### Second, Third and Fourth Quarters Land Management Review Team Report

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of State Lands Office of Environmental Services

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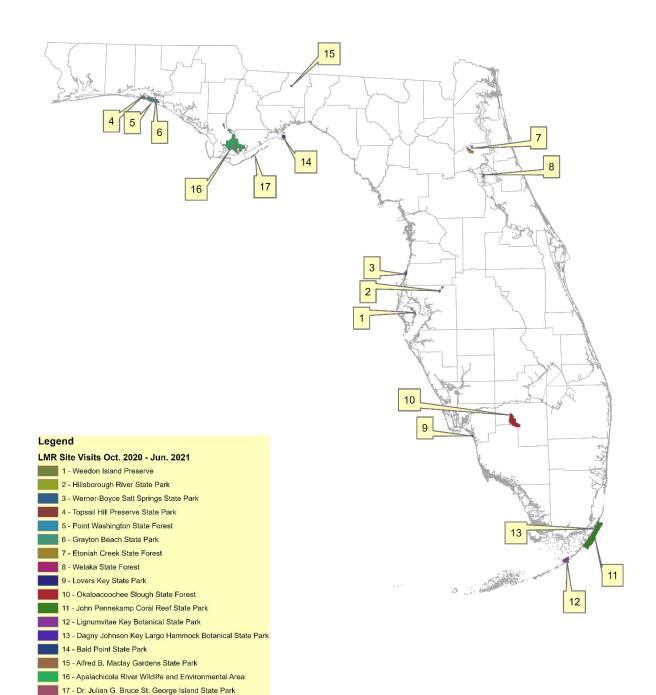


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#### **Overview of LMR site locations**

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#### Weedon Island Preserve

Managed by: Pinellas County Acres: 3,164

Acres: 3,164 County: Pinellas Purpose(s) for Acquisition: For the conservation and protection of natural and historical resources and for resource-based public outdoor recreation which is compatible with the conservation and protection of these public lands.

Acquisition Program(s): EEL, P2000/CARL Area Reviewed: TIITF owned portions

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

• Pam Leasure, Manager

#### **Review Team Members** (voting)

- Tracey Muzyczka, DRP District
- Lisa Baltus, Local Gov't.
- Mike Jennings, FWC
- Alexander Pacelko, DEP District

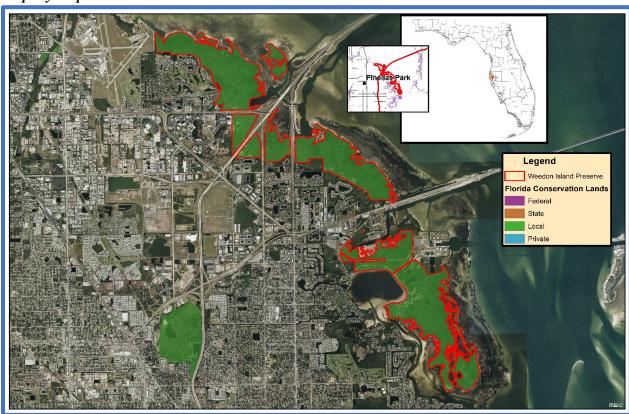
#### Non-Team Members (attending)

• Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL

#### **Property Map**

Original Acquisition Date: 1974 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 1/28/2012 Review Date: 11/17/20

- Corey Walk, FFS
- NWFWMD, None
- Dave Perkey, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 6, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 6$$
,  $No = 0$ 

*Table 1* shows the average scores received for each applicable category of review. *Field Review* scores refer to the adequacy of management actions in the field, while *Management Plan Review* scores refer to adequacy of discussion of these topics in the management plan. Scores range from 1 to 5 with 5 signifying excellence. For a more detailed key to the scores, please see *Appendix A*.

### Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

- 1. The team commends the Pinellas County staff for the outstanding control of invasive species at the preserve. (6+, 0-)
- 2. The team commends the Pinellas County staff recruitment and use of volunteers in the absence of adequate staffing. (6+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

1. The team recommends the Pinellas County recruit a full-time ranger for the preserve to conduct trail maintenance, education, exotic species removal and site security. (6+, 0-)

Managing Agency Response: We remain committed to managing the preserve to the best of our ability with the resources provided. We continue to look for opportunities to expand resources to meet the needs of management plan. The County budget is developed and evaluated to address the many demands facing the county. Financial assistance provided by the Bureau of State Lands would be beneficial to the management of the preserve.

2. The team recommends the Pinellas County staff conduct more prescribed fire, as described in the management plan. (6+, 0-)

Managing Agency Response: We will continue to make prescribed fire a priority for managing the fireadapted communities in the Preserve as determined by available resources. The last prescribed fire was in 2013. Working with our Regional Forest Area Supervisor should help to increase the frequency of prescribed fire in the preserve.

3. The team recommends the Pinellas County establish a carrying capacity at the preserve. (6+, 0-)

Major Land Management Categories	Field Review	Management Plan Review
Natural Communities /		
Forest Management	3.55	2.98
Prescribed Fire / Habitat		
Restoration	2.61	3.91
Hydrology	4.25	4.19
Imperiled Species	3.85	3.33
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.03	4.03
Cultural Resources	4.80	5.00
Public Access / Education / Law Enforcement	4.27	4.35
Infrastructure / Equipment		
/ Staffing	3.58	N/A
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)		
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor

Table 1: Results at a glance.

Managing Agency Response: We recognize a carrying capacity needs to be considered. Enforcement of an established carrying capacity would require full time staff for the preserve. We will continue to look for funding opportunities to address capacity concerns.

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, xeric hammock, marine unconsolidated substrate, coastal berm, salt marsh, salt flat, seagrass beds, and mollusk reef.
- 2. Listed species, animals and plants in general, and specifically gopher tortoise, manatee, and golden aster.
- 3. Cultural Resources, specifically cultural resource survey, and protection and preservation.
- 4. Restoration, specifically Feather Sound, and Weedon Island.
- 5. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of pests/pathogens, and control of plants, and animals,
- 6. Hydro-alteration, specifically ditches and hydroperiod alterations.
- 7. Surface Water Monitoring, specifically quality, and quantity.
- 8. Resource protection, specifically gates and fencing, and signage.
- 9. Public access, specifically roads, parking, and boat access.
- **10.** Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 11. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, sanitary facilities, buildings, and equipment.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed:

1. Natural Resources Survey, specifically fire effects monitoring, received a below average score. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether survey and monitoring of the resources or their habitats are sufficient.

Managing Agency Response: Survey/monitoring activities (annual/bi-annual photo points) by staff were eliminated in 2008 due to budget constraints. Current monitoring is pre/post burn evaluations for quality of burns. We have and will continue to utilize volunteers where available and appropriate to survey and monitor natural communities. All updates to species lists will be provided in the management plan update.

2. Resource Management, Prescribed Fire, specifically area being burned, frequency, and quality received below average scores. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, to what degree prescribed fire is accomplished according to the objectives for prescribed fire management. The scores range from 1 to 5, with 1 being 0-20% accomplished, 2 being 21-40%, 3 being 41-60%, 4 being 61-80% and 5 being 81-100%.

Managing Agency Response: We will continue to make prescribed fire a priority for managing fireadapted communities in the Preserve. The frequency at which burns can be completed, as dictated by available staff and resources as well as environmental constraints, will be discussed in more detail in the plan update. 3. Forest Management, specifically timber inventory, received a below average score. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether forest management is sufficient.

Managing Agency Response: Based on review team comments, we will include reforestation with native longleaf pine and South Florida slash pine in our restoration plan. The 2018 Weedon Island Tidal Restoration Plan includes upland restoration as well. This discussion will be included in the plan update.

4. Management Resources, specifically staff, and funding, received below average scores. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether management resources are sufficient.

Managing Agency Response: We will describe and discuss if staffing resources for management of the preserve are sufficient. We will discuss County's budget, the only source of funding for staffing the preserve.

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

1. Natural Communities, specifically marine unconsolidated substrate, coastal berm and mollusk reef, received below average scores. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address current or desired condition and/or future management actions to protect or restore.

Managing Agency Response: We will discuss the current conditions and future management of all natural communities including; marine unconsolidated substrate, coastal berm and mollusk reef in the management plan update.

2. Listed Species protection and preservation, specifically gopher tortoise, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address protection and preservation of listed species.

Managing Agency Response: We will discuss the protection and preservation of listed animal species in the resource management portion of the plan update.

3. Forest Management, specifically timber inventory, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address forest management.

Managing Agency Response: Timber harvesting is not an option within the Weedon Island Preserve. This discussion will be included in the plan update.

4. Adjacent Property Concerns, specifically development impacts to prescribed burning, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address adjacent property.

Managing Agency Response: We will include in the plan update a discussion of any impacts or concerns with the adjacent properties in relation to prescribed burning.

5. Managed Area Uses, Existing Uses, specifically camping, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address managed area uses.

Managing Agency Response: We will include in the plan update a discussion of the camping usage and policy in the preserve.

**County:** Hillsborough

#### Hillsborough River State Park

**Managed by:** Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Park Service **Acres:** 3,319.04

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** For the conservation and protection of natural and historical resources and for resource-based public outdoor recreation which is compatible with the conservation and protection of these public lands To manage the property in such a way as to protect and restore the natural and cultural values of the property and provide the greatest benefit to the citizens of the state.

Acquisition Program(s): "Old Money", LATF, P2000/CARL

Area Reviewed: Entire Property

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

• Brian Pinson, Park Manager

#### **Review Team Members (voting)**

- Matthew Hodge, DRP District
  - Stephen Raymond, Local Gov't.
- Nick Jennings, FWC
- DEP District, None

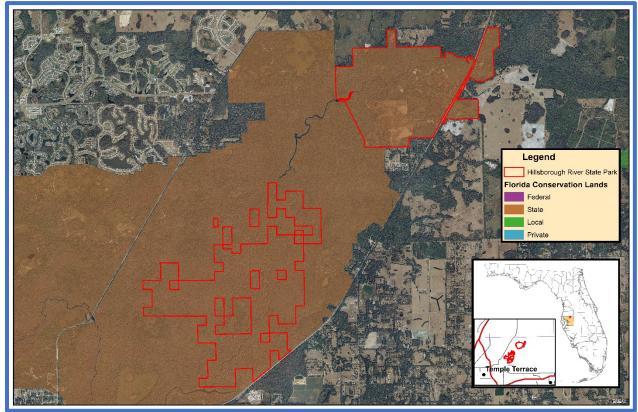
#### Non-Team Members (attending)

- Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL
- Jason LaPointe, SWFWMD

#### **Property Map**

L Original Acquisition Date: 6/10/1936 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 6/12/2020 Review Date: 11/18/2020

- Celena Zimmerman, Asst Park Manager
- Michael Edwards, FFS
- Cyndi Gates, SWFWMD
- Virginia Overstreet, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 6, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 6$$
,  $No = 0$ 

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### Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

 The team commends the Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP) for an excellent resource management, fire management and monitoring program. Additionally, exotic pest plant control efforts have shown excellent results. Park

Major Land Management	Field	Management
Categories	Review	Plan Review
Natural Communities /		
Forest Management	4.48	4.35
Prescribed Fire / Habitat		
Restoration	4.47	4.17
Hydrology	4.08	4.01
Imperiled Species	4.04	4.15
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.17	4.00
Cultural Resources	5.00	4.92
Public Access / Education / Law Enforcement	4.07	3.96
Infrastructure / Equipment		
/ Staffing	3.69	N/A
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)		
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor

#### Table 2: Results at a glance.

staff are doing an excellent job with the funds provided. (6+, 0-)

2. The team commends the park staff for the excellent work with the interpretive programs including the Fort Foster site, CCC cabin, increased community outreach and public education of Florida history, . (6+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

1. The team recommends the DRP strongly consider re-instating the staff positions that have been cut since 2010. (6+, 0-)

# Managing Agency Response: Additional staff can only be assigned to this or other park units if they are appropriated by the Legislature or reassigned from other units. Funding is determined annually by the Florida Legislature.

