

**RALPH E. SIMMONS STATE FOREST (Nassau County)**

**Initial State Acquisition:** *September, 1992*

**Area:** *3,638 Acres*

**Primary Watershed(s):** *St. Mary's River*

**Current Number of DEP *FERI* Database Listings:** *0 Projects*

**Previous Restoration Activities -**

A majority of the roads on Ralph Simmons State Forest (RSSF) are below-grade, constructed prior to state ownership in 1992. Many of these roads channelize storm water, causing erosion and discharging sediment into low-lying areas and wetlands. Since 2003 the RSSF management team has worked with the DOF Road Crew repairing/improving road structure and drainage on the forest which has greatly enhanced the hydrology and reduced the risk to water quality of freshwater resources.

**Current/Planned/Proposed Restoration Activities –**

No restoration activities are being conducted on the forest at this time. At the time of this writing, no significant restoration projects have been planned or proposed for Ralph Simmons State Forest for the immediate future.

**Wetland Restoration Needs Assessment –**

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

**ROSS PRAIRIE STATE FOREST (Marion County)**

**Initial State Acquisition:** *December, 1994*

**Area:** *3,527 Acres*

**Primary Watershed(s):** *Withlacoochee; Gum Slough*

**Current Number of DEP *FERI* Database Listings:** *0 Projects*

**Previous Restoration Activities -**

No formal wetland restoration activities have been planned or implemented on this forest to date.

**Current/Planned/Proposed Restoration Activities –**

Currently there are no active restoration projects on this forest.

**Wetland Restoration Needs Assessment -**

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