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Florida Division of Forestry Contacts

STATE FORESTS CENTER/DISTRICT	STATE FOREST	ADDRESS	PHONE/SC/FAX
Blackwater Forestry Center (BFC)	Blackwater River State Forest	11650 Munson Highway	850-957-6140
	Cottage Hill State Forest	Milton, FL 32570	(FAX) 957-6143
Chipola Forestry Center (CFC)	Pine Log State Forest	5583-A Longleaf Road Ebro, FL 32437	850-535-2888 (FAX) 535-2339
	Point Washington State Forest	5865 Hwy 98 East Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459	850-231-5800 (FAX) 231-0021
Tallahassee Forestry Center (TFC)	Lake Talquin State Forest	865 Geddie Road Tallahassee, FL 32304	850-488-1871 (SC) 278-1871
	Bear Creek Educational Forest	8125 Pat Thomas Parkway Quincy, FL 32351	850-627-9064
	Wakulla State Forest	3674 Bloxham-Cutoff Rd. Crawfordville, FL 32327	850-421-3102 (FAX) 421-3100
	Tate's Hell State Forest	290 Airport Road Carrabelle, FL 32322	850-697-3734 (FAX) 697-2892
Suwannee Forestry Center (SFC)	Big Shoals State Forest	7620 133rd Road	386-208-1460
	Twin Rivers State Forest	Live Oak, FL 32060	(FAX) 208-1465
	John M. Bethea State Forest	11656 SR 2 Sanderson, FL 32087	904-259-4688 (FAX) 259-2235
Jacksonville (D-7)	Cary State Forest	7465 Pavilion Road Bryceville, FL 32009	904-266-5021 (FAX) 266-5023
	Jennings State Forest	1337 Long Horn Road	904-291-5530
	Belmore State Forest	Middleburg, FL 32068	(SC) 875-5530 (FAX) 291-5537
	Ralph E. Simmons State Forest	3742 Clint Drive	904-845-3597
Four Creeks State Forest	Hilliard, FL 32046	(FAX) 845-4508	
Waccasassa Forestry Center (WaFC)	Carl Duval Moore State Forest	390 Holloway Road	386-329-2552
	Etoniah Creek State Forest	Florahome, FL 32140	(SC) 860-2552 (FAX) 329-2554
	Goethe State Forest	9110 SE CR 337 Dunnellon, FL 34431	352-465-8585 (FAX) 465-8515
	Ross Prairie State Forest	2735 NE Silver Springs BL Ocala, FL 34470	352-732-1201 (SC) 667-1201 (FAX) 620-7293
Welaka State Forest	PO Box 174 Welaka, FL 32193-0174	386-467-2388 (FAX) 467-2740	
Bunnell (D-10)	Deep Creek State Forest	4950 CR 208	904-825-5082
	Watson Island State Forest	St. Augustine, FL 32092	(SC) 865-5082
	Lake George State Forest	5458 N Highway 17 DeLeon Springs, FL 32130	386-985-7822 (SC) 384-7822 (FAX) 985-7804
	Tiger Bay State Forest	4316 W Intl' Speedway BL Daytona Beach, FL 32124	386-226-0250 (SC) 380-0250 (FAX) 226-0251
Matanzas State Forest	6840 US 1 South St. Augustine, FL 32086	904-797-5073 (FAX) 797-5639	

