

**Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service**

**Land Management Plan Amendment**  
**to the**  
**Lake Wales Ridge State Forest Ten-Year Land Management Plan**

March 3, 2021

The Florida Forest Service (FFS) is requesting ARC approval of a Land Management Plan Amendment to the Lake Wales Ridge State Forest (LWRSF) Ten-Year Land Management Plan. The FFS plans to construct a new pole barn at the LWRSF shop on the Walk-in-the-Water (WIW) Tract. The FFS-managed LWRSF is an approximately 26,700-acre, multiple-use state forest, located in Polk County. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (BOT) hold title to the affected portion of the state forest.

The pole barn's planned constructed dimensions are 32 feet by 42 feet, totaling 1,344 square feet, with a 26-gauge forest green metal roof, and 8 inch by 8 inch wooden posts for support. This pole barn will be used by FFS staff at LWRSF to store equipment used in fire response and land management activities.

FFS staff and a certified archaeological resource monitor (ARM) surveyed the proposed site areas for threatened or endangered species and possible historical and/or archaeological evidence. They concluded no known archeological sites occur in the project area, as well as, no evidence of threatened or endangered species were observed at the project site vicinity.

FFS additionally consulted with the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI), the Division of Historic Resources (DHR), and Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) regarding the proposed activities; there are no resource conflicts or permits required. Consulting agency (FNAI, DHR, SWFWMD) response letters are included with this request, as are other applicable supporting documents.



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To: Todd Knapp

From: Dan, Hipes, Director, FNAI

Date: November, 12, 2020

RE: Proposed Pole Barn Construction at Lake Wales Ridge State Forest

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We have reviewed the materials for the proposed pole barn construction at Lake Wales Ridge State Forest. There are no records in the FNAI database for rare species at the specific location of the project. The plan avoids disturbance to natural systems. We see no conflicts with any resources of concern.

Thank you for the review request.



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Mr. Todd Knapp  
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November 12, 2020

RE: DHR Project File No.: 2020-6682 / Florida Forest Service  
Project: Purchase and construct a pole barn for equipment storage in the  
Lake Wales Ridge State Forest Headquarters Shop area  
Walk in The Water Tract, Lake Wales Ridge State Forest, Polk County.

Dear Mr. Knapp:

Our office reviewed the referenced project in accordance with Chapter 267, *Florida Statutes*, and implementing state regulations, for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value.

Based on the information provided, it is the opinion of this office that the proposed project will have no effect on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places. However, since the project includes ground disturbance, the following special condition regarding unexpected discoveries should be followed during project activities:

- If prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, projectile points, dugout canoes, metal implements, historic building materials, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American, early European, or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the vicinity of the discovery. The applicant shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section at (850)-245-6333. Project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, Florida Statutes.

For any questions concerning our comments, please contact Robin Jackson, Historic Preservationist, Compliance and Review, by electronic mail at [robin.jackson@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:robin.jackson@dos.myflorida.com), or at 850.245.6496, or 800.847.7278.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer

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Executive Director

December 17, 2020

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Ground Disturbance Approval for Pole Barn at Lake Wales Ridge State Forest Shop Area:

Dear Mr. Knapp:

On November 4, 2020 you requested water management permit requirements or exemptions for the construction of a 32' wide, 42' long, 10' height pole barn for equipment storage in the Lake Wales Ridge State Forest Headquarters Shop area.

Your request was reviewed by a Compliance Staff Engineer within the Environmental Resource Permit Bureau. The project meets the exemption criteria of rule 62-330.020(2) since the impervious cover will be less than 9,000 sf. A permit is not required for this activity.

If you require additional information you can contact me at [Kawika.Bailey@swfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:Kawika.Bailey@swfwmd.state.fl.us) or 813-985-7481 ext: 6513.

Sincerely,

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KB:kb  
cc: Chris Reed, Land Management Manager

STR:  
Section - 31, Township 26, Range 28

Lake Wales Ridge State Forest  
Walk In Water tract  
FCO PROJECTS  
2020-2021 FY  
Legend



- ◆ Install 1 Pole Barn
- LWRSF Shop - Storage for Fire Equipment

0 0.01 0.02 0.04  
Miles

State Forest Boundary

New Pole Barn Location

LWRSF SHOP

Pole Barns - 2 Existing

LWRSF HQ

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SITE PICS FOR CURRENT SITE:



NORTH



SOUTH





EAST



WEST

