

Exhibit M

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Response



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Dear Alan Davis:

This letter is in response to your request for listed species occurrence records and critical habitats, Strategic Habitat Conservation Areas (SHCA's), on the following properties: Peace River, Newnans Lake SF, Ross Prairie SF, Matanzas SF, Jennings SF, Tate's Hell SF, and Picayune Strand SF. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's database indicates that SHCA's for swallow-tailed kite and Cooper's hawk occur in Newnans Lake. SHCA's for Cooper's hawk, scrubjay, and swallow-tailed kite occur in Peace River. SHCA's for the Florida black bear and the striped newt occur in Jennings SF. Enclosed are 8.5 x 11 maps showing prioritized SHCA's, priority wetlands, and species locations for all projects.

** Please note: the SHCAs were developed for the purpose of identifying new areas that may eventually be managed for species conservation. Many public lands were expressly removed from the models and this is why some sites, or portions of sites, have no SHCA. Therefore on maps where there is no visual representation of a SHCA there is a strong possibility that our models would have designated these locations as SHCA had they not already been designated as public or protected lands.

This letter and/or attachments should not be considered as a review or an assessment of the impact upon threatened or endangered species of the project site. It provides FWC's most current data regarding the location of listed species and their associated habitats.

Our SHCA recommendations are intended to be used as a guide. Land development and ownership in Florida is ever-changing and priority areas identified as SHCA might already have been significantly altered due to development or acquired into public ownership. Onsite surveys, literature reviews, and coordination with FWC biologists remain essential steps in documenting the presence or absence of rare and imperiled species and habitats within the project area.

Our fish and wildlife location data represents only those occurrences recorded by FWC staff and other affiliated researchers. Please note that our database does not necessarily contain records of all listed species that may occur in a given area. Also, data on certain species, such as gopher

tortoises, are not entered into our database on a site-specific basis.
Therefore, one should not assume that an absence of occurrences in our database indicates that species of significance do not occur in the area.

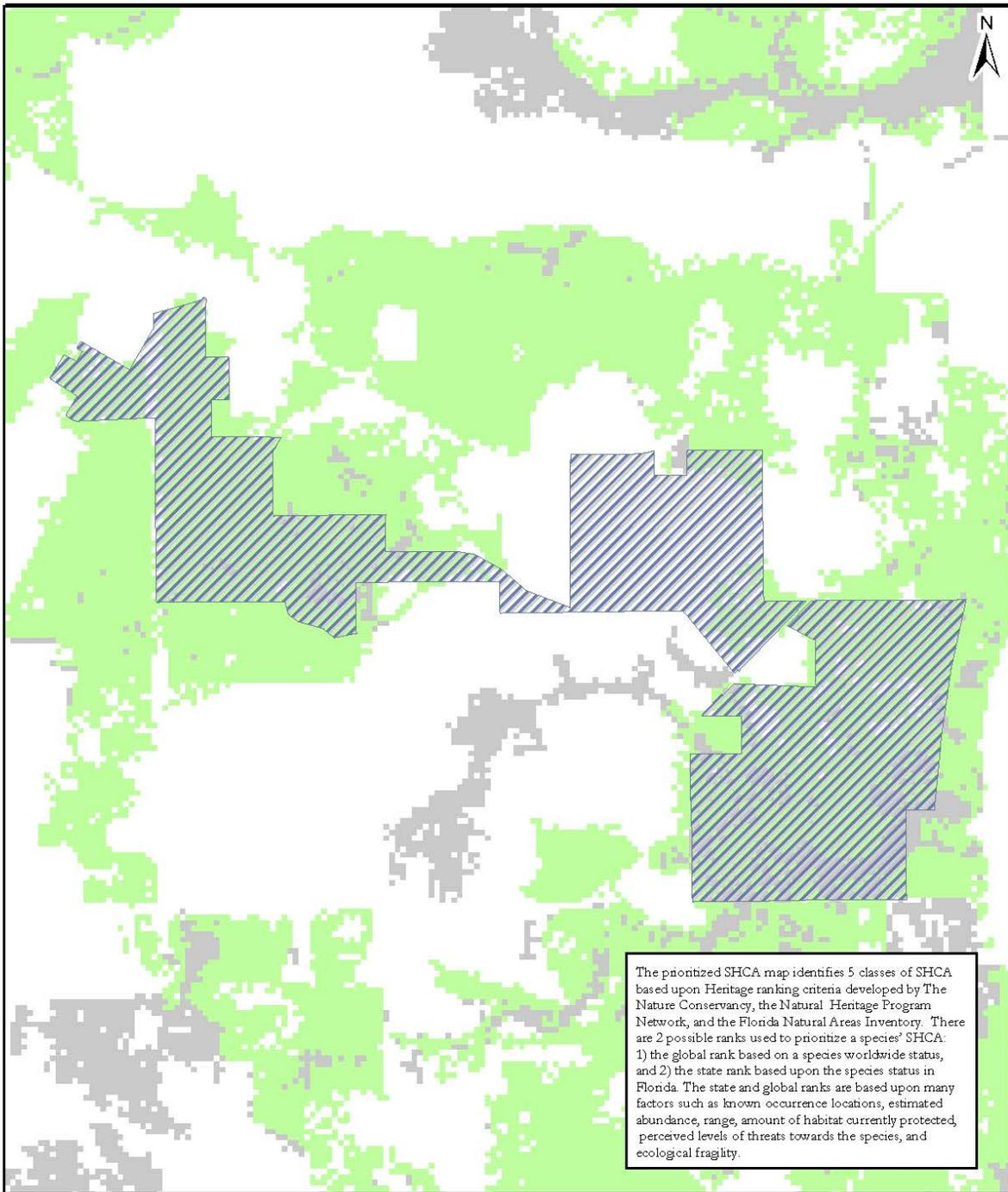
If you have any questions or further requests, please contact me at (850) 488-0588 or gisrequests@myfwc.com

