

# Acquisition and Restoration Council Public Hearing

**Date:** March 14, 2023  
**Time:** 4 p.m.  
**Location:** Highlands County Engineering Training Room  
505 S Commerce Ave  
Sebring, FL 33870

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## Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- ARC Role in Project Selection and Ranking Process
- Overview of 2023 Cycle 1 Florida Forever Project Proposals
- Public Testimony
  - Creek Ranch
  - Quail Creek Ranch
  - Williamson Cattle Company
- Adjourn

### Overview of the 2023 Cycle 1 Florida Forever Project Proposals

The Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) received seven new project proposals for the Florida Forever 2023 Cycle 1: Avalon Phase II, Carter-Quail Ranch, Creek Ranch, Floyd’s Mound, Owen Creek Highlands, Quail Creek Ranch, and Williamson Cattle Company. On December 9, 2022, ARC voted to move all seven proposals on for more detailed review.

Section 259.07, Florida Statutes, requires ARC to hold public meetings to take testimony on new Florida Forever proposals “in such areas of the state where the major portions of such land are situated.” ARC will take the required public testimony on these proposals as well as other existing Florida Forever projects.

### 2023 Cycle 1 Florida Forever Proposals

Proposal	Acquisition Type	County	Acres
Avalon Phase II	Less-Than-Fee	Jefferson	1,464
Carter-Quail Ranch	Fee Simple	Volusia	1,326
Creek Ranch	Less-Than-Fee	Polk	1,295
Floyd’s Mound	Less-Than-Fee	Madison	40
Owen Creek Highlands	Fee Simple	Manatee	932
Quail Creek Ranch	Less-Than-Fee	Hardee	2,699
Williamson Cattle Company	Less-Than-Fee	Okeechobee	7,419