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Withlacoochee Forestry Center (WFC)	Seminole State Forest	9610 CR 44 Leesburg, FL 34788	352-360-6677 (SC) 668-6677 (FAX) 315-4488
	Withlacoochee State Forest	15019 Broad Street Brooksville, FL 34601	352-754-6896 (SC) 663-6896 (FAX) 797-5758
Orlando (D-12)	Holopaw State Forest	8431 S Orange Blossom Trail Orlando, FL 32809	407-892-3024 (FAX) 892-4049
	Little Big Econ State Forest	1350 Snowhill Road Geneva, FL 32732	407-971-3500 (SC) 392-3500 (FAX) 971-3504
	Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area	6490 Old Melbourne Highway St. Cloud, FL 34771	407-892-3024
Lakeland (D-14)	Lake Wales Ridge State Forest	851 CR 630 E Frostproof, FL 33843	863-635-7801 (SC) 515-2301 (FAX) 635-7837
Myakka River (D-15)	Myakka State Forest	2000 S. River Road Englewood, FL 34223	941-460-1333 (SC) 516-4663 (FAX) 460-1335
Caloosahatchee Forestry Center (D-17)	Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest	PO Box 712 Felda, FL 33930	863-612-0776 (SC) 744-0776 (FAX) 612-0780
	Picayune Strand State Forest	2121 52nd Avenue S Naples, FL 34117	239-348-7557 (SC) 733-7557 (FAX) 348-7559
State Office	Field Ops - Hydrology Section	3125 Conner Blvd. Tallahassee, FL. 32399	850-488-7471 (SC) 278-7471 (FAX) 414-1044
	Wetland Restoration Specialist		850-410-8003
	Hydrologist		850-414-0840
	Silviculture BMP Program Coordinator		850- 414-9934

APPENDIX 2

WETLAND AND LISTED WILDLIFE HABITAT MITIGATION PROTOCOL FOR STATE FORESTS ⁽¹⁾

SECTION A

PROCEDURE FOR DOF INVOLVEMENT IN THE MITIGATION PROCESS

Employees and staff of the DOF may not formally commit the DOF to participation in any mitigation project. In response to a request for consideration of a mitigation project, the following process should be followed:

1. A copy of these “Perspectives and Preferences”(Section B) and “Requirements and Preferences” (Section D) will be provided to anyone or any agency interested in developing a mitigation project for DOF. The DOF will only respond to written requests to enter into negotiations for the terms of, or to consider the terms of, a mitigation project.
2. All such requests must be forwarded with all pertinent documentation to the Chief of the Forest Management Bureau; these requests from field units must be made through the Chief of Field Operations, and should include internal evaluations and recommendations from the field.
3. The Forest Management Chief will designate someone from the Bureau or Field Unit to negotiate and develop specific terms and a potential mitigation plan.
4. The Forest Management Chief will make use of the appropriate expertise in the Hydrology, Forest Health, State Lands and Land Acquisition Sections, as well the recommendations and evaluations of the field unit to review and evaluate mitigation proposals. Field evaluations must at some point include an estimate of the amount of time and resources by DOF staff that will be necessary to manage effectively a donated property or a mitigation project.
5. There is no commitment by the DOF to any term or any plan until the Director of the Division of Forestry makes such a commitment.
6. The Director’s commitment to terms and plans under this protocol will be given through the Forest Management Chief, who has authority to approve or disapprove any and all mitigation projects on state forests. As part of the approval process, Conceptual Approval letters, with mitigation project proposals, plans, and pertinent documents attached, will be submitted to the Forest Management Chief for signature.

SECTION B

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) published a definition of mitigation that has been adopted by some federal agencies and which includes the following, referred to as the five elements of mitigation:

- (1) Avoiding the impact altogether by not taking a certain action or parts of an action.
- (2) Minimizing impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation.
- (3) Rectifying the impact by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected environment.
- (4) Reducing or eliminating the impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations during the life of the action.
- (5) Compensating for the impact by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments.

In short, mitigation consists of avoiding, minimizing, rectifying, reducing, or compensating for impacts. The Division of Forestry (DOF) is often approached to become involved in projects that mitigate for the effects of development on listed wildlife species and their habitats, and on wetlands. Many of these projects seek to compensate for development impacts through purchase of lands that can then be managed by the DOF, through support of ongoing management projects on DOF-managed lands, or through restoration and “enhancement” projects for wildlife or wetlands on DOF-managed lands. This document is intended to provide guidance to those wishing to discuss mitigation projects with the DOF, and to provide guidance to DOF staff and employees when approached concerning potential mitigation projects.