2. The team recommends the DRP increase funding for the management of the park due to the pending urban expansion in the vicinity. (6+, 0-)

Managing Agency Response: Division funding is appropriated annually by the Florida Legislature. This funding is allocated at the Division and District levels in order to best meet annual operational and resource management needs. Any deemed increase in Division Budget/staffing will follow the established legislative budget request process.

Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically mesic flatwoods, sinkhole, mesic hammock, depression marsh, dome swamp, floodplain swamp, hydric hammock, wet flatwoods and blackwater stream.
- 2. Listed species, animals and plants in general, and specifically Brooksville bellflower.
- 3. Natural Resources Survey/Monitoring Resources; specifically fire effects monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural Resources, specifically cultural resource survey, and protection and preservation.
- 5. Prescribed Fire; specifically area being burned, frequency and quality.
- 6. Restoration, specifically Model Dairy.
- 7. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, and animals, and pests/pathogens.
- 8. Hydro-alteration, specifically roads, ditches and hydroperiod alterations.
- 9. Surface Water Monitoring, specifically quality, and quantity.
- 10. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, and gates and fencing.
- 11. Adjacent property concerns, land use, specifically expanding development, and inholdings and additions.
- 12. Public access, specifically roads, parking, and boat access.
- 13. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 14. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, sanitary facilities, buildings, and equipment.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed:

1. Resources Protection, specifically law enforcement presence, received a below average score. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether resources are sufficient to protect the property.

Managing Agency Response: Law enforcement assistance must be obtained through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Division of Law Enforcement or from a local law enforcement agency. Park staff will request additional presence to protect resources as necessary.

2. Management Resources, specifically staff, and funding, received below average scores. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether management resources are sufficient.

Managing Agency Response: Additional staff can only be assigned to this or other park units if they are appropriated by the Legislature or reassigned from other units. Funding is determined annually by the Florida Legislature.

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that

overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvements in the management plan.

County: Pasco

#### Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park

Managed by: Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Park Service Acres: 3,999

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida acquired Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park to protect a relatively unaltered biological system representative of the Pasco-Hernando County Gulf Coast.

Acquisition Program(s): EEL, P2000/CARL Area Reviewed: Entire Property

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

- Adam Belden, Park Manager
- Michael Faustini, Park Service Specialist

#### **Review Team Members (voting)**

- Tracy Musyczka, DRP District
- Local Gov't., None
- Nick Jennings, FWC
- Matt Dinning, DEP District

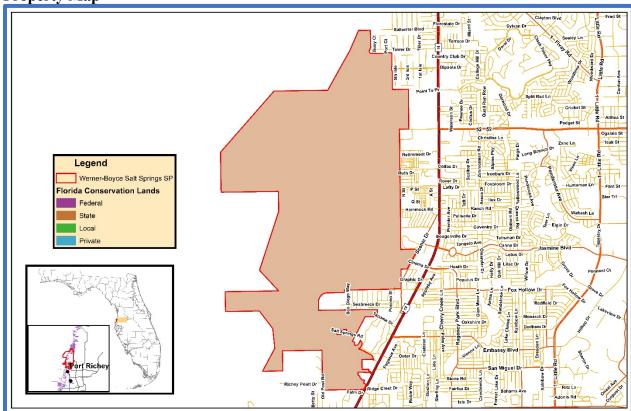
#### Non-Team Members (attending)

• Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL

#### **Property Map**

Original Acquisition Date: 12/31/1992 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 2/18/2013 Review Date: 11/19/2020

- Karen Strawn, Asst Park Manager
- Michael Edwards, FFS
- SWFWMD, None
- Jim Surdick, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 5, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 5$$
,  $No = 0$ 

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### Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

1. The team commends the Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP) for the park's improvements to educational and interpretive signs made since the last land management review. (5+, 0-)

Major Land Management	Field	Management
Categories	Review	Plan Review
Natural Communities /		
Forest Management	2.92	3.99
Prescribed Fire / Habitat		
Restoration	3.67	4.20
Hydrology	3.33	4.04
Imperiled Species	3.88	4.14
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.10	4.13
Cultural Resources	5.00	4.60
Public Access / Education / Law Enforcement	4.77	4.34
Infrastructure / Equipment		
/ Staffing	4.33	N/A
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)		
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor

#### Table 3: Results at a glance.

#### Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed: **There were no consensus recommendations to the managing agency.** 

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, maritime hammock, mesic flatwoods, mesic hammock, scrubby flatwoods, hydric hammock, basin swamp, flatwoods lake, spring run stream, seagrass beds, aquatic cave, salt marsh, mangrove swamp, and unconsolidated substrates.
- 2. Listed species, plants in general, and specifically Tampa vervain.
- 3. Natural Resources Survey/Monitoring Resources; specifically invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural Resources, specifically cultural resource survey, and protection and preservation.
- 5. Prescribed Fire; specifically quality.
- 6. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, and pests/pathogens, and control of animals.
- 7. Hydro-alteration, specifically roads, and hydroperiod alterations.
- 8. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, gates and fencing, signage, and law enforcement presence.
- 9. Public access, specifically roads, parking, and boat access.

- 10. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 11. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, sanitary facilities, buildings, and equipment.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed:

1. Natural Resources Survey, specifically fire effects monitoring, received a below average score. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether survey and monitoring of the resources or their habitats are sufficient.

Managing Agency Response: Disagree. The Florida Park Service, as outlined in the Fire Management Standards, monitors the effects of prescribed fire on two separate occasions. An immediate post burn evaluation and then again post growing season, roughly one year later. Any further fire effects monitoring will need to be done on a case by case basis with specific objectives outlined in the updated unit management plan.

2. Forest Management, specifically timber inventory, received a below average score. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether forest management is sufficient.

Managing Agency Response: The Park Service is in the process of improving its forest management through the implementation of a multi-phased statewide project which includes a vegetation inventory of upland forest communities and creating a comprehensive GIS dataset of forest/vegetation on all parks. This data will be utilized to create the timber management component of the unit management plan, and to guide forest management decisions to produce the desired future condition for each natural community.

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

1. Adjacent Property Concerns, specifically discussion of potential surplus land determination, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address adjacent property.

Managing Agency Response: The Division will address adjacent property concerns and the determination of surplus lands in the update of the management plan.

2. Managed Area Uses, Proposed Uses, specifically ranger station, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address managed area uses.

Managing Agency Response: The Division will consider these recommendations for ranger station improvements during the next unit management plan revision.

County: Walton

#### Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

Managed by: Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Park Service Acres: 1,643

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** The State of Florida acquired Topsail Hill Preserve State Park to develop, operate, maintain and preserve said property for outdoor recreational, park, conservation and related purposes.

Acquisition Program(s): CARL Area Reviewed: Entire Property

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

• Sasha Craft, Park Manager

- **Review Team Members (voting)** 
  - Chris Whittle, DRP District
  - Local Gov't., None
  - Mike Sisson, FWC
  - DEP District, None

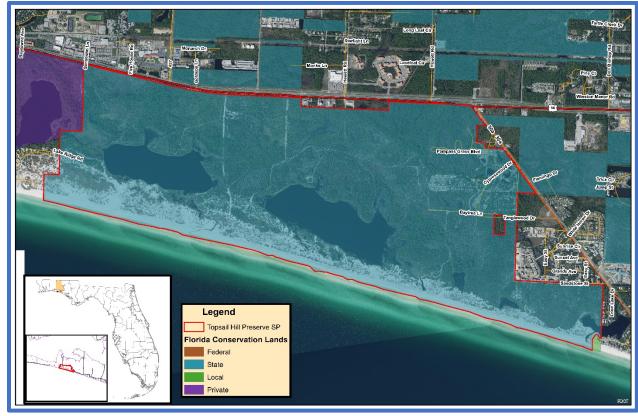
#### Non-Team Members (attending)

• Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL

#### **Property Map**

Original Acquisition Date: 10/9/92 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 12/13/19 Review Date: 1/26/21

- Daryl Hatfield, District Biologist
- Jason Love, FFS
- Dan Wesley, NWFWMD
- Conservation Org., None
- Private Land Manager, None



Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 4, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 4$$
,  $No = 0$ 

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### Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

 The team commends the Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP) for achieving 100% of inholdings acquisition at this park. (4+, 0-)

Major Land Management Categories	Field Review	Management Plan Review
Natural Communities /	8	
Forest Management	4.05	4.63
Prescribed Fire / Habitat	5.	
Restoration	3.88	4.46
Hydrology	4.19	4.56
Imperiled Species	4.67	4.19
Exotic / Invasive Species	3.92	4.38
Cultural Resources	4.75	4.83
Public Access / Education /		
Law Enforcement	4.02	4.38
Infrastructure / Equipment /		
Staffing	3.53	N/A
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)		
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor

#### Table 4: Results at a glance.

2. The team commends the Florida Park

Service (FPS) for the amount of prescribed burning being done on the property with the rapidly growing amount of development around the park. (4+, 0-)

3. The team commends the FPS for successfully working with the Tourist Development Council (TDC) to move the TDC dumpsters offsite. (4+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

1. The team recommends the DRP shift to growing season burns as much as possible at this park . (4+, 0-)

#### Managing Agency Response:

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically beach dune, coastal dune, depression marsh, dome swamp, interdunal swale, marine unconsolidated substrate, maritime hammock, mesic flatwoods, mesic hammock, and scrub.
- 2. Listed species, animals and plants in general, and specifically imperiled shorebirds, sea turtles, Choctawhatchee beach mouse, gopher tortoise, wading bird rookery, wet prairie and wet flatwood species, and beach dune species.

