes to Ecological Greenways, Under-represented Natural Communities, Surface Water Protection, and Aquifer Recharge. However, because of its very small size, these contributions are minimal.



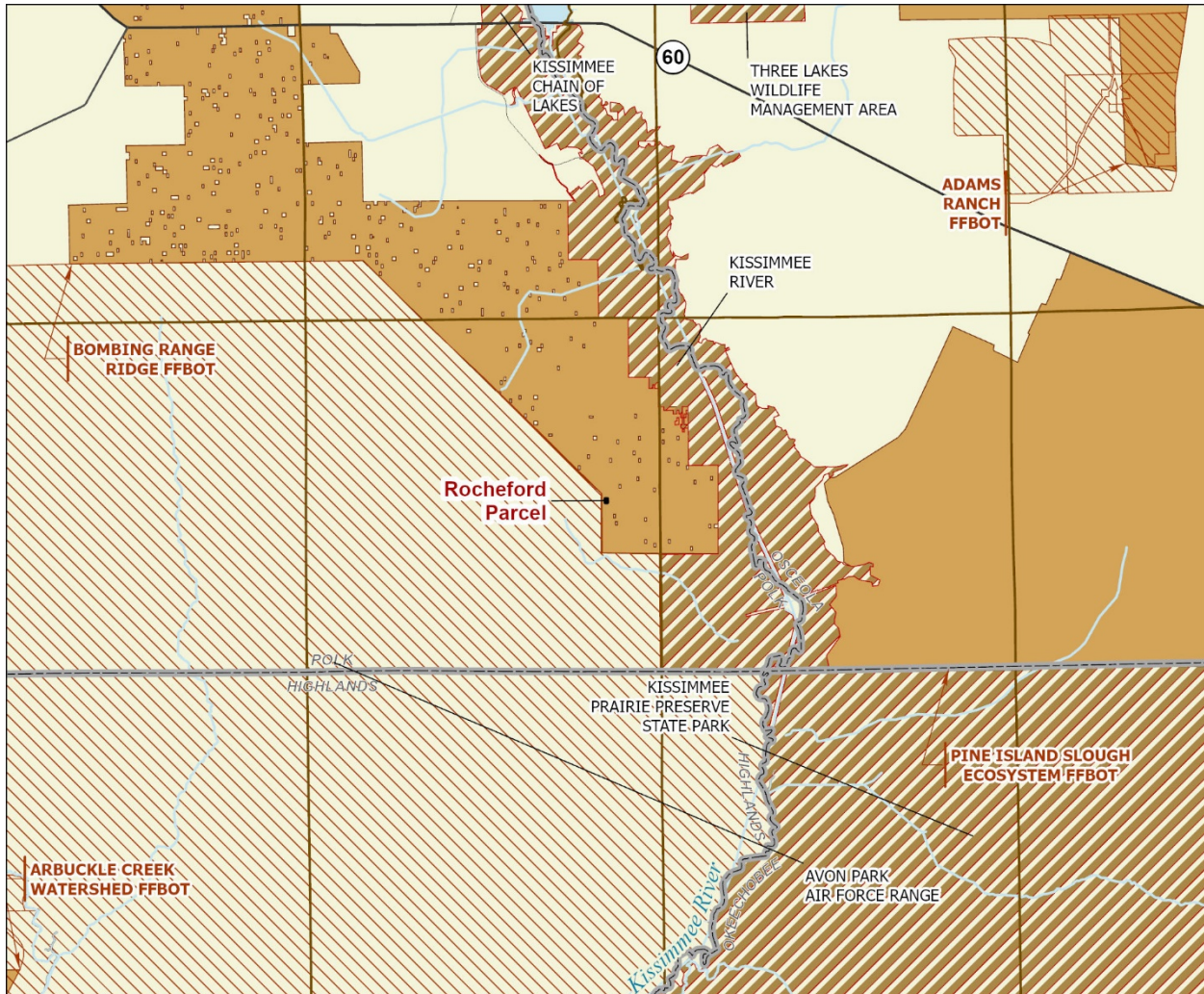
Bombing Range Ridge Deletion (Rocheford): Florida Forever Measure Evaluation 20210111

