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## Memorandum

- TO: James Parker Office of Environmental Services Division of State Lands
- FROM: John McKenzie, Planning Manager Office of Park Planning Division of Recreation and Parks
- SUBJECT: Dunns Creek State Park (Lease No. 4345) Optimum Boundary Map Amendment
- DATE: May 22, 2023

Attached is a revised optimum boundary map for Dunns Creek State Park intended as an amendment to the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 approved unit management plan. This amendment is submitted to OES for ARC review by negative response.

Acquisition of any combination or sum of the identified additional parcels would expand and enhance management and protection of the park's natural communities, wildlife, and imperiled species, including Etonia false rosemary (*Conradina etonia*), hooded pitcherplant (*Sarracenia minor*), gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*), eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon couperi*), Florida scrub jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*), Florida sandhill crane (*Grus canadensis pratensis*), southern fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger niger*), and Florida black bear (*Ursus americanus floridanus*).

As per the attached optimum boundary map, all added parcels (shaded red) would allow for the restoration of lands that buffer adjacent park wetlands which feed into Dunn's Creek and ultimately the St Johns River, thus expanding watershed protection. The parcels would also enhance resource management operations by providing additional access as well as buffering for prescribed burning.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

JM: Attachment

