

## ETONIAH CREEK STATE FOREST (Putnam County)

**Initial State Acquisition:** April, 1999

**Area:** 8,694 Acres

**Primary Basin(s):** Lower St. Johns

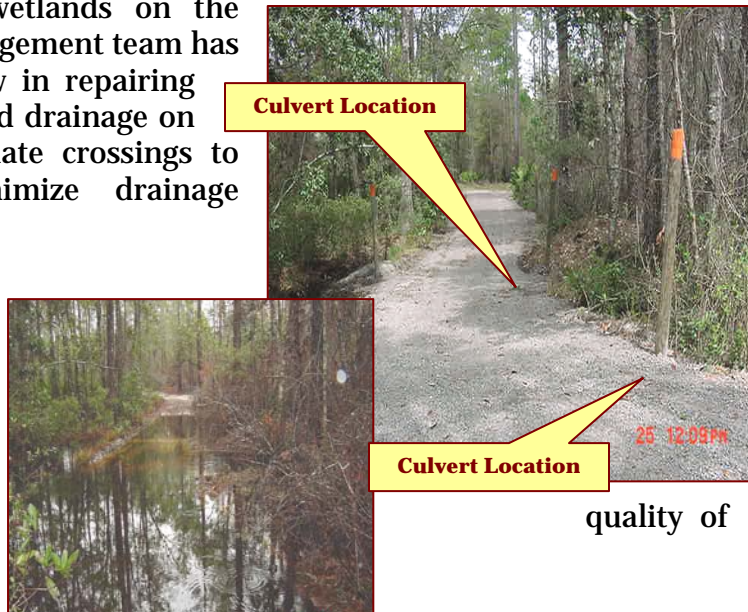
**Current Number of DEP *FERI* Database Listings:** 1 Project (Completed)

### Previous Restoration Activities -

The majority of the roads on Etoniah Creek State Forest (ECSF) are at- or below-grade, many serving as conduits for surface stormwater and leading to increased erosion and sedimentation in wetlands on the Forest. Since 2000 the ECSF management team has worked with the DOF Road Crew in repairing and improving road conditions and drainage on the Forest by installing appropriate crossings to enhance conveyance and minimize drainage impediment.

An example of this kind of work on ECSF is the Wild Azalea road work, listed on DEP's *FERI* site. Such efforts have greatly enhanced the existing hydrology over the ECSF landscape, ultimately improving the water the forest's freshwater resources. (See Figure 1)

Road projects such as this are part of the on-going management program of State Forests throughout the state



**ECSF Figure 1:** "Before" (smaller photo, left) and "after" shots of Wild Azalea Road on Etoniah Creek State Forest, showing how some road work done on State Forests, while improving access to land management operations during wet seasons, may effectively enhance the hydrology of wetland drainages as well.

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### Current/Planned/Proposed Restoration Activities –

Improvement work on the **Boggy Loop Road** on the Manning Tract and re-route work on the **Scrub Road** in recent years provided enhancement benefits to the wetland drainages associated with those structures. However, no formal restoration activities are currently being proposed, planned, or implemented on ECSF at this time.

### Wetland Restoration Needs Assessment –

No restoration needs assessment work has been conducted on Etoniah Creek State Forest as of this writing.