GIS ACRES = 1.56

MEASURES	Resource Acres ^a	% of project
B1: Strategic Habitat Conservation Areas		
Priority 1	0.00	0%
Priority 2	1.56	100%
Priority 3	0.00	0%
Priority 4	0.00	0%
Priority 5	0.00	0%
Total Acres	1.56	100%
B2: FNAI Habitat Conservation Priorities		
Priority 1	0.00	0%
Priority 2	0.00	0%
Priority 3	0.00	0%
Priority 4	1.56	100%
Priority 5	0.00	0%
Priority 6	0.00	0%
Total Acres	1.56	100%
B3: Ecological Greenways		
Priority 1	1.56	100%
Priority 2	0.00	0%
Priority 3	0.00	0%
Priority 4	0.00	0%
Priority 5	0.00	0%
Priority 6	0.00	0%
Total Acres	1.56	100%
B4: Under-represented Natural Communities		
Upland Glade (G1)	0.00	0%
Pine Rockland (G1)	0.00	0%
Scrub and Scrubby Flatwoods (G2)	0.00	0%
Rockland Hammock (G2)	0.00	0%
Dry Prairie (G2)	1.56	100%
Seepage Slope (G2)	0.00	0%
Sandhill (G3)	0.00	0%
Sandhill Upland Lake (G3)	0.00	0%
Upland Pine (G3)	0.00	0%
Mesic/Wet Flatwoods (G4)	0.00	0%
Upland Hardwood Forest (G5)	0.00	0%
Total Acres	1.56	100%
B6: Occurrences of FNAI Tracked Species		
G1	0	
G2	0	
G3	0	
G4	0	
G5	0	
Total	0	
C4: Natural Floodplain Function		
Priority 1	0.06	4%
Priority 2	0.00	0%
Priority 3	0.00	0%
Priority 4	0.00	0%
Priority 5	0.00	0%
Priority 6	0.00	0%
Total Acres	0.06	4%

MEASURES (continued)	Resource Acres ^a	% of project
C5: Surface Water Protection		
Priority 1	0.00	0%
Priority 2	0.00	0%
Priority 3	0.00	0%
Priority 4	1.56	100%
Priority 5	0.00	0%
Priority 6	0.00	0%
Priority 7	0.00	0%
Total Acres	1.56	100%
C7: Fragile Coastal Resources		
Fragile Coastal Uplands	0.00	0%
Imperiled Coastal Lakes	0.00	0%
Coastal Wetlands	0.00	0%
Total Acres	0.00	0%
C8: Functional Wetlands		
Priority 1	0.00	0%
Priority 2	0.00	0%
Priority 3	0.00	0%
Priority 4	0.00	0%
Priority 5	0.00	0%
Priority 6	0.00	0%
Total Acres	0.00	0%
D3: Aquifer Recharge		
Priority 1	0.00	0%
Priority 2	0.00	0%
Priority 3	1.56	100%
Priority 4	0.00	0%
Priority 5	0.00	0%
Priority 6	0.00	0%
Total Acres	1.56	100%
E2: Recreational Trails (miles)		
<small>(prioritized trail opportunities from Office of Greenways and Trails & Univ. Florida)</small>		
Land Trail Priorities	0.0	
Land Trail Opportunities	0.0	
Total Miles	0.0	
F2: Arch. & Historical Sites (number)		
	0 sites	
G1: Sustainable Forestry		
Priority 1	0.00	0%
Priority 2	0.00	0%
Priority 3	0.00	0%
Priority 4	0.00	0%
Priority 5 - Potential Pinelands	0.00	0%
Total Acres	0.00	0%
G3: Forestland for Recharge		
	0.00	0%

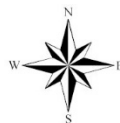
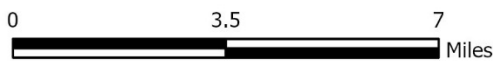
^aAcres of each resource in the project and percentage of project represented by each resource are listed except where noted. This analysis converts site boundary into pixels, which causes slight differences from GIS acres; this effect is most noticeable on small sites.



BOMBING RANGE RIDGE PROPOSED DELETION (ROCHFORD)

POLK COUNTY

- Proposed Florida Forever BOT Project Deletion
- Florida Forever BOT Projects
- State Owned Lands
- Other Conservation Lands



Bombing Range Ridge Proposed Deletion (Rocheford)

FLORIDA FOREVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROJECT PROPOSAL BOUNDARY AS OF JANUARY 2021



Map Produced by: N. Pasco, January 2021

Background: World Imagery Resolution = 0.3 meter



	Florida Forever Proposal Boundary
	Florida Forever BOT Projects
	Existing Federal Conservation Lands

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