

ITEM 10:

Vote on whether to add two 2021 Cycle 1 Florida Forever proposals to the 2022 Florida Forever Priority List.

DSL STAFF REMARKS:

In October 2020, the Division of State Lands (DSL) received two Florida Forever project proposals for Big Pine Preserve and Wilson Ranch. Council members and staff reviewed the applications and the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) preliminary resource information and heard public testimony at the December 10, 2020 public hearing. ARC voted to move both proposals to full review on December 11, 2020.

Florida Forever assessment teams visited the two proposal areas on January 26 and 27, 2021. The DSL staff then prepared project evaluation reports based on the information provided by the ARC member agencies, FNAI and other agency contributors. FWC has also provided a resource analysis of each proposal that has been transmitted to ARC. A virtual regional public hearing on the proposals was held on March 2, 2021 and preceding this item at the April 9, 2021 ARC meeting. The meeting summary for the March regional hearing is provided in Item 2.

| PROPOSAL | COUNTY | CATEGORY | ACRES |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Big Pine Preserve | Marion | Fee Simple | 541 |
| Wilson Ranch | Polk | Fee Simple | 450 |

DSL STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Vote on proposals to be added as projects to the 2022 Florida Forever priority list.

Consider, if approved by a roll call vote as a Florida Forever project, adding Big Pine Preserve fee-simple project to the Longleaf Pine Ecosystem Florida Forever project boundary by a second roll call vote of ARC.

ARC RECOMMENDATION:

Vote to approve the Florida Forever project proposals.

| Project | DHR | FFS | Lynetta Griner | FWC | Bill Palmer | Elva Peppers | DEP | Selected |
|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Big Pine Preserve | | | | | | | | |
| Wilson Ranch | | | | | | | | |

Vote to amend existing Florida Forever project boundaries to include new project lands.

| Project | DHR | FFS | Lynetta Griner | FWC | Bill Palmer | Elva Peppers | DEP | Selected |
|--|------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Longleaf Pine Ecosystem: Big Pine Preserve | | | | | | | | |