



Water Use Permitting

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Consumptive Water Uses

- Only administered by WMD's
(s. 373.217, F.S.)
- Use or Divert:
 - Any water from 8" well / 6" SW pump
 - Domestic Uses (§ 373.219(1), F.S.)
 - 100,000 gpd or more (0.1 mgd)
 - 1M gpd or more capacity
 - Any withdrawal for beverage processing
- General Permit by Rule



Issuance Authorization

- **Governing Board:**
 - 1.0 mgd or more of water use
 - Apps with substantive objections/ staff denial
 - Extensions of permit duration
 - Mods resulting in exceeding 1.0 mgd or 25% allocation increase
 - Beverage processing
 - Heightened interest



Eastern Riparian Water Rights



- Right is not private property
- Priority is the most reasonable use
- Rights decided by lawsuits

Western Prior Appropriation Water Rights



- Right is perpetual private property
- Right is retained as long as the water is being beneficially used
- Rights decided administratively

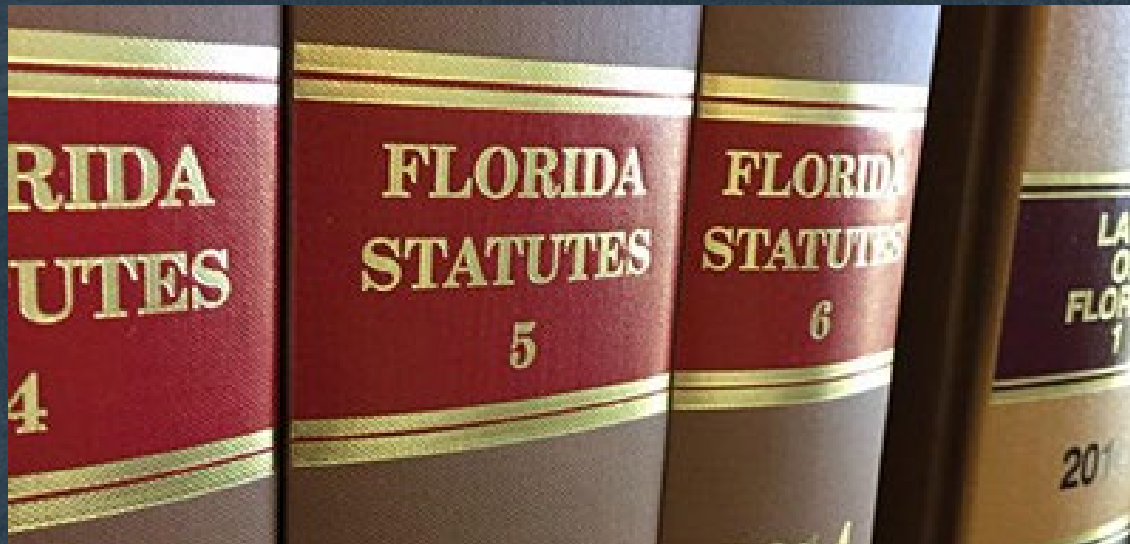
**Whiskey is for Drinking,
Water is for Fighting Over**





Florida Water Rights

- Not perpetual
- Disputes settled administratively
- Uses must be reasonable and beneficial