- 3. Natural resources survey/monitoring resources; specifically listed species or their habitat monitoring, other non-game species or their habitat monitoring, fire effects monitoring, other habitat management effects monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural resources, specifically cultural resource survey, and protection and preservation.
- 5. Prescribed fire; specifically area being burned, and frequency.
- 6. Forest management, specifically timber inventory.
- 7. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, and control of animals, and pests/pathogens.
- 8. Hydro-alteration, specifically roads/culverts.
- 9. Surface Water Monitoring, specifically quality, and quantity.
- 10. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, and signage.
- 11. Adjacent property concerns, land use, specifically inholdings and additions.
- 12. Public access, specifically parking.
- 13. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 14. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, sanitary facilities, and buildings.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed:

1. Resources Protection, specifically law enforcement presence, received a below average score. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether resources are sufficient to protect the property.

#### Managing Agency Response:

2. Management Resources, specifically equipment, and staff, received below average scores. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether management resources are sufficient.

Managing Agency Response:

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

1. Listed Species protection and preservation, specifically wading bird rookery, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address protection and preservation of listed species.

#### Managing Agency Response:

2. Natural Resources Survey and Monitoring Resources, specifically sport fish or their habitat monitoring, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address survey or monitoring.

Managing Agency Response:

3. Adjacent Property Concerns, specifically discussion of potential surplus land determination, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address adjacent property.

Managing Agency Response:

County: Walton

#### Point Washington State Forest

Managed by: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service Acres: 15,281

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** Acquisition Program(s): CARL/P2000/Florida Forever Area Reviewed: Entire Property

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

• Mike Mathis, Manager

#### **Review Team Members (voting)**

- Arthur Stiles, DRP District
- Local Gov't., None
- Max Williams, FWC
- DEP District, None

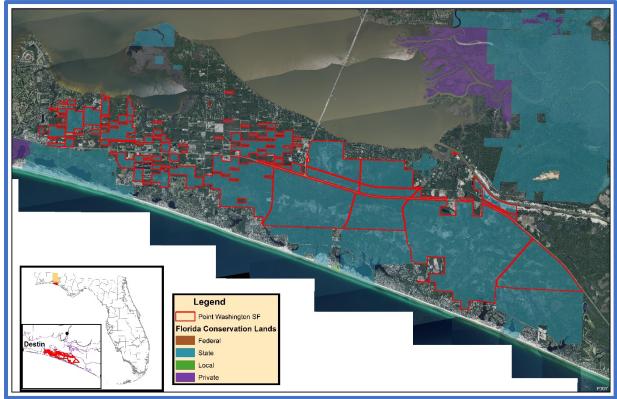
#### Non-Team Members (attending)

• Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL

#### **Property Map**

Original Acquisition Date: 5/19/92 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 8/19/16 Review Date: 1/27/21

- Walter Bowers, Forester
- Ronda Sutphen, FFS
- Aaron Waits, NWFWMD
- Jacob Barrett, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



#### **Overview of Land Management Review Results**

Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

$$Yes = 5, No = 0$$

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 5, No = 0$$

*Table 1* shows the average scores received for each applicable category of review. *Field Review* scores refer to the adequacy of management actions in the field, while *Management Plan Review* scores refer to adequacy of discussion of these topics in the management plan. Scores range from 1 to 5 with 5 signifying excellence. For a more detailed key to the scores, please see *Appendix A*.

### Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

- 1. The team commends the Florida Forest Service (FFS) site preparation tactics used in order to preserve and maintain native groundcover species. (5+, 0-)
- 2. The team commends the FFS for their interagency cooperation. (5+, 0-)
- The team commends the FFS for managing fire on this landscape while dealing with wildland urban interface and challenging environmental factors. (5+, 0-)
- 4. The team commends the FFS for their environmental education in the area that was clear cut of the sand pine with longleaf pines to restore the natural species of the area. (5+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

1. The team recommends that the FFS explore mechanical and chemical treatments to aid in wetland restoration in addition to prescribed fire. (5+, 0-)

## Managing Agency Response: Point Washington State Forest staff will continue to search for grant funding possibilities concerning this project.

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically wet flatwoods, mesic flatwoods, scrubby flatwoods, scrub, sandhill, basin swamp, floodplain swamp, dome swamp, salt marsh, and coastal dune lake.
- 2. Listed Species Protection and Preservation, for listed animal and plant species in general, and specifically for reticulated flatwoods salamander, gopher tortoise, white top pitcher plant, and Curtis's sandgrass

Major Land Management	Field	Management
Categories	Review	Plan Review
Natural Communities /		
Forest Management	4.66	4.84
Prescribed Fire / Habitat		
Restoration	4.67	4.60
Hydrology	3.80	4.00
		1000
Imperiled Species	4.67	4.69
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.50	4.55
Cultural Resources	4.60	4.70
Public Access / Education / Law Enforcement	4.45	4.58
Infrastructure / Equipment		
/ Staffing	4.17	N/A
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)		
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor

Table 5: Results at a glance.

- 3. Natural resource survey/monitoring resources, specifically listed species or their habitat monitoring, other non-game species or their habitat monitoring, fire effects monitoring, other habitat management effects monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural Resources, specifically cultural resource survey, and protection and preservation.
- 5. Resource management (prescribed fire), specifically area being burned, frequency, and quality.
- 6. Restoration, specifically Sandhill (sand pine removal/longleaf planting).
- 7. Forest management, specifically timber inventory, timber harvesting, reforestation, and site preparation.
- 8. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, animals, and pests/pathogens.
- 9. Hydrologic/geologic function, specifically roads/culverts, and ditches.
- 10. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, gates and fencing, signage, and law enforcement presence.
- 11. Adjacent property concerns, land use, specifically expanding development, transportation corridors, and inholdings and additions.
- 12. Public access, specifically roads, and parking.
- 13. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 14. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, sanitary facilities, buildings, and equipment.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed: *The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvement actions in the field.* 

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

#### The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvements in the management plan.

County: Walton

#### Grayton Beach State Park

Managed by: Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Park Service Acres: 2,171

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** The Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials (FBPHM), predecessor in interest to DRP, initially acquired Grayton Beach State Park to develop, maintain and utilize this property for state park and outdoor recreational and educational purposes

Acquisition Program(s): SOC, P2000/CARL

Area Reviewed: Entire Property

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

• Matthew Allen, Park Manager

#### **Review Team Members (voting)**

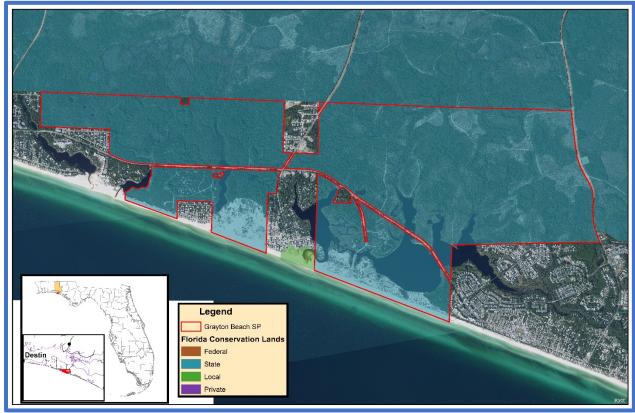
- Daryl Hatfield, DRP District
- Local Gov't., None
- Thomas Kuhn, FWC
- DEP District, None

#### Non-Team Members (attending)

• Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL

#### Property Map

- Original Acquisition Date: 9/21/64 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 7/8/13 Review Date: 1/29/21
- Ronda Sutphen, FFS
- Aaron Waits, NWFWMD
- Rosalyn Kilcollins, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 5, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 5, No = 0$$

*Table 1* shows the average scores received for each applicable category of review. *Field Review* scores refer to the adequacy of management actions in the field, while *Management Plan Review* scores refer to adequacy of discussion of these topics in the management plan. Scores range from 1 to 5 with 5 signifying excellence. For a more detailed key to the scores, please see *Appendix A*.

### Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

1. The team commends the Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP) for continued attention to seasonality of prescribed burns on the area. (5+, 0-)

Major Land Management	Field	Management
Categories	Review	Plan Review
Natural Communities /		
Forest Management	4.87	4.90
Prescribed Fire / Habitat		
Restoration	4.79	5.00
Hydrology	4.80	4.35
Imperiled Species	4.93	4.94
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.90	4.87
Cultural Resources	4.90	4.90
Public Access / Education / Law Enforcement	4.69	4.72
Infrastructure / Equipment		
/ Staffing	4.33	N/A
Color Code (See Ap	pendix A for detai	1)
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor

#### Table 6: Results at a glance.

2. The team commends the DRP for

identification and management of the natural communities within the area and the high quality of management of these areas. (5+, 0-)

- 3. The team commends the DRP for their attention to improving interpretation while making large areas of the park available for resource-based recreation. (5+, 0-)
- 4. The team commends the DRP for focused efforts to use multiple tools (fire, mechanical, hand removal) to control undesirable hardwood mid-story species (primarily titi) to enhance herbaceous groundcover and abundance of imperiled plants. (5+, 0-)
- 5. The team commends the DRP for their cooperation with multi-agency imperiled species management efforts. (5+, 0-)
- 6. The team commends the park staff for having an active and supportive citizen support organization. (5+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

There were no consensus recommendations.

Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically beach dune, mesic flatwoods, sandhill, scrub, scrubby flatwoods, wet flatwoods, basin marsh, depression marsh, dome swamp, wet prairie, coastal dune lake, unconsolidated substrate, and basin swamp.
- 2. Listed species, listed animal and plant species in general, and specifically imperiled shorebirds, sea turtles, Choctawhatchee beach mouse, gopher tortoise and commensals, Curtis's sandgrass, white-fringed orchid, rose pogonia, and pitcher plants.
- 3. Natural resources survey/monitoring resources; specifically listed species or their habitat monitoring, other non-game species or their habitat monitoring, fire effects monitoring, other habitat management effects monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural resources, specifically cultural resource survey, and protection and preservation.
- 5. Prescribed fire; specifically area being burned, frequency, and quality.
- 6. Restoration, specifically hydrology, beach dune, seepage slope, wet prairie, sandhill, scrubby flatwoods, and scrub.
- 7. Forest management, specifically timber inventory.
- 8. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, animals, and pests/pathogens.
- 9. Hydro-alteration, specifically roads/culverts, hydro-period alteration, and water level alteration.
- 10. Surface Water Monitoring, specifically quality and quantity.
- 11. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, gates and fencing, signage, and law enforcement presence.
- 12. Adjacent property concerns, land use, specifically expanding development, inholdings and additions, and surplus lands identified.
- 13. Public access, specifically roads, parking, and boat access.
- 14. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 15. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, sanitary facilities, buildings, and equipment.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed:

The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvement actions in the field.

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

#### The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvements in the management plan.

County: Putnam

#### Etoniah Creek State Forest

Managed by: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service Acres: 8,691

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** conserve the Putnam County land as well as fill in gaps in the Greenway; ensure that wildlife such as Florida black bear and scrub jays and plants such as the Etoniah rosemary will have areas in which to live; and provide recreation for the public ranging from hiking trails to fishing, camping, and hunting.

