

# **State Forest Management on a Federal Habitat Restoration Project**

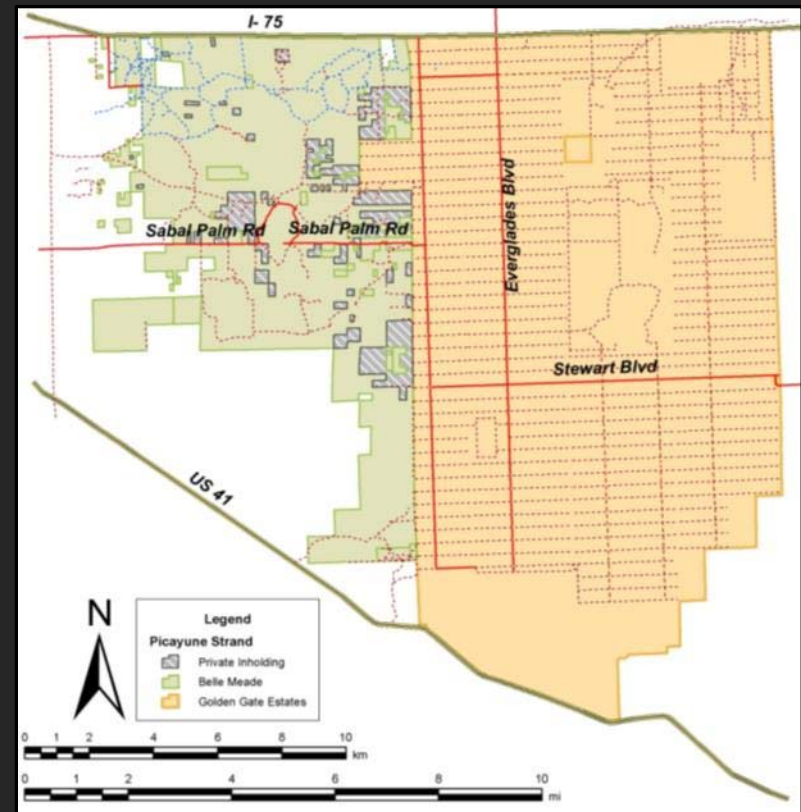


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# Picayune Strand State Forest

- Managed by the Florida Forest Service for
  1. Natural Resources
  2. Public Recreation
  3. Timber & Forest Products
- The Restoration Project has varying impacts on State Forest Management



# Minor Impacts

- **Natural Resource Management**

1. Wildland Fire & Prescribed Fire

- Requested a modification to tie-back levees
- Transports can cross levee with equipment now



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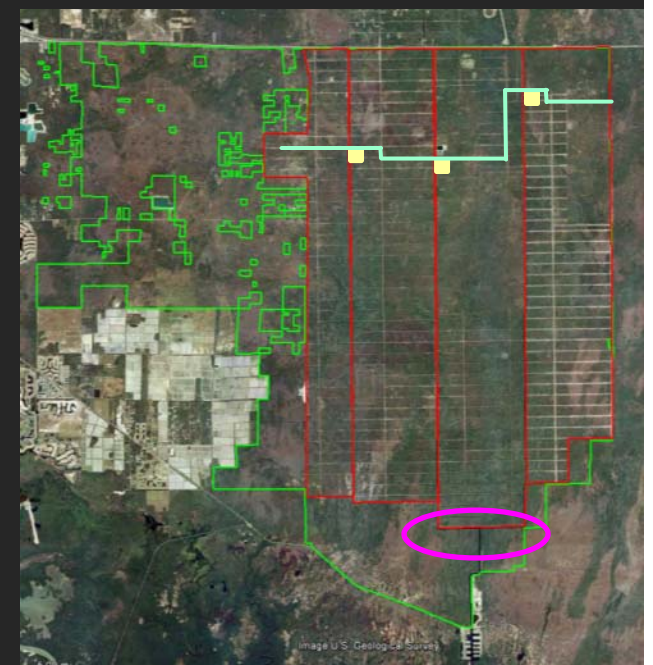
- **Timber & Forest Product Management**
  1. Palm frond sales
  2. Apiary leases
  3. Saw palmetto berry harvesting





# Major Impacts

- **Public Recreation**
  1. Camping
    - Loss of T-canal campground
    - No replacement yet
    - Future campground will have similar features
    - North of the pump stations