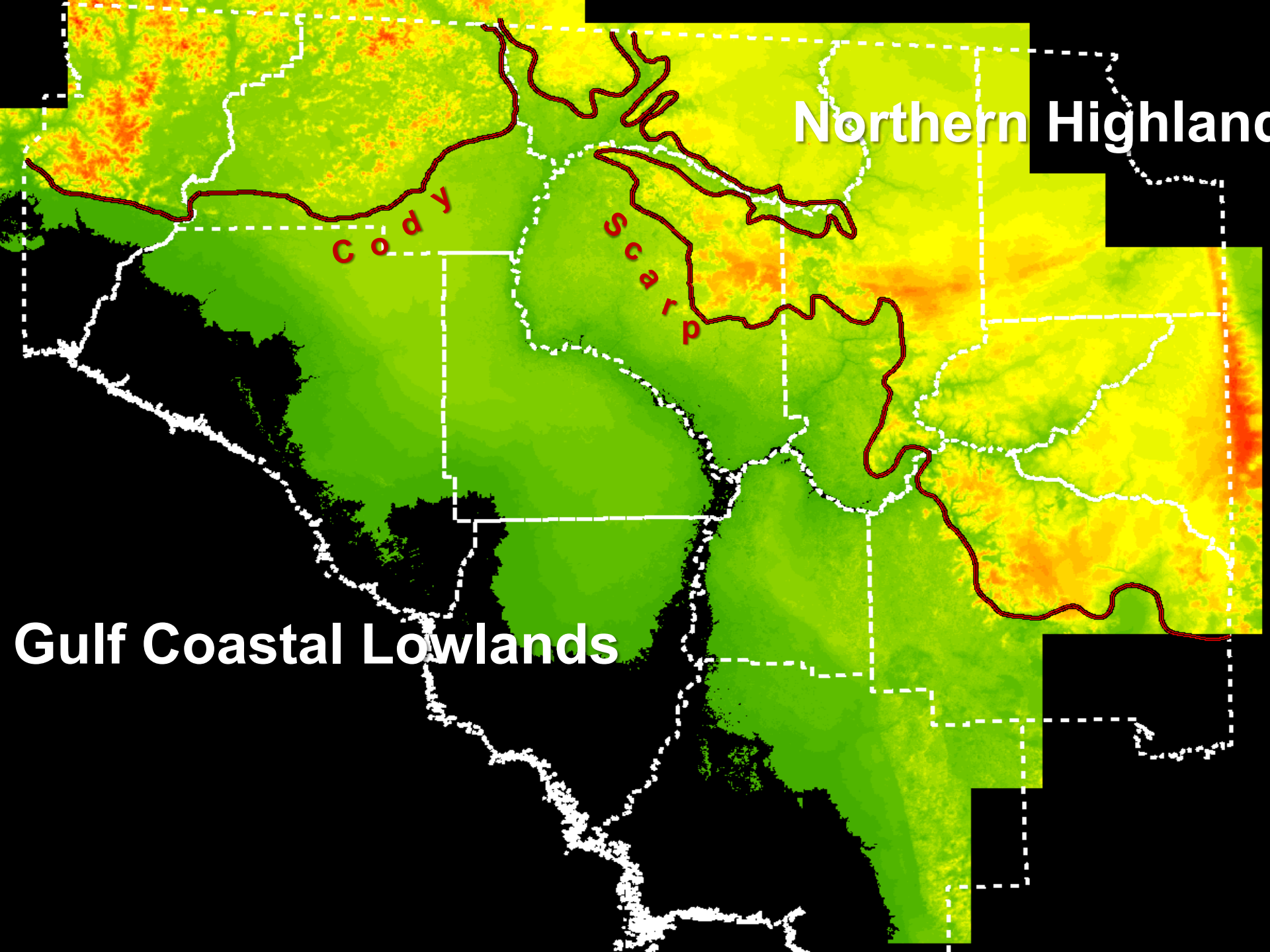




Permit Application Review



- **Three-Prong Test [s. 373.223, F.S.]**
 - Reasonable-Beneficial
 - Does not interfere with existing legal uses
 - Consistent with public interest
- **Reasonable-Beneficial Analysis:**
 - Verification of ownership/ control, business status
 - Accounting of all non-domestic use types
 - Well and SW pump inspections
 - Water demand calculations
 - Document water conservation measures
 - Lower-quality source inspections
 - Model simulation to determine impacts
 - Project wetland inspections