Sincerely,

Eva Salinas

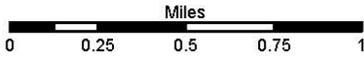
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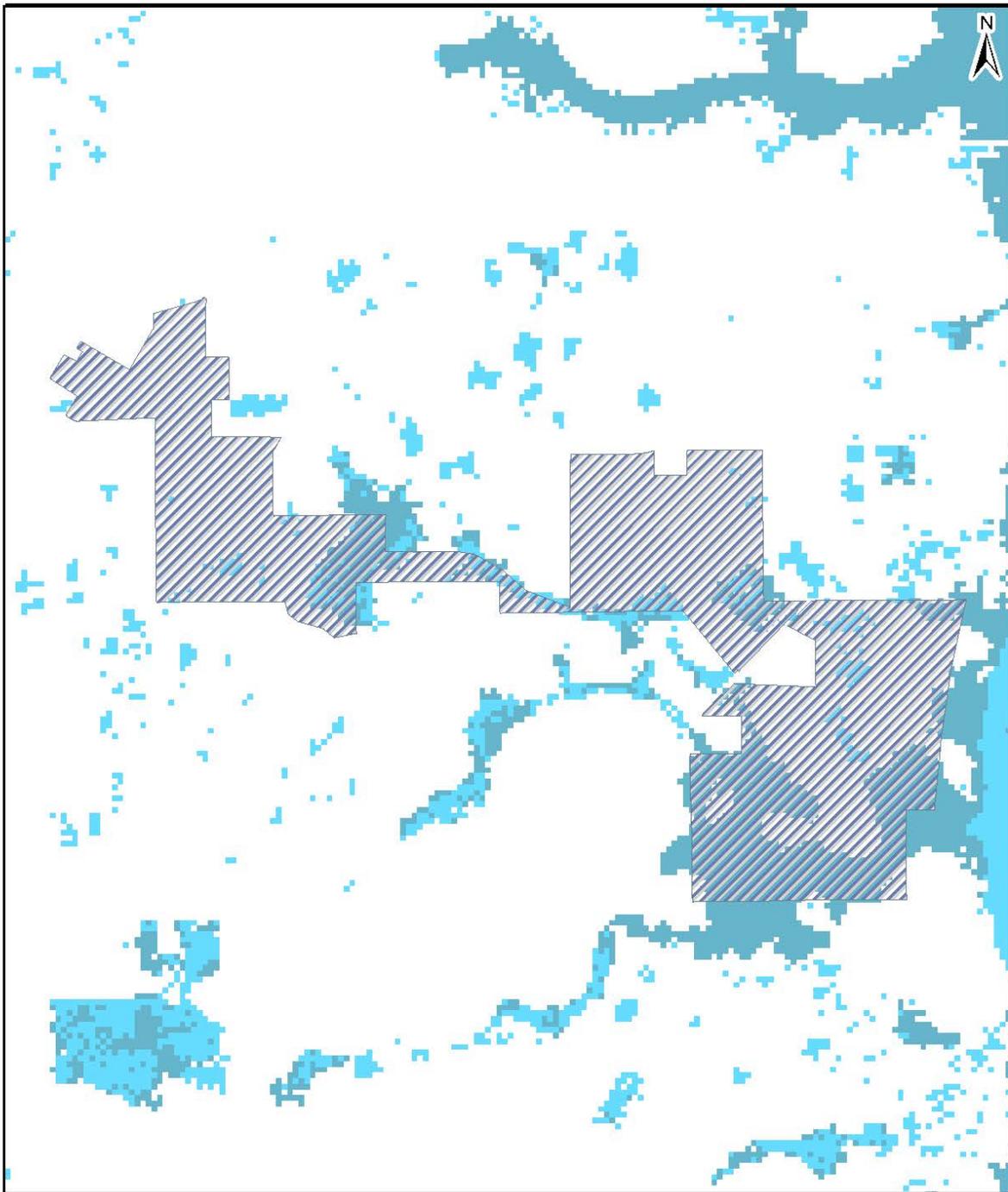


The prioritized SHCA map identifies 5 classes of SHCA based upon Heritage ranking criteria developed by The Nature Conservancy, the Natural Heritage Program Network, and the Florida Natural Areas Inventory. There are 2 possible ranks used to prioritize a species' SHCA: 1) the global rank based on a species worldwide status, and 2) the state rank based upon the species status in Florida. The state and global ranks are based upon many factors such as known occurrence locations, estimated abundance, range, amount of habitat currently protected, perceived levels of threats towards the species, and ecological fragility.