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Briefly, mitigation can be divided into several different categories.

- (1) **Mitigation banks** are parcels of land where those wishing to mitigate for actions elsewhere, may contribute to the acquisition and management of the parcel. A mitigation bank may be used for one or more projects. The Board of Trustees has stated publicly that there will not be mitigation banks on any existing state lands. Existing state forests can not be used as mitigation banks.
- (2) **Project mitigation** allows another party to restore, or fund restoration of, an element on state forest lands. Such projects would either be in or be compatible with the state forest Resource Management Plan.
- (3) **Regional Off-Site Mitigation Areas (ROMA)** are provided for in Florida Statute and are administered by DEP. This provides funding for activities on state lands that are designated a ROMA by assessing impact fees on landowners who build in wetland areas.
- (4) **Transfer of Development Rights** occurs when an entity donates land for conservation purposes to a state agency. The development rights are moved from the donated land to another property in order to increase the density of development on that property.

SECTION C

DIVISION OF FORESTRY MISSION

Those wishing to discuss mitigation projects with the DOF should understand the following important points:

1. The mission of the DOF is “To protect Florida and its citizens from the dangers of wildland fire and manage the forest resources through a stewardship ethic to assure they are available for future generations.”
2. Land management objectives of the DOF are
 - a. To restore, maintain and protect in perpetuity all native ecosystems;
 - b. To insure long term viability of populations and species considered rare, endangered, threatened, or of special concern;
 - c. To protect known archeological and historical resources;
 - d. To integrate human use through a total resource concept, not emphasizing any particular use over the others or over restoration, maintenance and protection of native ecosystems; and,
 - e. To practice sustainable forest management utilizing sound silvicultural techniques.
3. Land management objectives are described conceptually in a ten-year Resource Management Plan prepared for each state forest and approved by the Acquisition and Restoration Council on behalf of the Board of Trustees.
4. Each state forest has an optimum management boundary that is approved by the Acquisition and Restoration Council.
5. State lands managed by the DOF are designated as State Forests. State Forests are managed under the multiple-use concept as defined in Florida Statute Chapter 253.034. In this chapter, multiple use means the harmonious and cooperative management of timber, wildlife, recreation, forage, archeological and historic sites, and water resources so that they are utilized in the combination that will best serve the people of the state. Typical activities on state forests include prescribed burning, silviculture, recreation, species management activities, and others. **The Division of Forestry cannot accept on a State Forest a mitigation project in which multiple-use is incompatible.**
6. The DOF does not own (i.e., hold title to) land and is not interested in owning land. However, the DOF does acquire lands on behalf of the Board of Trustees and is interested in appropriate acquisition projects associated with mitigation.
7. The DOF only manages land owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, i.e., the State of Florida, through a lease with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; or, by the Water Management Districts.

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8. The DOF does provide limited management services to other landowners in Florida. This takes place in the form wildfire protection for wildlands throughout Florida; in the form of assistance for wildfire pre-suppression activities, such as fireline plowing and prescribed burning, for a small fee; and, in the form of grants and technical assistance to landowners for activities such as reforestation, prescribed burning, management plan development, silviculture and wildlife habitat management.
9. The DOF is only interested in mitigation projects that are compatible with the above points.

