

ITEM 9:

Consider project evaluation reports for Big Pine Preserve and Wilson Ranch 2021 Cycle 1 Florida Forever proposals.

DSL STAFF REMARKS:

On December 11, 2020, ARC voted to move two 2021 Cycle 1 proposals on for more detailed review. The Division of State Lands (DSL) with input from partner agencies have subsequently prepared an evaluation report for each proposal. The reports are included as backup to this item.

Public notice was posted for receiving public testimony on the 2021 Cycle 1 proposals approved by ARC in December. The DSL held a virtual public hearing on March 2, 2021 and preceding this item at the April 9, 2021 ARC meeting. The public notices were posted in the Florida Administrative Register, The Ledger and Ocala Star Banner newspapers, and newszap.com.

Proposal	Acres	Acquisition Type	County	Prospective Manager
Big Pine Preserve	541	Fee Simple	Marion	FFS
Wilson Ranch	450	Fee Simple	Polk	Polk County

DSL STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the project evaluation reports.

ARC RECOMMENDATION:

- APPROVE**
- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:** _____
- DEFER**
- WITHDRAW**
- NOT APPROVE**
- OTHER:** _____