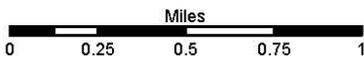
Newnans Lake State Forest



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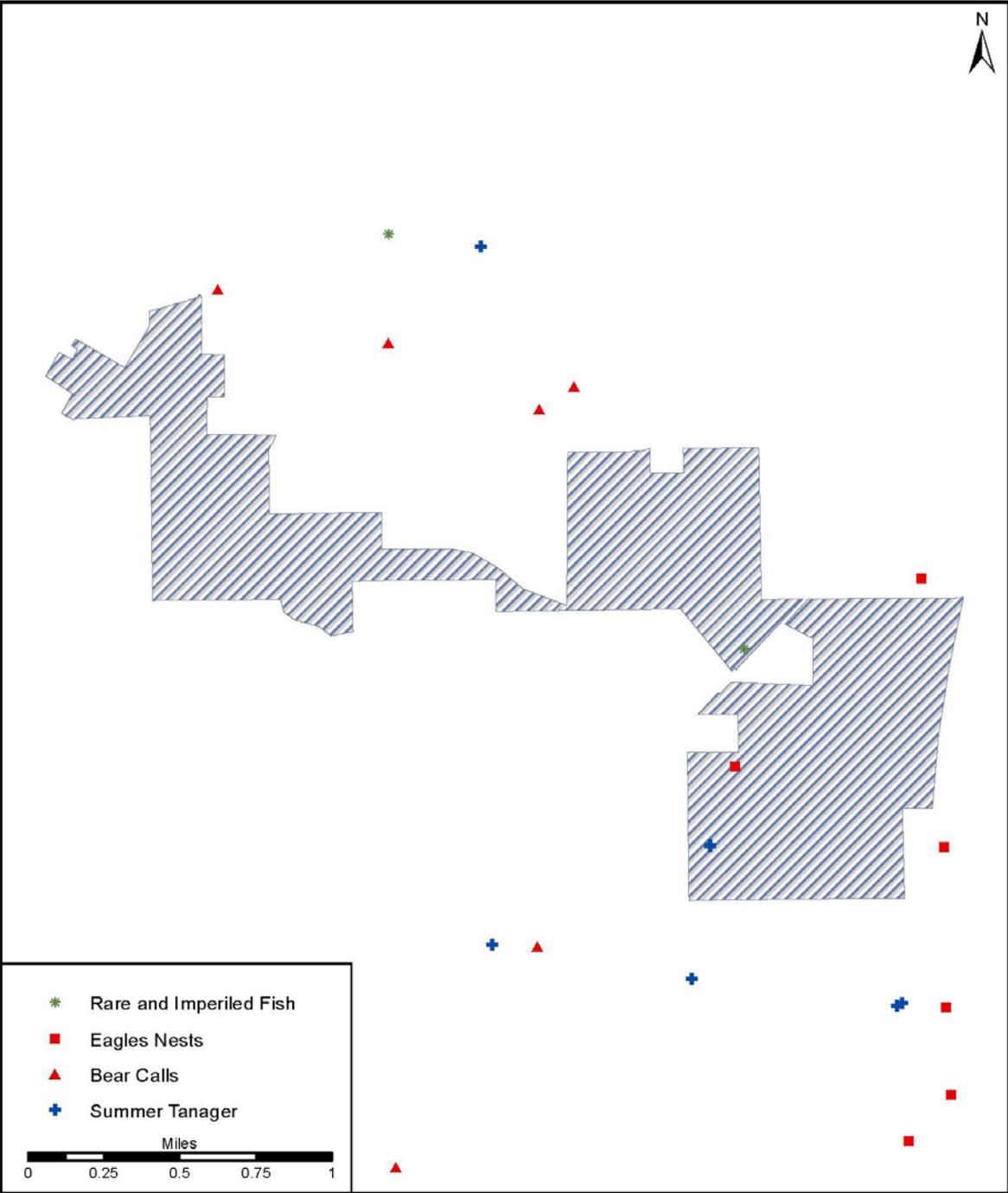
Priority Wetlands

- 1-3 Species, Wetlands habitat
- 4-6 Species, Wetlands habitat
- 7-9 Species, Wetlands habitat
- 10-11 Species, Wetlands habitat



