ITEM 12:

Consider a staff recommendation to remove Seven Runs Creek Final Phase from the 2022 Florida Forever Priority List.

LOCATION:

Walton and Washington counties

DSL STAFF REMARKS:

Pursuant to section 259.105(14), Florida Statutes (F.S.), which states that the Board of Trustees may remove projects from the list, staff has identified one project that should be considered for removal from the Florida Forever Priority List.

Seven Runs Creek Final Phase:

This 7,441-acre project in Walton and Washington counties was added to the Florida Forever project list in 2017. Approximately 7,109 acres have been acquired in less-than-fee and fee simple with Florida Forever funding or via donation. This Less-Than-Fee project is now 97% complete. Removing this project from the list does not prevent Florida Forever funds from being used to purchase the remaining property within this project pursuant to section 259.032(8), F.S., which states, "When at least 90 percent of the acreage of a project has been purchased pursuant to the chapter, the project may be removed from the list and the remaining acreage may continue to be purchased." Furthermore, Rule 18-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., Public Purposes and Categories of Projects Qualifying for Funding, provides that acres within projects that are no longer on the priority list still qualify for funding.

DSL STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the removal of the Seven Runs Creek Final Phase project from the priority list because is at least 90% complete.

ARC RECOMMENDATION:

Project	DHR	FFS	Lynetta Griner	FWC	Bill Palmer	Elva Peppers	DEP	Selected
Seven Runs Creek Final Phase								