Acquisition Program(s): CARL/P2000/Florida Forever Area Reviewed: Entire Property

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

- Stephen Montgomery, Forestry Resource Administrator
- Matt Kennard

#### **Review Team Members (voting)**

- Chris Matson, DRP District
- Tess Simpson, Local Gov't.
- Storm Wittenberg, FWC
- Carmine Oliverio, DEP District

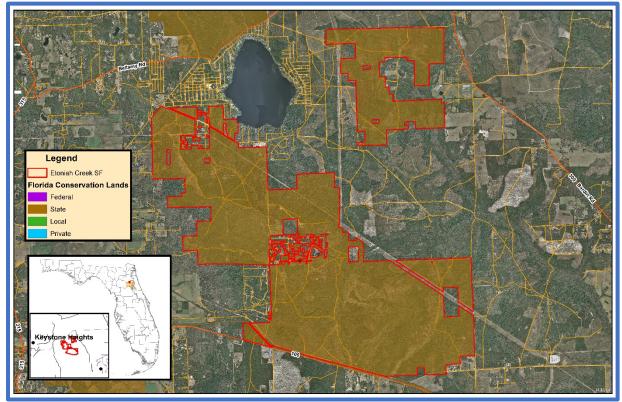
#### Non-Team Members (attending)

• Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL

#### **Property Map**

#### Original Acquisition Date: 8/3/95 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 6/19/15 Review Date: 2/3/21

- Charlie Pederson, Biologist
- Andrew Usina, Forester
- Ronda Sutphen, FFS
- Brent Bachelder, SJRWMD
- Jim Surdick, Conservation Org.
- Bill Korn, Private Land Manager



#### **Overview of Land Management Review Results**

Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

$$Yes = 7, No = 0$$

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 7, No = 0$$

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### Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

- 1. The team commends the Florida Forest Service (FFS) for the sand pine removal in the scrub natural community that moved the habitat toward better condition for rare and endemic species. (6+, 0-)
- 2. The team commends the FFS for using the gas line easement funds to benefit the users and access to the recreational lands of the forest. (6+, 0-)
- 3. The team commends the FFS on their quality and quantity of prescribed burning on the area. (6+, 0-)
- 4. The team commends the FFS for their efforts to monitor and manage for the success of the federally listed rosemary species. (6+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

#### There were no consensus recommendations.

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically sandhill, mesic flatwoods, xeric hammock, wet flatwoods, floodplain swamp, baygall, dome swamp, sinkhole, upland hardwood forest, depression marsh, and basin swamp.
- 2. Listed Species Protection and Preservation, specifically Etoniah rosemary.
- 3. Natural resource survey/monitoring resources, specifically listed species or their habitat monitoring, fire effects monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Resource management (prescribed fire), specifically area being burned, frequency, and quality.
- 5. Restoration, specifically sandhill (sand pine removal), and scrub.
- 6. Forest management, specifically timber inventory, timber harvesting, reforestation, and site preparation.

Major Land Management	Field	Management
Categories	Review	Plan Review
Natural Communities /		
Forest Management	4.45	4.45
Prescribed Fire / Habitat		-
Restoration	4.46	4.27
Hydrology	4.29	3.85
Imperiled Species	3.81	3.90
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.42	4.35
Cultural Resources	3.86	4.14
Public Access / Education / Law Enforcement	4.30	4.29
Infrastructure / Equipment		
/ Staffing	4.29	N/A
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)		
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor

Table 7: Results at a glance.

- 7. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, animals, and pests/pathogens.
- 8. Hydrologic/geologic function, specifically roads/culverts.
- 9. Ground water monitoring, specifically for water quality and quantity.
- 10. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, gates and fencing, and signage.
- 11. Adjacent property concerns, land use, specifically inholdings and additions.
- 12. Public access, specifically roads, and parking.
- 13. Environmental education and outreach, specifically habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 14. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, sanitary facilities, buildings, equipment, and funding.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed: *The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvement actions in the field.* 

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvements in the management plan.

Review Date: 2/4/21

#### Welaka State Forest

 Managed by: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service

 Acres: 2,287
 County: Putnam

 Purpose(s) for Acquisition: Acquired under the auspices of the Bankhead Jones Farm Tenant Act.
 Original Acquisition Date: 5/19/92

 Area Reviewed: Entire Property
 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 8/15/14

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

- Stephen Montgomery, Forestry Resource Administrator
- Matt Kennard

#### **Review Team Members (voting)**

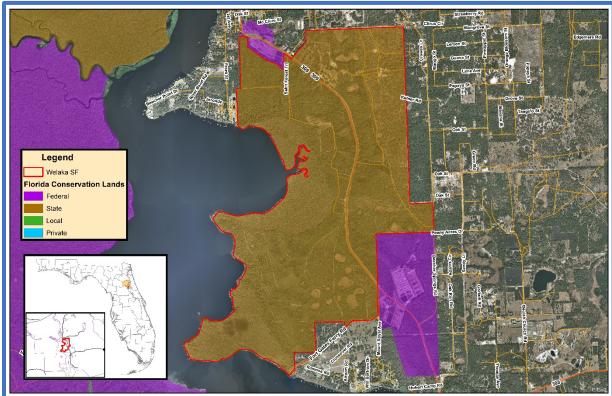
- Mark Romagosa, DRP District
  - Local Gov't., None
  - Tyler Turner, FWC
  - Linda Oliva, DEP District

#### **Non-Team Members (attending)**

• Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL

#### **Property Map**

- Andrew Usina, Forester
- Charlie Pederson, Biologist
- Ronda Sutphen, FFS
- Sandy Oxenrider, SJRWMD
- Walter Bryant, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



#### **Overview of Land Management Review Results**

Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

$$Yes = 6, No = 0$$

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 6$$
,  $No = 0$ 

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### Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

- 1. The team commends the Florida Forest Service (FFS) staff for the addition of the steps in Mud Spring, for sediment and erosion control in that area, as well as for safe public access to the spring. (6+, 0-)
- 2. The team commends the FFS staff for their efforts to protect the historic structures on the state forest. (6+, 0-)

	state forest. (6+, 0-)
3.	The team commends the FFS staff for the maintenance and upkeep of all recreational areas and the
	repurposing of the horse stalls into pavilions for more suitable uses. $(6+, 0-)$

4. The team commends the FFS staff for their efforts to identify and treat invasive plant as they are found. (6+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

1. The team recommends more growing season fire in the communities in order to meet the goals of the management plan. (4+, 0-, 2 abstain)

Managing Agency Response: The Florida Forest Service supports transitioning burn units to growing season burns when appropriate to meet our management objectives as outlined in the 10-year resource management plan. All of the acreage burned at WeSF in 2020 was completed in the dormant season, in 2021 69% of the acres burned at WeSF were in the early growing season (March and April). The Florida Forests Service intends to continue this trend in the future to control unwanted woody species and promote a floristic response from desirable groundcover.

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

1. Natural communities, specifically sandhill, scrubby flatwoods, xeric hammock, mesic flatwoods, baygall, floodplain swamp, depression marsh, flatwoods prairie lake, spring run, floodplain marsh, wet prairie, and alluvial forest.

Major Land Management	Field	Management
Categories	Review	Plan Review
Natural Communities /		
Forest Management	4.42	4.54
Prescribed Fire / Habitat		-
Restoration	4.39	4.67
Hydrology	4.56	4.56
Imperiled Species	4.33	4.08
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.51	4.14
Cultural Resources Public Access / Education /	4.50	4.25
Law Enforcement	4.59	4.45
Infrastructure / Equipment		2
/ Staffing	4.67	N/A
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)		
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor

Table 8: Results at a glance.

- 2. Listed Species Protection and Preservation, animals and plants in general, and specifically bald eagle and gopher tortoise.
- 3. Natural resource survey/monitoring resources, specifically listed species or their habitat monitoring, other non-game species or their habitat monitoring, fire effects monitoring, other habitat management effects monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural resources, specifically survey and protection/preservation.
- 5. Resource management (prescribed fire), specifically area being burned, frequency, and quality.
- 6. Forest management, specifically timber inventory, timber harvesting, reforestation, and site preparation.
- 7. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, animals, and pests/pathogens.
- 8. Hydrologic/geologic function, specifically roads/culverts, ditches, and Mudd Spring geologic feature.
- 9. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, gates and fencing, signage, and law enforcement presence.
- 10. Adjacent property concerns, land use, specifically inholdings and additions.
- 11. Public access, specifically roads, parking, and boat access.
- 12. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 13. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, sanitary facilities, buildings, equipment, staff, and funding.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed: *The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvement actions in the field.* 

### *Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan*

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

#### The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvements in the management plan.

County: Lee

#### Lover's Key State Park

Managed by: Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Park Service Acres: 1,397

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** to manage the property in such a way as to protect and restore the natural and cultural values of the property and provide the greatest benefit to the citizens of the state.

#### Acquisition Program(s): SOC

Area Reviewed: Entire Property

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

• Katie Moses Park Manager

- **Review Team Members (voting)** 
  - Karen Rogers, DRP District
  - Local Gov't., None
  - Tyson Dallas, FWC
  - Lyndsey Duty, DEP District

#### Non-Team Members (attending)

• Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL

#### **Property Map**

Original Acquisition Date: 5/25/83 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 12/9/05 Review Date: 2/24/21

- Bryan Kaczmarek, PSS
- Mike Edwards, FFS
- Joe Bozzo, SFWMD
- Robert Dye, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 5, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 5, No = 0$$

*Table 1* shows the average scores received for each applicable category of review. *Field Review* scores refer to the adequacy of management actions in the field, while *Management Plan Review* scores refer to adequacy of discussion of these topics in the management plan. Scores range from 1 to 5 with 5 signifying excellence. For a more detailed key to the scores, please see *Appendix A*.

### Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

 The team commends the Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP) for efforts in the removal and maintenance of solid waste throughout the park, including providing recycling bins in high use areas. (5+, 0-)

Major Land Management	Field	Management
Categories	Review	Plan Review
Natural Communities /		
Forest Management	4.39	3.43
Prescribed Fire / Habitat		
Restoration	4.50	2.80
Hydrology	4.36	2.87
Imperiled Species	4.65	3.00
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.42	3.17
Cultural Resources	5.00	4.30
Public Access / Education / Law Enforcement	4.49	4.00
Infrastructure / Equipment		2
/ Staffing	3.96	N/A
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)		
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor

#### Table 9: Results at a glance.

2. The team commends the DRP for efforts in treatment and removal of exotic invasive plants throughout the park. (5+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

#### There were no consensus recommendations.

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically beach dune, coastal strand, maritime hammock, marine tidal swamp, marine unconsolidated substrate, seagrass bed, and shell mound.
- 2. Listed species, listed animal and plant species in general, and specifically imperiled shorebirds, sea turtles, manatee and gopher tortoise.
- 3. Natural resources survey/monitoring resources; specifically listed species or their habitat monitoring, other habitat management effects monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural resources, specifically cultural resource survey, and protection and preservation.
- 5. Restoration, specifically dune restoration.