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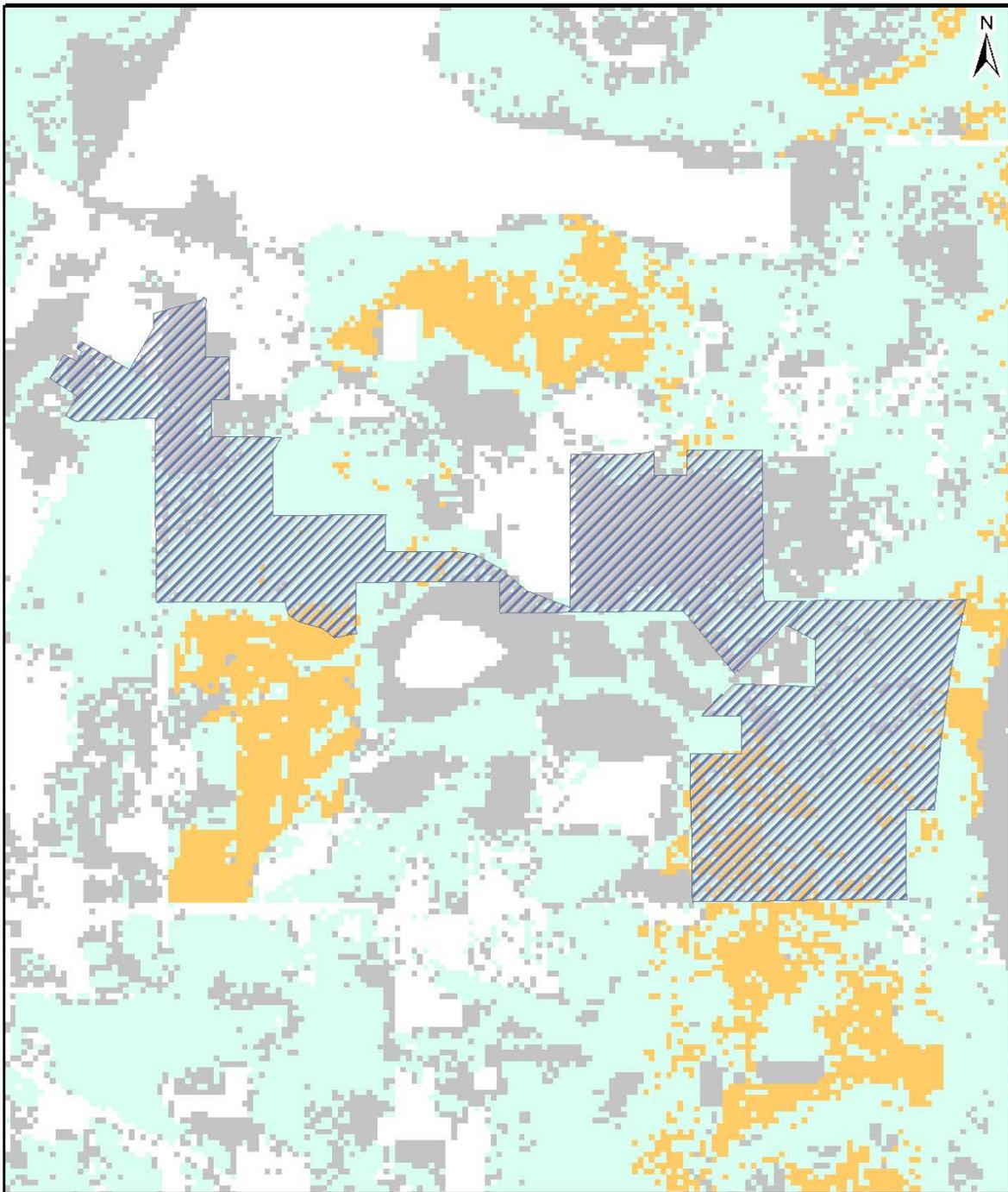
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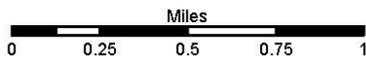
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Florida Fish and Wildlife Species Locations