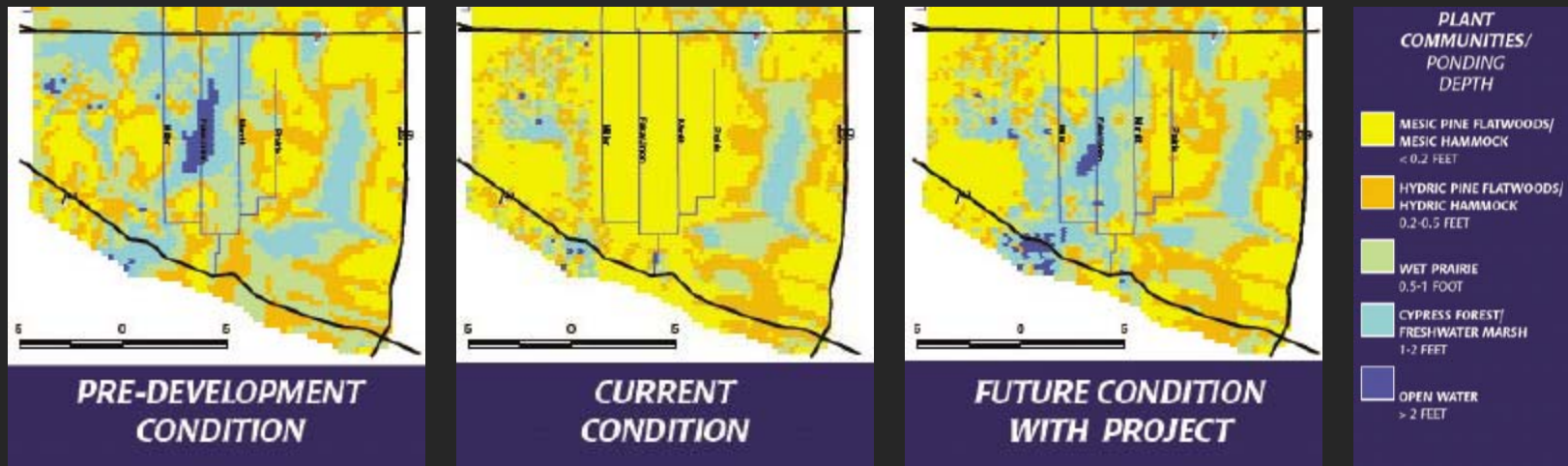


# Major Impacts

- **Timber & Forest Product Management**

1. Reforestation

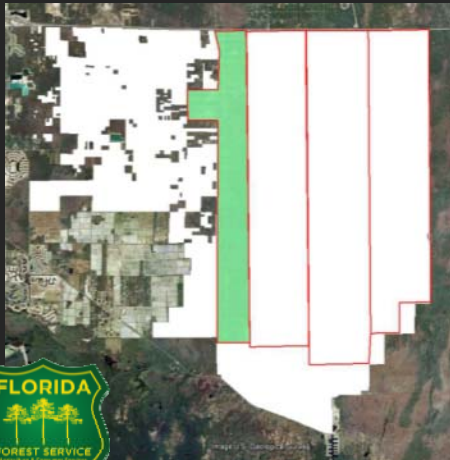
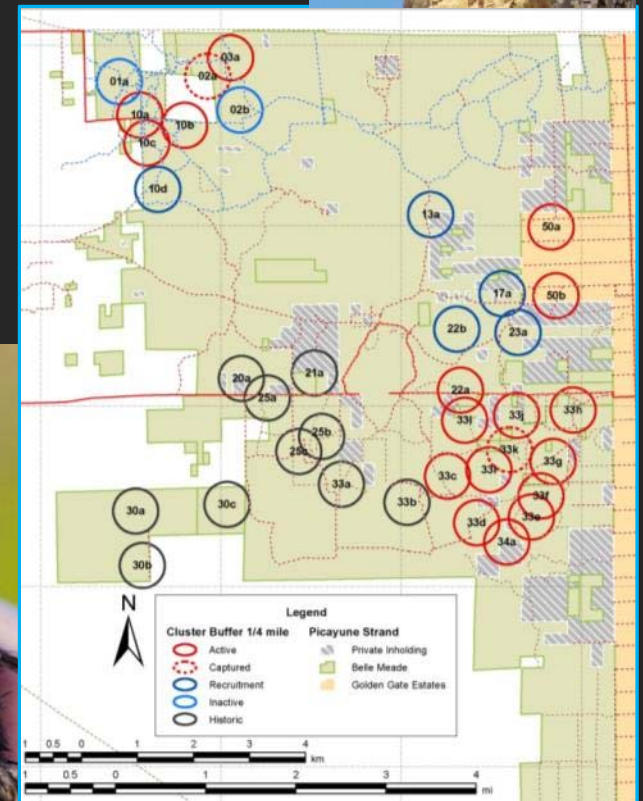
- Not constrained by restoration activities *per se*, rather, must wait until hydrology is restored
- Restored hydrology  $\neq$  prior hydrology





