State Forest Management on a Federal Habitat Restoration Project

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- 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
Minor Impacts

• 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 ≠ 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

3. Invasive Species (IS) Control
   • Disturbed soils rampant in project area
   • External funding of IS treatment is key
Major Impacts

• 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
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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