SECTION D

REQUIREMENTS AND PREFERENCES FOR MITIGATION PROJECTS ON STATE FORESTS

1. The DOF's preference is that all donated parcels be within the optimum management boundary of, or adjacent to and sharing a common boundary with, a state forest. These boundaries can be modified if necessary and if approved by the Acquisition and Restoration Council. Projects outside of the optimum boundary may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Mitigation projects for management and restoration on existing state forests must be projects that are addressed or described in the Resource Management Plan, or that are compatible with the Plan and all other DOF and Board of Trustees policies and practices.
2. The DOF is not interested in managing land under a conservation easement that is held by an entity other than the Board of Trustees or the Water Management Districts.
3. The DOF will not accept management responsibility of any land until clear title is held by, or a conservation easement is fully executed with, the Board of Trustees or a Water Management District. All land donation deeds will be to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund or to a Water Management District. These donations require that a survey and environmental assessment be completed to standards set by the Division of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection. A Title Insurance Commitment and Policy will also be required. All of these costs will be the responsibility of the people, organization, or entity proposing donation.
4. It is the responsibility of the potential mitigator to contact the Division of State Lands in the Florida Department of Environmental Services and to meet all their requirements for transfer of title or execution of conservation easement.
5. The DOF is only interested in management of land where multiple use is not precluded. It is particularly important that lands managed by the DOF be open and available for public access. Such access may be as minimal as hiking trails and attendant small parking areas. Any restrictions on use or access must be specifically related to the reasons for mitigation and for the purpose of protection of sensitive resources.
6. If the DOF requirements appear to be met by a project that involves land transfer, if suitable terms for preliminary management prior to DOF management can be developed, and if suitable terms for funding of long-term management can be negotiated, the DOF will correspond with the Division of State Lands expressing support for the project and a willingness to sign a management lease under those terms.
7. All invasive exotic species must be controlled to a management level that the Division of Forestry determines acceptable, eradicated prior to donation, or include management funding for such control.
8. Any boundary line that is contiguous to private land must have the line surveyed in accordance to the Division of State Lands standards and marked according to Division of Forestry's standards.
9. All trash and structures must be removed prior to closing.
10. There will be no encumbrances on the parcels that are unacceptable to DOF.
11. The DOF prefers that any roads or two trails below grade be restored to or above natural elevation prior to donation unless otherwise determined by mutual agreement.
12. The donation must be to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, whose agent for these matters is the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands.
13. A long term management fund must be established with the Friends of Florida State Forests, Inc. or with another entity approved by the DOF, for management of the property. In addition to the long term management funds, the ten percent administrative fee for the Friend of Florida State Forests, Inc. will also be a cost for the project.

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14. All donated parcels will be managed consistent with and in accordance to the approved 10 year Resource Management Plan for the state forest of which they become a part.
15. Restoration and management projects on existing state forests must follow a plan developed by the mitigator and approved by the DOF.
16. Such work may be interrupted or halted by the DOF at its sole discretion should conditions develop that threaten other resources, public users of the state forest, or DOF staff and employees.
17. All restoration and management projects conducted on state forests must have established objectives and measures of success, and a monitoring component. Monitoring typically may last for five years, but may be longer at the discretion of DOF. Monitoring may be accomplished by contractors, other agencies, or through funding to DOF. For resources where DOF lacks expertise, monitoring must be conducted by contractors and other agencies.
18. The DOF will not become a party to the terms of a mitigation agreement or of a permit between any other agency and the party of which mitigation is required, other than to grant approval and authorization for a mitigation project. It will be the responsibility of the other agency and party to see that these terms are met. The DOF will adjust its management actions within the scope of management plans to which it has agreed, and will remain flexible in conducting management actions that are beneficial to sensitive resources.

⁽¹⁾ Based on “PERSPECTIVES AND PREFERENCES ON MITIGATION PROJECTS”, developed by Forest Management Bureau and Forest Hydrology staff members May 2, 2006

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FLORIDA ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION INVENTORY

Welcome to the **Florida Ecological Restoration Inventory**. The information contained in these pages was developed by the Florida DEP and other agencies for the specific purpose of identifying ecological restoration projects within Florida.



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FLORIDA ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION INVENTORY

The following managed areas with restoration projects were found. Click on a link for a list of restoration project(s) and basic information for each project within these managed areas. If no managed areas are listed, then there are no projects in the inventory for the specified search. You may return to [Search](#) and revise your search. More more advanced searching and project reporting try [Advanced Search](#).

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- Putnam
- Alachua, Levy, Marion
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- Volusia
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