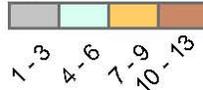




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Species Richness



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Exhibit N

Fire History

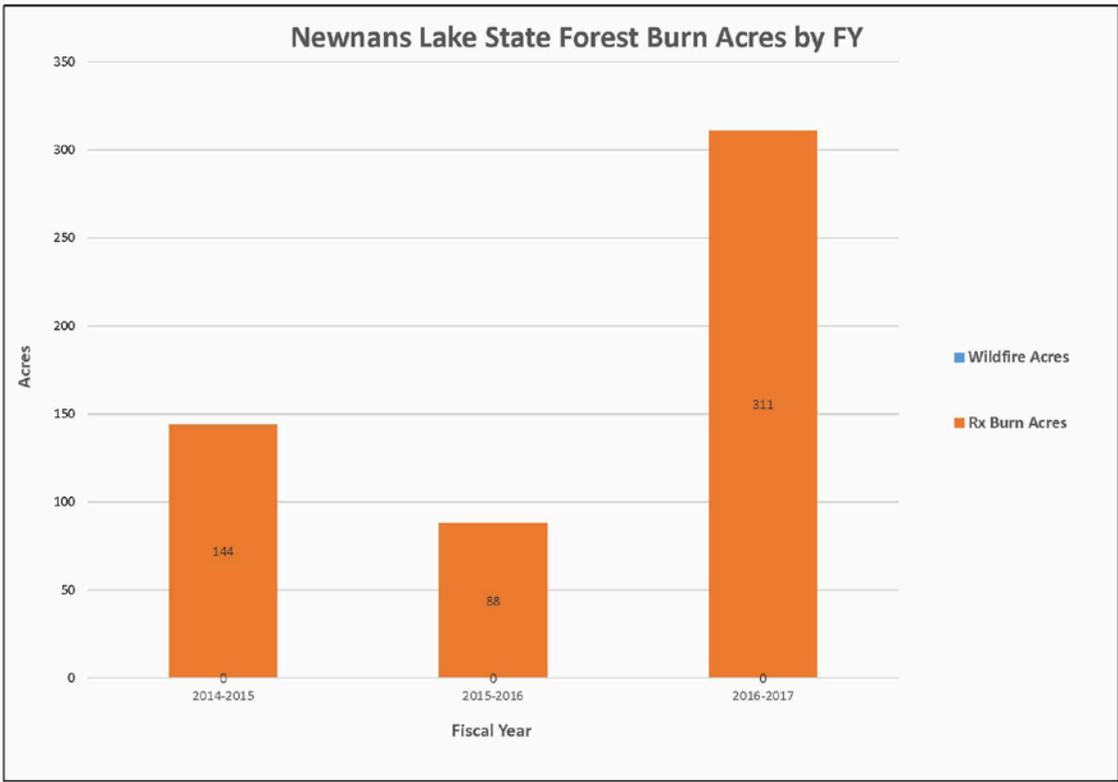


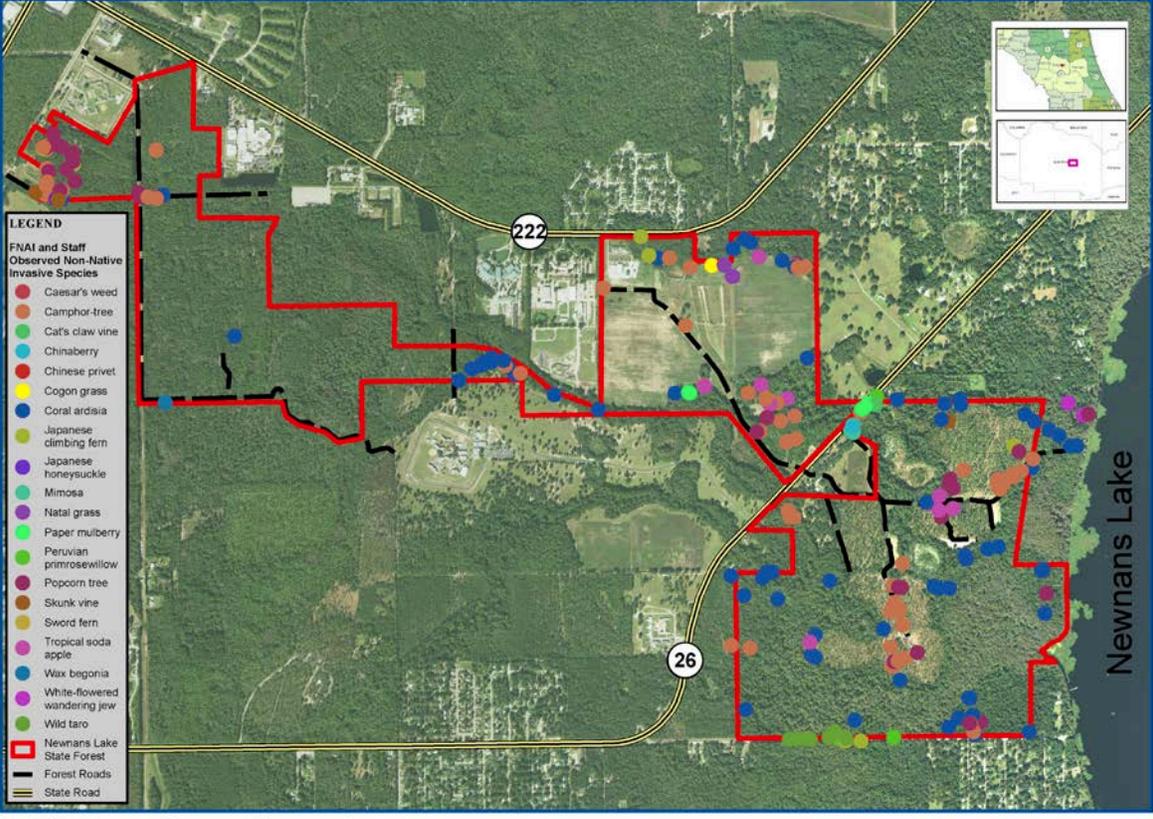
Exhibit O

Non-Native Invasive Species



Newnans Lake State Forest Non-Native Invasive Species Map

Map Date: 11/2017
Map Scale: 1:50,000
Map Projection: NAD 83 UTM Zone 18N
Map Contour Interval: 10 Feet
Map Data Source: Florida Department of Natural Resources, USGS, and other sources.



- LEGEND**
- FNAI and Staff Observed Non-Native Invasive Species**
- Caesar's weed
 - Camphor-tree
 - Cat's claw vine
 - Chinaberry
 - Chinese privet
 - Cogon grass
 - Coral ardisia
 - Japanese climbing fern
 - Japanese honeysuckle
 - Mimosa
 - Natal grass
 - Paper mulberry
 - Peruvian primrosewillow
 - Popcorn tree
 - Skunk vine
 - Sword fern
 - Tropical soda apple
 - Wax begonia
 - White-flowered wandering jew
 - Wild taro
- Other Symbols:**
- Newnans Lake State Forest
 - Forest Roads
 - State Road

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Miles

Map Month/Year: November 2017

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Kilometers

Newnans Lake

Exhibit P

Current Natural Communities

Exhibit Q

Historic Natural Communities

Exhibit R

Management Prospectus

The Gainesville Department of Corrections site in Gainesville is contemplated for management by the Florida Forest Service as its 36th state forest. The site is approximately 1,000 acres of natural lands between the east side of Gainesville and the western shore of Newnan's Lake in Alachua County.