- 6. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants and animals, and control of pests/pathogens.
- 7. Hydro-alteration, specifically roads/culverts, ditches, and tidal flushing.
- 8. Surface Water Monitoring, specifically quality.
- 9. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, gates and fencing, signage, and law enforcement presence.
- 10. Public access, specifically roads, parking, and boat access.
- 11. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 12. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, sanitary facilities, buildings, and equipment.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed:

- 1. Natural Resources Survey, specifically sport fish or their habitat monitoring and other habitat management effects monitoring, received a below average score. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether survey and monitoring of the resources or their habitats are sufficient. Managing Agency Response:
- 2. Management Resources, specifically staff, received a below average score. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether management resources are sufficient.

Managing Agency Response:

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

- 1. Natural Communities, specifically sea grass bed, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address current or desired condition and/or future management actions to protect or restore. Managing Agency Response:
- 2. Listed Species protection and preservation, specifically manatee and gopher tortoise, received below average scores. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address protection and preservation of listed species. Managing Agency Response:
- 3. Natural Resources Survey and Monitoring Resources, specifically sport fish or their habitat monitoring, and other non-game species or their habitat monitoring, received below average scores. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address survey or monitoring. Managing Agency Response:
- 4. Restoration, specifically dune restoration, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address restoration. Managing Agency Response:

- 5. Non-native, Invasive & Problem Species, specifically prevention of animals, and prevention and control of pests/pathogens, received below average scores. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address prevention of invasive species. Managing Agency Response:
- 6. Surface Water Monitoring, specifically quality, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address surface water quality monitoring.

Managing Agency Response:

7. Resource Protection, specifically gates & fencing, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address resource protection.

Managing Agency Response:

8. Adjacent Property Concerns, specifically dog beach, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address adjacent property and/or surplus lands.

Managing Agency Response:

#### Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest

Managed by: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service Acres: 32,349 County: Collier and Hendry

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** To protect areas that are critical to maintaining South Florida's ecological integrity, and acquiring lands that are necessary for water management, water supply, and the conservation and protection of water resources.

Acquisition Program(s): SOR, P2000/CARL Area Reviewed: Entire Property

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

• Michael Weston, Manager

#### **Review Team Members (voting)**

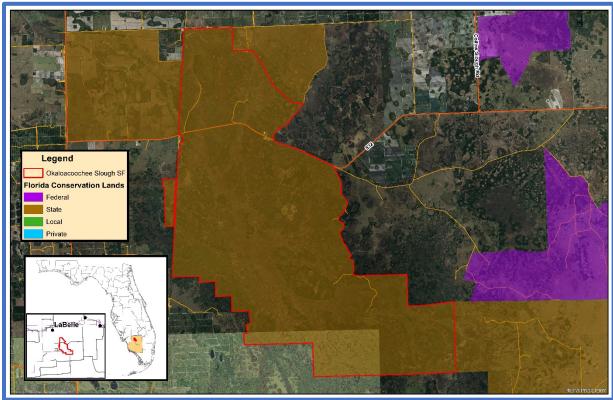
- Matthew Hodge, DRP District
- Christal Segura, Local Gov't.
- Katelyn Horn, FWC
- Tori Gray, DEP District

#### Non-Team Members (attending)

• Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL

#### Property Map

- Original Acquisition Date: 8/3/95 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 12/14/12 Review Date: 2/26/21
- Clark Ryals, FFS
- Marie Dessources, SFWMD
- Conservation Org., None
- Private Land Manager, None



#### **Overview of Land Management Review Results**

Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

$$Yes = 6, No = 0$$

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 6$$
,  $No = 0$ 

*Table 1* shows the average scores received for each applicable category of review. *Field Review* scores refer to the adequacy of management actions in the field, while *Management Plan Review* scores refer to adequacy of discussion of these topics in the management plan. Scores range from 1 to 5 with 5 signifying excellence. For a more detailed key to the scores, please see *Appendix A*.

### Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

- 1. The team commends the Florida Forest Service (FFS) for the improved, interpretive and informative signage on the boardwalk and elsewhere in the forest. (6+, 0-)
- 2. The team commends the FFS staff for the overall level of effort to control and maintain the exotic plant species at the forest. (6+, 0-)

Major Land Management	Field	Management
Categories	Review	<b>Plan Review</b>
Natural Communities /		
Forest Management	4.50	4.38
Prescribed Fire / Habitat		
Restoration	4.33	4.39
Hydrology	4.06	3.32
Imperiled Species	4.18	4.01
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.25	4.00
Cultural Resources Public Access / Education /	4.67	4.83
Law Enforcement	4.66	4.13
Infrastructure / Equipment		2
/ Staffing	3.81	N/A
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)		
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor

#### Table 10: Results at a glance.

3. The team commends the staff for the condition of the main access roads at the forest. (6+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

#### There were no consensus recommendations.

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically mesic flatwoods, wet prairie, basin marsh, depression marsh, slough marsh, strand swamp, dome swamp, mesic hammock, and hydric hammock.
- 2. Listed Species Protection and Preservation, animals and plants in general, and specifically Florida panther.
- 3. Natural resource survey/monitoring resources, specifically fire effects monitoring, other habitat management effects monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural resources, specifically survey and protection/preservation.
- 5. Resource management (prescribed fire), specifically frequency, and quality.
- 6. Restoration, specifically mesic flatwoods restoration.
- 7. Forest management, specifically timber inventory, timber harvesting, reforestation, and site preparation.
- 8. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, and animals, and prevention of pests/pathogens.
- 9. Hydrologic/geologic function, specifically roads/culverts, and ditches.

- 10. Ground water monitoring, specifically for water quantity.
- 11. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, gates and fencing, signage, and law enforcement presence.
- 12. Adjacent property concerns, land use, specifically inholdings and additions.
- 13. Public access, specifically roads, and parking.
- 14. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 15. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, and buildings.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed: *The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvement actions in the field.* 

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

1. Surface Water Monitoring, specifically quality, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address surface water quality monitoring.

Managing Agency Response: The Florida Forest Service will work with the South Florida Water Management District to plan and implement a surface water quality monitoring plan.

2. Adjacent Property Concerns, specifically discussion of potential surplus land determination, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address adjacent property and/or surplus lands.

Managing Agency Response: The next land management plan update will include a better discussion of adjacent property concerns and potential surplus lands determination. The processes used for determinations will be explained.

3. Managed area uses, specifically the proposed shooting range, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address managed area uses.

Managing Agency Response: No suitable location was found. A shooting range has been determined to be an incompatible use. The shooting range will not be included in the next land management plan update.

County: Monroe

#### John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park

Managed by: Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Park Service Acres: 63,839.67

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** to develop, maintain and utilize this property for state park and outdoor recreational and educational purposes that are compatible with the conservation and protection of the property.

Acquisition Program(s): LATF, P2000/CARL Area Reviewed: Entire Property

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

• Paul Rice, Park Manager

#### **Review Team Members (voting)**

- Janice Duquesnel, DRP District
- Jim Duquesnel, Local Gov't.
- Jeannette Parker, FWC
- Brian Cumbie, DEP District

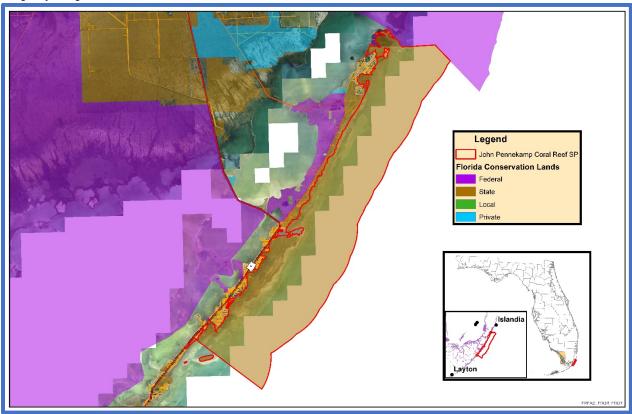
#### Non-Team Members (attending)

• Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL

#### **Property Map**

Original Acquisition Date: 12/3/59 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 9/1/04 Review Date: 3/15/21

- Judy Ferarro, Park Biologist
- Mark Torok, FFS
- Tiffany Howard, SFWMD
- Sandra Vardaman, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 6, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 6$$
,  $No = 0$ 

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# Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

*There were no consensus commendations.* 

## Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The

next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

1. The team recommends and requests that a Fish and Wildlife Commission liaison be assigned to work with park staff to better coordinate park activity. (6+, 0-, 1 abstain)

Managing Agency Response: Disagree. Park staff continue to work closely with current Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Division of Law Enforcement and other local law enforcement agencies to protect resources as necessary.

2. The team recommends that, with the level of visitation and the with the natural resources, the park needs more staff. (7+, 0-)

Managing Agency Response: Additional staff can only be assigned to this or other park units if they are appropriated by the Legislature or reassigned from other units. Funding is determined annually by the Florida Legislature.

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically Keys tidal rock barren, rockland hammock, marine composite and consolidated substrates, marine tidal swamp, marine unconsolidated substrate, and Keys cactus barren.
- 2. Listed species, listed animal and plant species in general, and specifically Schaus' swallowtail, cactus species, and mahogany mistletoe.
- 3. Natural resources survey/monitoring resources; specifically listed species or their habitat monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural resources, specifically cultural resource survey, and protection and preservation.

Major Land	Management	Field	Management
Categories		Review	Plan Review
Natural Co	mmunities /	2	
Forest M	anagement	3.98	4.55
Prescribed	Fire / Habitat		2
Restoration		3.92	4.50
Hydrology		4.33	4.00
Imperiled Species		4.13	4.09
Exotic / Invasive Species		3.96	3.97
Cultural Resources		4.33	4.58
Public Access / Education / Law Enforcement		4.13	4.18
Infrastructure / Equipment /			
Staffing		3.31	N/A
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)			
Excellent	Above Average	Below Average	Poor

Table 11: Results at a glance.

- 5. Restoration, specifically upland restoration.
- 6. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, and control of animals.
- 7. Hydro-alteration, specifically roads/culverts.
- 8. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey.
- 9. Adjacent property concerns, specifically inholdings and additions.
- 10. Public access, specifically roads, parking, and boat access.
- 11. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 12. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, and sanitary facilities.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed:

1. The maintenance condition of the Natural Communities, specifically marine coral reef, received a below average score. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on their perspective, what percent of the natural community is in maintenance condition. The scores range from 1 to 5, with 1 being 0-20% in maintenance condition, 2 being 21-40%, 3 being 41-60%, 4 being 61-80% and 5 being 81-100%.

Managing Agency Response: The Park and staff are currently partnering with other Federal and State agencies and NGO's to monitor and evaluate the health of the submerged resources in the Park, including corals. These partnerships are part of a much larger effort to identify the ongoing stressors to coral health and the development a recovery plan for the species.

2. Management Resources, specifically buildings, staff, and funding, received below average scores. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether management resources are sufficient.

