

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service (FFS) and the Newnans Lake State Forest Management Plan Advisory Group announce two public meetings and a public hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE & TIME: Public Meeting - Newnans Lake State Forest Management Plan Advisory Group, March 7, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Waccasassa Forestry Center Office, 5353 NE 39th Ave. Gainesville, FL 32609

PURPOSE: To allow the Newnans Lake State Forest Management Plan Advisory Group to prepare for a public hearing later in the day which will provide recommendations to the FFS to help in preparation of a management plan for the Newnans Lake State Forest.

DATE & TIME: Public Meeting/Hearing – Newnans Lake State Forest Management Plan Advisory Group, March 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Waccasassa Forestry Center Office, 5353 NE 39th Ave. Gainesville, FL 32609

PURPOSE: To solicit comments on management of the Newnans Lake State Forest. Comments may be presented orally or in writing at the hearing. Written comments may also be submitted to FFS's Newnans Lake State Forest Office at 5353 NE 39th Ave. Gainesville, FL 32609 to the attention of Ernie Ash and should be mailed so as to arrive at the office by the date of the public hearing.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order, Introductions and Remarks
2. Summary of Draft Ten-Year Land Management Plan for Newnans Lake State Forest
3. Question / Answer on Plan Content
4. Public Comment
5. Process Summation and Adjournment

DATE & TIME: Public Meeting - Newnans Lake State Forest Management Plan Advisory Group, March 7, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Waccasassa Forestry Center Office, 5353 NE 39th Ave. Gainesville, FL 32609

PURPOSE: To allow the Newnans Lake State Forest Management Plan Advisory Group to review comments from the public hearing and provide recommendations to the FFS to help in preparation of a management plan for the Newnans Lake State Forest.

Copies of a working draft of the plan and the management prospectus are available before the date of the public hearing online at http://www.freshfromflorida.com/public_notices/; by contacting the Newnans Lake State Forest in writing at 5353 NE 39th Ave. Gainesville, FL 32609; or contacting Ernie Ash at (352) 395-4926.

Special accommodations for persons with a disabling condition should be requested in writing to the FFS's Newnans Lake State Forest office at the above listed address at least 72 hours in advance of these proceedings. Any request for special accommodations can be made by writing to the FFS's Newnans Lake State Forest Office at the above listed address

You are hereby notified in accordance with Chapter 286.0105, Florida Statutes, should you decide to appeal any decision made as a result of, or take exception to any findings of fact with respect to any matter considered at the hearing and meeting referred to above, you may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made. Such record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.