The Florida Forest Service (FFS) proposes to manage the tract with a multiple use concept including, but not limited to, timber management, wildlife management, and outdoor recreation. The natural communities on the property include sandhill, flatwoods and associated wetlands, and a network of cypress/hardwood swamps near the lake shore. Newnan's Lake is located off State Road 20, east of Gainesville and encompasses approximately 7,500 acres and is approximately 1.12 miles (2 km) wide, the lake is home to many forms of wildlife, and has been designated as a protected site by Alachua County. The Florida Forest Service management will maintain natural conditions along three quarters of a mile of lake frontage, which lends itself to potential camping, canoeing and fishing access on Newnan's Lake. The tract is adjacent to Morningside Nature Center, an extensive environmental education facility providing the potential to collaborate with their educational programs, trail network, and related programs. The property will be evaluated for potential Operation Outdoor Freedom activities.

The tract is about four miles from the University of Florida's experimental research forest (Austin Cary Forest), providing additional opportunities for collaboration with forestry researchers. Cultural resources are known to occur on the site, and will be managed and protected. A name for the forest has not been determined at this point. Some suggestions may be after its most prominent feature, Newnan's Lake State Forest or as the lake was originally called in Native American, Pithlachoco, which means "place of long boats" or "lake of canoes", Lake Pithlachoco State Forest.