Managing Agency Response: The Division will consider these recommendations. Division funding is appropriated annually by the Florida Legislature. This funding is allocated at the Division and District levels in order to best meet annual operational, staffing, and facility needs. Any deemed increase in Division Budget/staffing will follow the established legislative budget request process.

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvements in the management plan.

County: Monroe

#### Lignumvitae Key Botanical State Park

Managed by: Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Park Service Acres: 10,817.65

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** to develop, maintain and utilize this property for state park and outdoor recreational and educational purposes that are compatible with the conservation and protection of the property.

Acquisition Program(s): LATF, P2000/CARL Area Reviewed: Entire Property

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

• Lu Dodson, Park Manager

#### **Review Team Members (voting)**

- Janice Duquesnel, DRP District
- Beth Bergh, Local Gov't.
- Jeannette Parker, FWC
- Katie Teyshak, DEP District

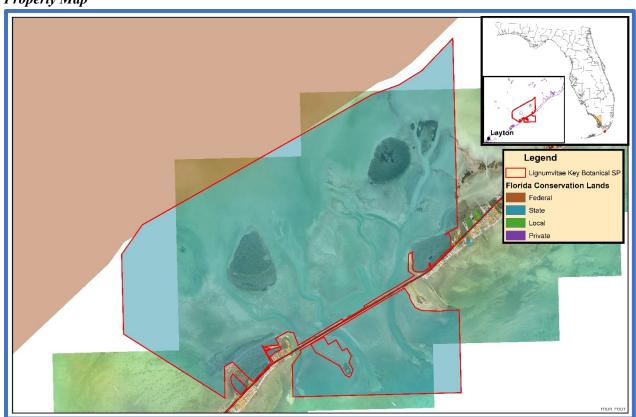
#### Non-Team Members (attending)

• Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL

#### **Property Map**

Original Acquisition Date: 3/2/71 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 4/23/12 Review Date: 3/17/21

- Becky Schneider, Park Biologist
- Mark Torok, FFS
- Tiffany Howard, SFWMD
- Sandra Vardaman, Conservation Org.
- Marisa Magrino, Private Land Manager



Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 8, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 8, No = 0$$

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# Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

 The review team commends the Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP) for maintaining excellent condition of all natural and cultural resources and restoring submerged resources with extremely limited staff and funding. (8+, 0-)

Major Land Management Categories	Field Review	Management Plan Review	
Natural Communities / Forest Management	4.79	4.88	
Prescribed Fire / Habitat Restoration	4.75	4.88	
Hydrology	N/A	N/A	
Imperiled Species	4.55	4.70	
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.60	4.54	
Cultural Resources	4.75	4.81	
Public Access / Education / Law Enforcement	4.32	4.56	
Infrastructure / Equipment / Staffing	3.83	N/A	
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)			
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor	

#### Table 12: Results at a glance.

- 2. The review team commends the Florida Park Service (FPS) outreach to law enforcement to help them be better educated on the marine resources. (8+, 0-)
- 3. The review team commends the FPS specifically on their comprehensive efforts in ongoing seagrass restoration. (8+, 0-)
- 4. The review team commends the park staff for development of interpretive materials. (8+, 0-)
- 5. The review team commends the park staff for the ongoing exotic plant and animal removals within the park. (8+, 0-)
- 6. The review team commends the park staff for efforts being made to protect the archaeological and historical resources. (8+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

1. The team recommends the park acquire a landing craft, i.e., a shallow draft work boat for park operations. (8+, 0-)

Managing Agency Response: The District supports this recommendation. A landing craft would help park staff conduct seagrass restoration, buoy maintenance, and make it easier to move larger equipment and supplies from the land base office to Lignumvitae Key.

2. The team recommends that no plants or outside material be brought onto Lignumvitae Key State Park. (8+, 0-)

Managing Agency Response: Agree. To prevent the spread of the invasive new guinea flatworm and other non-native species, no plants or outside material (i.e. topsoil or mulch) should be brought onto Lignumvitae Key. In addition, park management should take every effort to disinfect equipment that is being transported to the island (such as chippers or UTV's) that could potentially spread invasive species on the island.

3. The team recommends that DRP consider increasing the number of full-time positions to improve management of the cultural and natural resources and increase visitor services. (8+, 0-)

Managing Agency Response: Additional staff can only be assigned to this or other park units if they are appropriated by the Legislature or reassigned from other units. Funding is determined annually by the Florida Legislature.

4. The team recommends that DRP coordinate with FWC to increase law enforcement presence in an effort to better protect both upland and submerged resources. (8+, 0-)

Managing Agency Response: Law enforcement assistance must be obtained through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Division of Law Enforcement or from a local law enforcement agency. Park staff will request additional presence to protect resources as necessary.

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically coastal berm, Keys cactus barren, rockland hammock, Keys tidal rock barren, mangrove swamp, marine composite, consolidated, and unconsolidated substrates, and marine seagrass beds.
- 2. Listed species, listed animal and plant species in general, and specifically corals, Florida purple wing, Schaus' swallowtail, and Keys tree cactus.
- 3. Natural resources survey/monitoring resources; specifically sportfish or their habitat monitoring, listed species or their habitat monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural resources, specifically cultural resource survey, and protection and preservation.
- 5. Restoration, specifically seagrass restoration.
- 6. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, animals, and pests/pathogens.
- 7. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, gates and fencing, and signage.
- 8. Adjacent property concerns, specifically expanding development, encroachments, and inholdings and additions.
- 9. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 10. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, sanitary facilities, buildings, and equipment.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that

overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed:

1. Management Resources, specifically staff, received a below average score. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether management resources are sufficient.

Managing Agency Response: Additional staff can only be assigned to this or other park units if they are appropriated by the Legislature or reassigned from other units. Funding is determined annually by the Florida Legislature.

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvements in the management plan.

#### Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock State Park

Managed by: Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Park Service Acres: 2,805.20

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** to develop, maintain and utilize this property for state park and outdoor recreational and educational purposes that are compatible with the conservation and protection of the property.

Acquisition Program(s): P2000/CARL Area Reviewed: Entire Property

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

• Paul Rice, Park Manager

#### **Review Team Members (voting)**

- Janice Duquesnel, DRP District
- Jim Duquesnel, Local Gov't.
- Jeannette Parker, FWC
- Beau Daigneault, DEP District

#### Non-Team Members (attending)

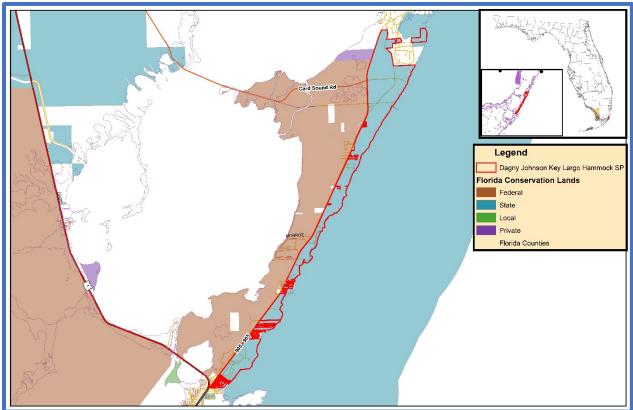
• Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL

#### **Property Map**

Original Acquisition Date: 7/26/82 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 4/19/19 Review Date: 3/18/21

County: Monroe

- Judy Ferarro, Park Biologist
- Mark Torok, FFS
- Christine Stylianos, SFWMD
- Sandra Vardaman, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



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Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 7, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 7, No = 0$$

*Table 1* shows the average scores received for each applicable category of review. *Field Review* scores refer to the adequacy of management actions in the field, while *Management Plan Review* scores refer to adequacy of discussion of these topics in the management plan. Scores range from 1 to 5 with 5 signifying excellence. For a more detailed key to the scores, please see *Appendix A*.

### Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

- 1. The team commends the state park staff for their restoration at Fort Bougainville and Carysfort Yacht Club, and continuation of the long-term restoration projects. (7+, 0-)
- 2. The team commends the staff for their plan to improve ADA access of the main entrance to the park. (7+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

- The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:
  - 1. The team recommends the management plan address the Havana cluster vine and climbing vine fern in more detail in the management plan. (7+, 0-)

# Managing Agency Response: The Park concurs with the recommendation. The protection and preservation of listed species, particularly Havana clustervine and climbing vine fern, will be more thoroughly addressed in the next management plan update.

2. The team recommends that the management plan include a wish list of research targeted for resource management that this property needs for researchers to choose from. (5+, 1-, 1 abstain)

#### Managing Agency Response: Disagree. The current plan does identify some research needs. Moreover, a comprehensive list is not feasible for the plan as research needs are fluid and updates to the plan only occur on a 10-year rotation. When the Park is solicitated by researchers, our staff work with them to focus their research on current Park needs.

3. The team recommends that the park needs to identify the impacts on native wildlife caused by the New Guinea flatworm. (7+, 0-)

Major Land Management Categories	Field Review	Management Plan Review
Natural Communities /		
Forest Management	4.33	4.58
Prescribed Fire / Habitat	6	
Restoration	4.92	4.60
Hydrology	3.83	3.77
Imperiled Species	4.10	4.10
Exotic / Invasive Species	3.87	4.12
Cultural Resources	3.79	4.00
Public Access / Education /		
Law Enforcement	3.50	3.95
Infrastructure / Equipment /		
Staffing	2.98	N/A
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)		
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor

#### Table 13: Results at a glance.

Managing Agency Response: The Park currently works with Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and their researchers on removal and monitoring efforts for the New Guinea flatworm.

4. The team recommends that staffing levels at Key Largo Hammock State Park be restored to historic levels allocated by the Legislature when the park was established. (6+, 0-, 1 abstain)

# Managing Agency Response: Additional staff can only be assigned to this or other park units if they are appropriated by the Legislature or reassigned from other units. Funding is determined annually by the Florida Legislature.

5. The team recommends that park staff stabilize the radar towers before they deteriorate to the point of no return (6+, 0-, 1 abstain)

# Managing Agency Response: The Park has and will continue to seek funding for the preservation of these structures which is identified in the current management plan.

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically coastal berm, rockland hammock, and mangrove swamp.
- 2. Listed species, listed animal and plant species in general, and specifically endangered rodents, Schaus' swallowtail, mahogany mistletoe, and semaphore cactus.
- 3. Natural resources survey/monitoring resources; specifically sport fish or their habitat monitoring, listed species or their habitat monitoring, other non-game species or their habitat monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Restoration, specifically uplands and wetlands restoration.
- 5. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, and control of animals.
- 6. Hydro-alteration, specifically roads/culverts.
- 7. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey.
- 8. Public access, specifically roads.
- 9. Environmental education and outreach, specifically recreational opportunities.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed:

1. Management Resources, specifically sanitary facilities, buildings, and staff, received below average scores. The review team is asked to evaluate, based on information provided by the managing agency, whether management resources are sufficient.