# Major Impacts

- **Natural Resource Management**
  1. Red-cockaded woodpeckers
    - Expansion eastward invalidates *'Not Likely to Adversely Affect'* RCWs
    - Must wait until Miller phase is complete to install clusters



# Major Impacts

- **Natural Resources**

2. Manatees

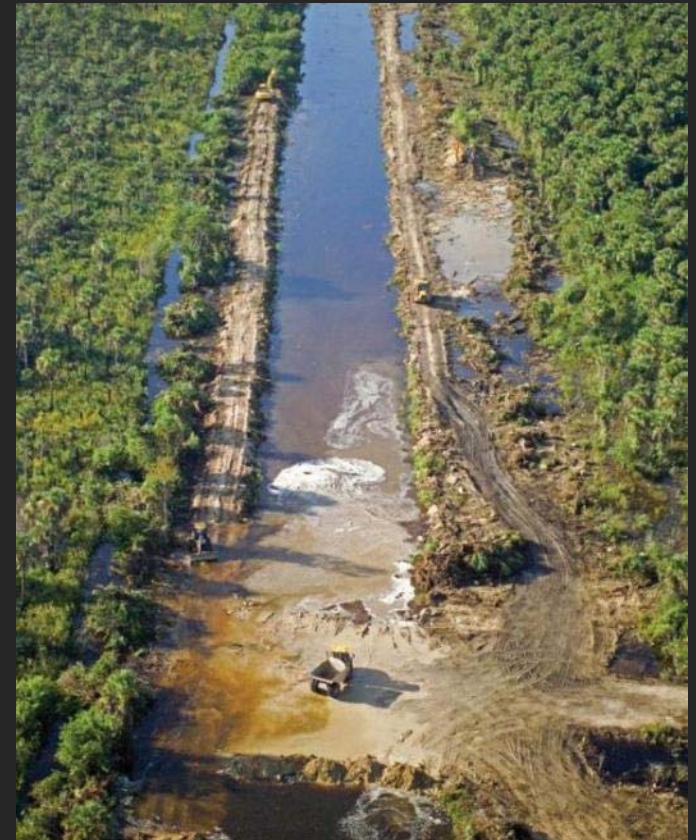
- Plugging canals meant loss of water in winter refugium
- Mitigation of winter water loss subject of next talk





# Major Impacts

- **Natural Resource Management**
  3. Invasive Species (IS) Control
    - Disturbed soils rampant in project area
    - External funding of IS treatment is key

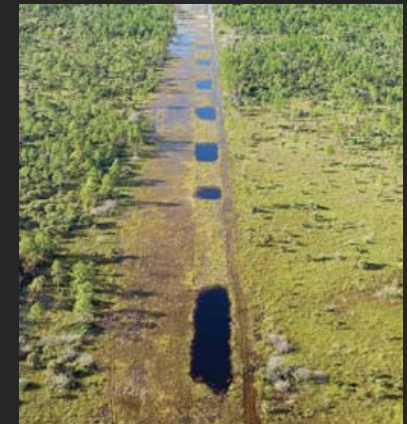


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- **Natural Resource Management**

- 3. Invasive Species Control

- IRC has been instrumental in coordination of IS treatments in the project since 2008
    - Focus on IS that may thrive after restoration



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old World climbing fern  
*Lygodium microphyllum*  
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# Summary

- **Impacts to state forest management vary**
  - No effect to major impacts
  - Some impacts due to active construction
  - Some due to wait for restored hydrology
- **FFS strives to work with partners on all matters**
- **State forest management, for the most part, doesn't conflict with restoration project.**



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