Exhibit S

Compliance with Local Comprehensive Plan(s)
(Will be inserted once received)

Exhibit T

State Forest Management Plan Advisory Group Summary

Exhibit U

State Forest Summary Budget

NEWNANS LAKE STATE FOREST

	NEWNANS LAKE STATE FOREST MGT. ONLY 16-17 EXPENDITURES	Percentages Based on Total Dollar Amount of Expenditures	NLSF Assessed Needed Funding Based Upon LMUAC Resource Management
Resource Management	\$ 10,663	25.50%	\$ 12,439.60
Exotic Species Control	\$ 1,649	4.10%	\$ 2,246.80
Prescribed Burning	\$ 1,534	2.80%	sf
Cultural Resources Management	\$ 40	0.10%	\$ 54.80
Timber Management	\$ 3,418	8.50%	\$ 4,658.00
Hydrological Management	\$ 201	0.50%	\$ 274.00
	\$ -		\$ -
OTHER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	\$ 3,820	9.50%	\$ 5,206.00
<i>Listed Species Management</i>	\$ -		\$ -
<i>Forest Pest and Disease</i>	\$ -		\$ -
<i>Plant Conservation Program</i>	\$ -		\$ -
<i>State Forest Research Projects</i>	\$ -		\$ -
<i>Boundary Surveys for State Forests</i>	\$ -		\$ -
<i>Other Activities Also Include:</i>	\$ -		\$ -
<i>Liaison Community Meetings / Boundary Line Maintenance / Forest Inventories and Various Other Activities / Wildfire Suppression on State Forests</i>			
			\$ -
Administration	\$ 2,895	7.20%	\$ 3,945.60
Central Office Headquarters	\$ 2,895	7.20%	\$ 3,945.60
District/Regions	\$ -		\$ -
Units/Projects	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
Support	\$ 13,633	33.90%	\$ 18,577.20
Land Management Planning	\$ 563	1.40%	\$ 767.20
Land Management Reviews	\$ 161	0.40%	\$ 219.20
Training/Staff Development	\$ 3,861	9.60%	\$ 5,260.80
Vehicle Purchase	\$ 362	0.90%	\$ 493.20
Vehicle Operations and Maintenance	\$ 5,751	14.30%	\$ 7,836.40
	\$ -		\$ -
OTHER SUPPORT	\$ 2,936	7.30%	\$ 4,000.40
<i>State Forest Land Acquisition Support</i>			\$ -
<i>Other Support Activities Also Include:</i>	\$ -		\$ -
<i>Computer Maintenance / Radio Maintenance / Technical Support / Management of Apiary and Cattle Leases / State Forest Leases, Lease Amendments, Easements and Other Various Activities</i>	\$ -		\$ -
			\$ -
Capital Improvements	\$ 8,244	20.50%	\$ 11,234.00
New Facility Construction	\$ 2,051	5.10%	\$ 2,794.80
Facility Maintenance	\$ 6,193	15.40%	\$ 8,439.20
			\$ -
Visitor Services/Recreation	\$ 5,188	12.90%	\$ 7,069.20
Information/Education	\$ 1,206	3.00%	\$ 1,644.00
Operations	\$ 3,981	9.90%	\$ 5,425.20
			\$ -
Law Enforcement	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Total	\$ 40,214	100.00%	\$ 54,800

Exhibit V

Arthropod Control Plans on NLSF



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June 10, 2015

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Florida Forest Service
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Regarding: Newnans Lake State Forest
Arthropod Control Plan

Dear Mr. Ash,

This letter is in response to the request you submitted to the City of Gainesville Mosquito Control Service office on April 30, 2015 regarding the Arthropod Control Plan (ACP) in the Newnans Lake State Forest. I am writing to inform that Gainesville Mosquito Control Service has not conducted any mosquito control activities in the property, and we are not proposing to do so in the future. Therefore, no ACP will be provided from our office.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Peter Jiang, Ph.D.
Entomologist
Gainesville Mosquito Control Service
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Cc: Jerry Hansen, Director of Operations Division
Teresa Scott, Director of Public Works

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