Managing Agency Response: The Division will consider these recommendations. Division funding is appropriated annually by the Florida Legislature. This funding is allocated at the Division and District levels in order to best meet annual operational, staffing, and facility needs. Any deemed increase in Division Budget/staffing will follow the established legislative budget request process.

Land Management Plan Review Details

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#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

1. Listed Species protection and preservation, specifically climbing vine fern, received a below average score. This is an indication that the management plan does not sufficiently address protection and preservation of listed species.

Managing Agency Response: The protection and preservation of listed species, particularly climbing vine fern, will be more thoroughly addressed in the next plan update. The current management plan was reviewed by the relevant agencies and was in full compliance with Chapters 253 and 259, F.S., and Chapter 18-2, F.A.C., when it was approved by ARC.

**County:** Franklin

**Review Date:** 4/21/21

#### **Bald Point State Park**

Managed by: Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Park Service Acres: 4,875.49

Purpose(s) for Acquisition: to manage the property in such a way as to protect and restore the natural and cultural values of the property and provide the greatest benefit to the citizens of the state. Acquisition Program(s): P2000/CARL Original Acquisition Date: 8/30/99

Acquisition Program(s): P2000/CARL Area Reviewed: Entire Property

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- Agency Manager and Key Staff:
  - Kristin Ebersol, Park Manager
  - Christopher Whittle, District Biologist

### **Review Team Members (voting)**

- Daryl Hatfield, DRP District
- Local Gov't., None
- Mike Sisson, FWC
- Mark Gillman, DEP District

### Non-Team Members (attending)

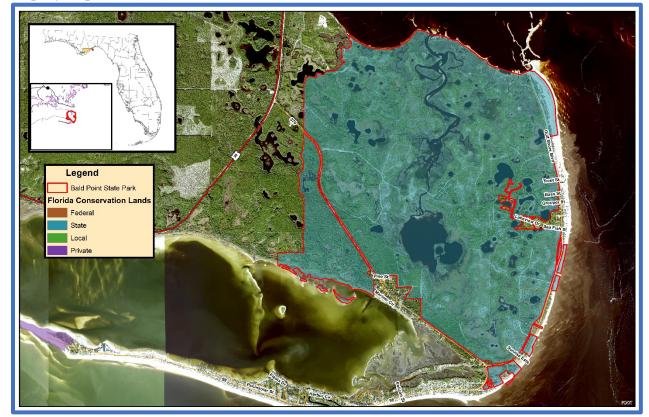
- Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL
- Deborah Burr, DEP/DSL
- James Parker, DEP/DSL
- Bryan Shoaf, DEP/DSL

#### Property Map

Summer Waters, District Biologist

Last Management Plan Approval Date: 4/21/06

- Ronda Sutphen, FFS
- Tyler MacMillan, NWFWMD
- David Roddenberry, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



Management

Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 6, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 6$$
,  $No = 6$ 

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## Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

- The team commends the state park staff on their ability to apply fire on the landscape despite the challenges with the inholdings and adjacent properties. (6+, 0-)
- 2. The team commends the park staff for thinking comprehensively about

Cate	gories	Review	Plan Review
Natural Communities /			
Forest Management		4.76	4.67
Prescribed F	ire / Habitat		
Resto	ration	4.72	4.72
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Hydr	ology	4.45	4.37
Imperiled Species		4.79	4.64
Exotic / Invasive Species		4.56	4.36
Cultural Resources		4.83	4.67
Public Access / Education / Law Enforcement		4.62	4.48
Infrastructure / Equipment / Staffing		3.72	N/A
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)			
Excellent	Above Average	Below Average	Poor

#### Table 14: Results at a glance.

Field

Major Land Management

conservation and environmental issues and public uses at the park and managing to accomplish their goals with the resources available. (6+, 0-)

3. The team commends the park staff for their sea turtle restoration project which consists of removal of the old seawall and road. (6+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

There were no consensus recommendations.

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically beach dune, maritime hammock, scrub, scrubby flatwoods, basin marsh, baygall, depression marsh, wet flatwoods, flatwoods lake/marsh lake, and salt marsh.
- 2. Listed species, listed animal and plant species in general, and specifically sea turtles, shorebirds, gopher tortoise, Godfrey's blazing star, and yucca gloriosa.
- 3. Natural resources survey/monitoring resources; specifically listed species or their habitat monitoring, fire effects monitoring, other non-game species or their habitat monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural resources, specifically survey and protection/preservation.
- 5. Prescribed fire, specifically area being burned, frequency, and quality.
- 6. Restoration, specifically flatwoods restoration.

- 7. Forest management, specifically timber inventory, and timber harvesting
- 8. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, animals, and pests/pathogens.
- 9. Hydro-alteration, specifically roads/culverts, and ditches.
- 10. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, gates and fencing, signage, and law enforcement presence.
- 11. Adjacent property concerns, specifically expanding development, and inholdings and additions
- 12. Public access, specifically roads, parking, and boat access.
- 13. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 14. Management Resources, specifically waste disposal and sanitary facilities.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed: *The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvement actions in the field.* 

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvement actions in the management plan.

#### Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park

Managed by: Department of Environmental Protection - Division of Recreation and Parks.Acres: 1,169.00County: LeonPurpose(s) for Acquisition: The State of Florida ("State") acquired Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park to<br/>maintain the property as a public state park.Acquisition Program(s): CARL/P2000Original Acquisition Date: 3/31/53Area Reviewed: Entire PropertyLast Management Plan Approval Date: 2/27/14<br/>Review Date: 4/23/21

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

- Stephanie McDonald, Manager
- Christopher Wilson
- Summer Waters

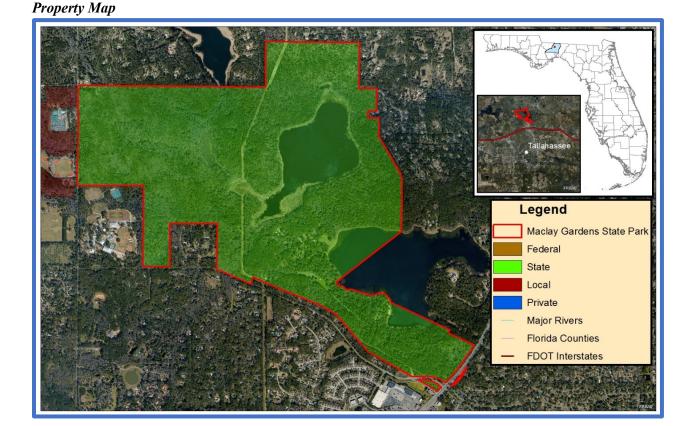
#### **Review Team Members (voting)**

- Arthur Stiles, DRP District
- Local Gov't., None
- Emily Evans, FWC
- Kim Siedl, DEP District

#### Non-Team Members (attending)

- James Parker, DEP/DSL
- Shelly Wayte, FFS
- Michel Fuller, DEP District

- Kasha Wagner
- Ronda Sutphen, FFS
- Tyler MacMillan, NWFWMD
- Rosalyn Kilcollins, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 6, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

$$Yes = 6$$
,  $No = 0$ 

*Table 1* shows the average scores received for each applicable category of review. *Field Review* scores refer to the adequacy of management actions in the field, while *Management Plan Review* scores refer to adequacy of discussion of these topics in the management plan. Scores range from 1 to 5 with 5 signifying excellence. For a more detailed key to the scores, please see *Appendix A*.

# Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

- 1. The team commends DRP for their knowledge and caring for the management of the park. (6+, 0-)
- 2. The team commends DRP for staff

expertise and ability in answering questions during the site visit and review of the management plan. (6+, 0-)

- 3. The team commends DRP on the management of the gardens and maintaining the historical aspect of the park. (6+, 0-)
- 4. The team commends DRP for working with volunteers for the removal and management of invasive species. (6+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

#### There were no consensus recommendations.

#### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically upland hardwood forest, basin swamp, bottomland forest, clastic upland lake, sinkhole lake, and seepage stream.
- 2. Listed species, animals and plants in general, and specifically bay starvine, and slender naiad.
- 3. Natural resource survey/monitoring resources, specifically listed species or their habitat monitoring, other nongame species of their habitat monitoring, other habitat management effects monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.

Major Land Management	Field	Management	
Categories	Review	Plan Review	
Natural Communities /		0.000	
Forest Management	4.29	4.33	
Prescribed Fire / Habitat			
Restoration	N/A	N/A	
Hydrology	4.92	4.83	
Imperiled Species	4.83	4.78	
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.83	4.67	
Cultural Resources	5.00	5.00	
Public Access / Education / Law Enforcement	4.92	4.73	
Infrastructure / Equipment /			
Staffing	4.47	N/A	
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)			
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor	

#### Table 15: Results at a glance.

- 4. Cultural Resources, specifically cultural resource survey, and protection and preservation.
- 5. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, animals, and pests/pathogens.
- 6. Hydro-alteration, specifically roads/culverts and ditches.
- 7. Surface Water Monitoring, specifically quality.
- 8. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, gates and fencing, signage, and law enforcement presence.
- 9. Adjacent property concerns, specifically inholdings/additions.
- 10. Public access, specifically roads, parking, and boat access.
- 11. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 12. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, sanitary facilities, buildings and equipment.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed: *The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvement actions in the field.* 

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvement actions in the management plan.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area October 2020 - June 2021

#### Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area

 Managed by: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

 Acres: 63,257
 County: Franklin and Gulf

 Purpose(s) for Acquisition: To protect the floodplain of the lower Apalachicola River.

 Acquisition Program(s): EEL, CARL/P2000, Florida Forever
 Original Acquisition Date: 1972

 Area Reviewed: Entire Property
 Last Management Plan Approval Date: 12/2/14

 Review Date: 5/12/21

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

- Catherine Ricketts, Manager
- Clint Peters

#### **Review Team Members (voting)**

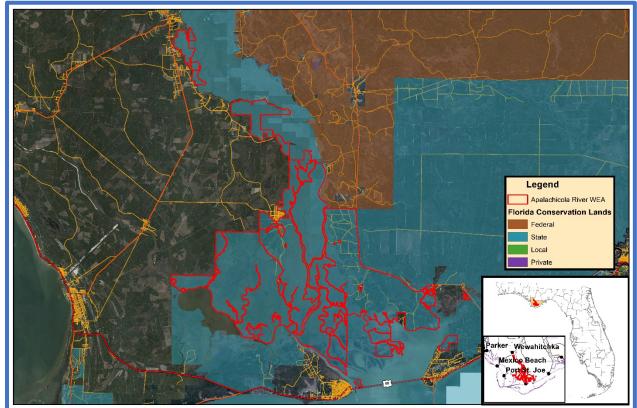
- Daryl Hatfield, DRP District
- Mark Curenton, Local Gov't.
- Diana Pepe, FWC
- DEP District, None

#### Non-Team Members (attending)

- Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL
- Dylan Haase, FWC
- James Parker, DEP/DSL

#### **Property Map**

- Phil Manor, Regional Biologist
- Ronda Sutphen, FFS
- Coakley Taylor, NWFWMD
- Sandy Tedder, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area October 2020 - June 2021

Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 6, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

#### Yes = 6, No = 0

*Table 1* shows the average scores received for each applicable category of review. *Field Review* scores refer to the adequacy of management actions in the field, while *Management Plan Review* scores refer to adequacy of discussion of these topics in the management plan. Scores range from 1 to 5 with 5 signifying excellence. For a more detailed key to the scores, please see *Appendix A*.

# Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

1. The team commends the manager for the comprehensive approach to habitat management and restoration for wildlife, imperiled plants and the whole natural communities environment. (6+, 0-)

Major Land Management Categories	Field Review	Management Plan Review		
Natural Communities /				
Forest Management	4.96	4.83		
Prescribed Fire / Habitat	8			
Restoration	4.86	4.81		
Hydrology	4.89	4.72		
Imperiled Species	5.00	4.96		
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.94	4.83		
Cultural Resources	4.92	4.83		
Public Access / Education / Law Enforcement	4.91	4.78		
Infrastructure / Equipment /				
Staffing	4.70	N/A		
Color Code (See Ap	Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)			
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor		

#### Table 16: Results at a glance.

#### Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed:

### There were no consensus recommendations.

### Field Review Details

#### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically alluvial forest, alluvial river, basin swamp, baygall, blackwater stream, bottomland forest, depression marsh, dome swamp, floodplain marsh, floodplain swamp, hydric hammock, mesic flatwoods, mesic hammock, salt marsh, sandhill, scrubby flatwoods, upland hardwood forest, wet flatwoods and wet prairie.
- 2. Listed species, listed animal and plant species in general, and specifically red cockaded woodpeckers, and frosted flatwoods salamander.
- 3. Natural resources survey/monitoring resources; specifically sport fish or their habitat monitoring, listed species or their habitat monitoring, other non-game species or their habitat monitoring, fire effects monitoring, other habitat management effects monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural resources, specifically cultural resource survey, and protection and preservation.
- 5. Prescribed fire, specifically area being burned, frequency and quality.
- 6. Restoration, specifically pine plantation to mesic/wet flatwoods/wet prairie, groundcover restoration (Ruderal site / Saul Creek Unit), hydrology restoration, and ephemeral wetlands.

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- 7. Forest management, specifically timber inventory, timber harvesting, reforestation/afforestation and site preparation.
- 8. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, animals, and pests/pathogens.
- 9. Hydro-alteration, specifically roads and culverts, ditches, hydro-period alteration, and water level alteration.
- 10. Ground water monitoring, specifically quality and quantity.
- 11. Surface water monitoring, specifically quality and quantity.
- 12. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, gates and fencing, signage and law enforcement presence.
- 13. Adjacent property concerns, specifically inholdings and additions.
- 14. Public access, specifically roads, parking, and boat access.
- 15. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 16. Management resources, specifically waste disposal, sanitary facilities, . buildings, equipment, staff and funding.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed: *The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvement actions in the field.* 

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvements in the management plan.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Dr. Julian G. Bruce St. George Island State Park October 2020 - June 2021

#### Dr. Julian G. Bruce St. George Island State Park

Managed by: Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Park Service Acres: 2,024.00 County: Franklin Purpose(s) for Acquisition: The original property was donated to the Trustees for use for public purpose only. Acquisition Program(s): LATF, EEL, CARL/P2000 Original Acquisition Date: 4/17/63 Area Reviewed: Entire Property Last Management Plan Approval Date: 8/19/16 Review Date: 5/14/21

#### Agency Manager and Key Staff:

- Joshua Hodson, Park Manager
- Christopher Whittle, District Biologist

#### **Review Team Members** (voting)

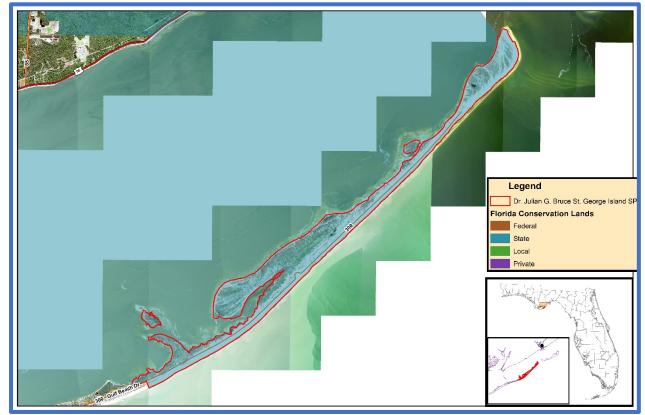
- Arthur Stiles, DRP District
- Mark Curenton, Local Gov't.
- Thomas Kuhn, FWC
- DEP District, None

#### Non-Team Members (attending)

- Keith Singleton, DEP/DSL
- Shelly Wayte, FFS

#### **Property Map**

- Summer Waters, District Biologist
- Ronda Sutphen, FFS
- John Crowe, NWFWMD
- Rebecca Dolan, Conservation Org.
- Private Land Manager, None



Overview of Land Management Review Results Is the property managed for purposes that are compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation?

#### Yes = 6, No = 0

Are the management practices, including public access, in compliance with the management plan?

#### Yes = 6, No = 0

*Table 1* shows the average scores received for each applicable category of review. *Field Review* scores refer to the adequacy of management actions in the field, while *Management Plan Review* scores refer to adequacy of discussion of these topics in the management plan. Scores range from 1 to 5 with 5 signifying excellence. For a more detailed key to the scores, please see *Appendix A*.

# Consensus Commendations for the Managing Agency

The following commendations resulted from discussion and vote of the review team members:

 The team commends the state park staff on the innovative thinking in turning the challenges of Hurricane Michael into opportunities, and adapting the interpretive programs when the old ways were not an option. (6+, 0-)

Major Land Management Categories	Field Review	Management Plan Review	
Natural Communities /			
Forest Management	4.08	4.37	
Prescribed Fire / Habitat	<i>6</i>		
Restoration	4.78	4.89	
Hydrology	5.00	4.92	
Imperiled Species	4.92	5.00	
Exotic / Invasive Species	4.94	4.94	
Cultural Resources	4.92	5.00	
Public Access / Education /			
Law Enforcement	4.98	4.98	
Infrastructure / Equipment /			
Staffing	4.61	N/A	
Color Code (See Appendix A for detail)			
Excellent Above Average	Below Average	Poor	

#### Table 17: Results at a glance.

- 2. The team commends the park staff for the ability to manage for visitor impacts, such as closing off vehicular traffic to the east end for the protection of habitat of the ground nesting birds. (6+, 0-)
- 3. The team commends the park staff for their work collaborating with their partners, such as FWC, FNAI, ANERR, and FSU. (6+, 0-)

#### **Consensus Recommendations to the Managing Agency**

The following recommendations resulted from a discussion and vote of review team members. The next management plan update should include information about how these recommendations have been addressed: *There were no consensus recommendations.* 

### Field Review Details

### Field Review Checklist Findings

The following items received high scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions exceeded expectations.

- 1. Natural communities, specifically beach dune, coastal grassland, scrubby flatwoods, wet flatwoods, basin marsh, salt marsh, coastal dune lake, estuarine unconsolidated substrate and marine unconsolidated substrate.
- 2. Listed species, listed animal and plant species in general, and specifically shorebirds and sea turtles.
- 3. Natural resources survey/monitoring resources; specifically sport fish or their habitat monitoring, listed species or their habitat monitoring, other non-game species or their habitat monitoring, fire effects monitoring, other habitat management effects monitoring, and invasive species survey and monitoring.
- 4. Cultural resources, specifically survey and protection/preservation.

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- 5. Prescribed fire, specifically area being burned, frequency, and quality.
- 6. Non-native, invasive, and problem species, specifically prevention and control of plants, animals, and pests/pathogens.
- 7. Hydro-alteration, specifically roads/culverts.
- 8. Surface water monitoring, specifically quantity and quantity
- 9. Resource protection, specifically boundary survey, gates and fencing, signage, and law enforcement presence.
- 10. Public access, specifically roads, parking, and boat access.
- 11. Environmental education and outreach, specifically wildlife, invasive species, habitat management activities, interpretive facilities and signs, recreational opportunities, and management of visitor impacts.
- 12. Management Resources, specifically waste disposal and sanitary facilities, buildings, equipment, and staff.

#### Items Requiring Improvement Actions in the Field

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that management actions noted during the Field Review were not considered sufficient (less than 3.0 score on average). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The management plan update should include information on how these items have been addressed: *The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvement actions in the field.* 

#### Land Management Plan Review Details

#### Items Requiring Improvements in the Management Plan

The following items received low scores on the review team checklist, which indicates that the text noted in the Management Plan Review does not sufficiently address this issue (less than 3.0 score on average.). Please note that overall good scores do not preclude specific recommendations by the review team requiring remediation. The next management plan update should address the checklist items identified below:

The review team scores did not identify items requiring improvement actions in the management plan.

#### Appendix A. Scoring System Detail

#### **Explanation of Consensus Commendations:**

Often, the exceptional condition of some of the property's attributes impress review team members. In those instances, team members are encouraged to offer positive feedback to the managing agency in the form of a commendation. The teams develop commendations generally by standard consensus processes or by majority vote if they cannot obtain a true consensus.

#### **Explanation of Consensus Recommendations:**

Subsection 259.036(2), F.S., specifically states that the managing entity shall consider the findings and recommendations of the land management review. We ask team members to provide general recommendations for improving the management or public access and use of the property. The teams discuss these recommendations and develop consensus recommendations as described above. We provide these recommendations to the managing agency to consider when finalizing the required ten-year management plan update. We encourage the manager to respond directly to these recommendations and include their responses in the final report when received in a timely manner.

## Explanation of Field Review Checklist and Scores, and Management Plan Review Checklist and Scores:

We provide team members with a checklist to fill out during the evaluation workshop phase of the Land Management Review. The checklist is the uniform tool used to evaluate both the management actions and condition of the managed area, <u>and</u> the sufficiency of the management plan elements. During the evaluation workshop, team members individually provide scores on each issue on the checklist, from their individual perspective. Team members also base their evaluations on information provided by the managing agency staff as well as other team member discussions. Staff averages these scores to evaluate the overall conditions on the ground, and how the management plan addresses the issues. Team members must score each management issue 1 to 5: 1 being the management practices are clearly insufficient, and 5 being that the management practices are excellent. Members may choose to abstain if they have inadequate expertise or information to make a cardinal numeric choice, as indicated by an "X" on the checklist scores, or they may not provide a vote for other unknown reasons, as indicated by a blank. If a majority of members failed to vote on any issue, that issue is determined to be irrelevant to management of that property or it was inadequately reviewed by the team to make an intelligent choice. In either case staff eliminated the issue from the report to the manager.

### Average scores are interpreted as follows:

Scores 4.0 to 5.0 are *Excellent* Scores 3.0 to 3.99 are *Above Average* Scores 2.0 to 2.99 are *Below Average* Scores 1.0 to 1.99 are considered *Poor*