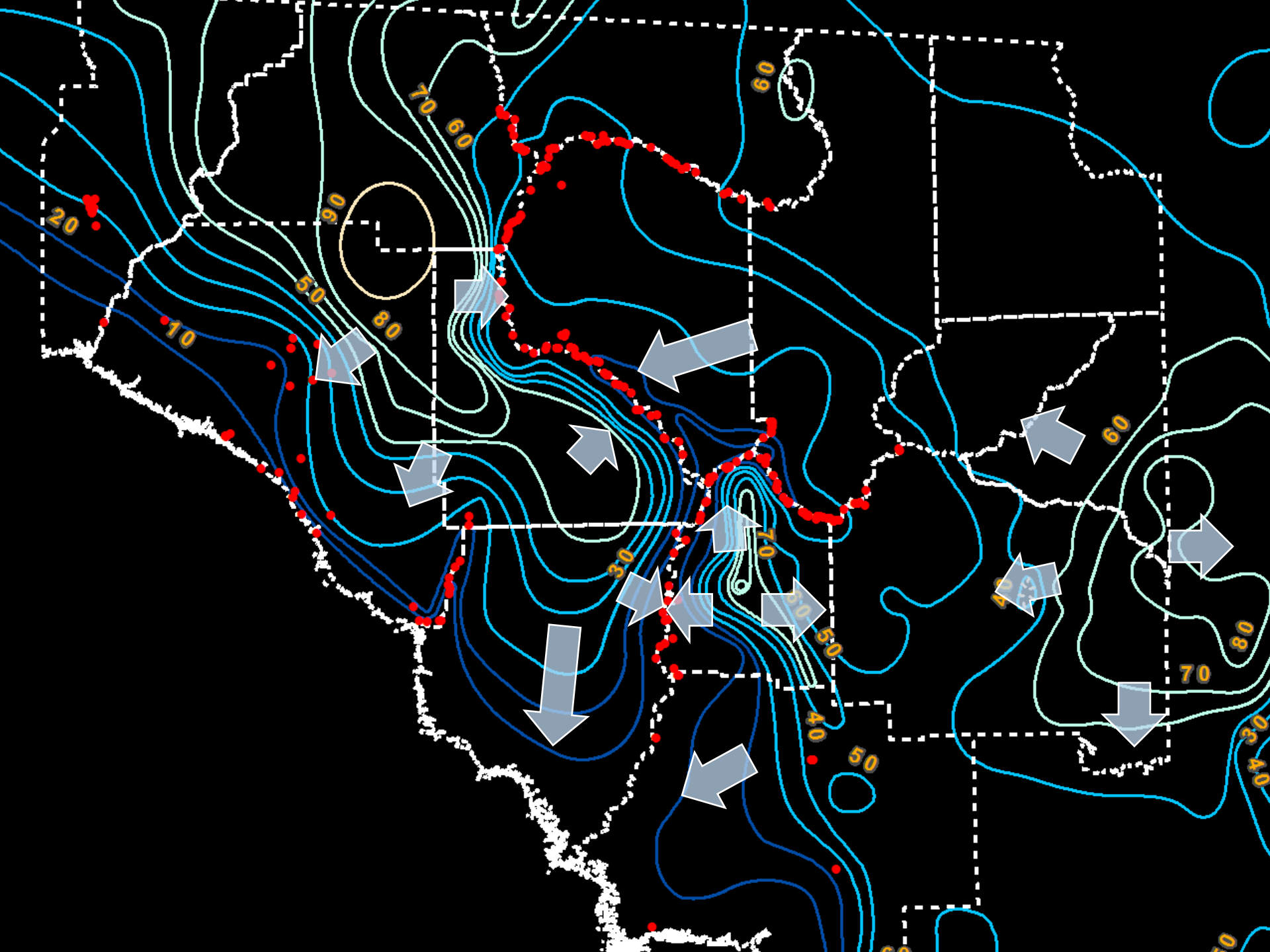


Northern Highlands

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Scarp

Gulf Coastal Lowlands





Lower Santa Fe/ Ichetucknee MFL Regulatory Strategy



- Effective 6/10/2015
- New permitted uses must demonstrate no potential impact from permitted allocation
- Permit renewals / modifications
- Finalizing new strategy



Water Well Permitting



- SRWMD permits all well construction, repair, and abandonment
- Permit application review:
 - Contractor license status
 - Add special conditions
 - Consistency with construction criteria
 - Consistency with WUP criteria



Questions ?

