# ETONIAH CREEK STATE FOREST LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN APRIL 2015

**EXHIBITS** 

# Exhibit O

Florida Natural Areas Inventory Managed Area Tracking Record



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Dear Ms. Reed,

Thank you for requesting information from the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNA). We have compiled the following information for your project area.

Project: Etoniah Creek State Forest

**Date Received:** 5/29/2014

Location: Putnam County

Based on the information available, this site appears to be located on or very near a significant region of scrub habitat, a natural community in decline that provides important habitat for several rare species within a small area. Additional consideration should be given to avoid and/or mitigate impacts to these natural resources, and to design land uses that are compatible with these resources.

# **FNAI Element Occurrences**

A search of our maps and database indicates that we currently have several element occurrences mapped in the vicinity of the study area (see enclosed map and element occurrence table). Please be advised that a lack of element occurrences in the FNAI database is not a sufficient indication of the absence of rare or endangered species on a site.

# Federally Listed Species

Cour data include records of federally listed species, particularly Aphelocoma coerulescens, Conradina etonia, and Drymarchon couperi, on or very near this site (see enclosed map and tables for details). This statement should not be interpreted as a legal determination of presence or absence of federally listed species on a property.

The FNAI Element Occurrences data layer includes rigorously documented occurrences of rare species and natural communities. For animals and plants, element occurrences generally refer to more than a casual sighting; they usually indicate a viable population of the species. Note that some element occurrence labels indicate the general vicinity of the occurrence. This may be due to lack of precision of the source data, or an element that covers an extended area (such as a wide-ranging species or large natural community). Note that some element occurrences represent historically documented observations which may no longer be extant. Extirpated element occurrences will be marked with an X' following the occurrence label on the enclosed map.



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Institute of Science and Public Affairs Several of the species and natural communities tracked by the Inventory are considered **data sensitive**. Occurrence records for these elements contain information that we consider sensitive due to collection pressures, extreme rarity, or at the request of the source of the information. The Element Occurrence

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Record has been labeled "Data Sensitive." We request that you not publish or release specific locational data about these species or communities without consent from the Inventory. If you have any questions concerning this please do not hesitate to call.

# **Biodiversity Matrix**

In addition to element occurrences, other rare species and natural communities may be identified on or near the site based on habitat models and species range models. The Biodiversity Matrix Report compiles several data sources – including Element Occurrences, occurrence-based species habitat models, predictive range models, and natural community maps – to provide a broader list of documented, likely, and potential species on or near the site. These species could be taken into consideration in field surveys, land management, and land use decisions. Note that the Biodiversity Matrix Report lists species and communities by square-mile Matrix Unit, rather than by the site of interest, so the Documented list may vary from the Element Occurrence Table supplied with this report. Also, note that this list aggregates results from all matrix units that overlap the site, so the location of the elements are somewhat obscured.

FNAI occurrence-based habitat models indicate areas, which based on land cover type, offer suitable habitat for one or more rare species that is known to occur in the vicinity. Habitat models have been developed for approximately 300 of the rarest species tracked by the Inventory, including all federally listed species.

FNAI species predictive range models indicate areas that are within the known or predicted range of a species, based on climate variables, soils, vegetation, and/or slope. Species range models have been developed for approximately 340 species, including all federally listed species.

The FNAI Biodiversity Matrix Geodatabase compiles Documented, Likely, and Potential species and natural communities for each square mile Matrix Unit statewide.

# Land Acquisition Projects

This site appears to be located within the Etoniah/Cross Florida Greenway Florida Forever BOT Project, which is part of the State of Florida's Conservation and Recreation Lands land acquisition program. A description of this project is enclosed. For more information on this Florida Forever Project, contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands.

Florida Forever Board of Trustees (BOT) projects are proposed and acquired through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands. The state has no specific land management authority over these lands until they are purchased.

The Inventory always recommends that professionals familiar with Florida's flora and fauna conduct a site-specific survey to determine the current presence or absence of rare, threatened, or endangered species.

Please visit www.fnai.org/trackinglist.cfm for county or statewide element occurrence distributions and links to more element information.

The database maintained by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory is the single most comprehensive source of information available on the locations of rare species and other significant ecological resources. However, the data are not always based on comprehensive or site-specific field surveys. Therefore this information should not be regarded as a final statement on the biological resources of the site being considered, nor should it be substituted for on-site surveys. Inventory data are designed for the purposes of conservation planning and scientific research, and are not intended for use as the primary criteria for regulatory decisions.

Information provided by this database may not be published without prior written notification to the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, and the Inventory must be credited as an information source in these publications. FNAI data may not be resold for profit.

This report is made available at no charge due to funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands.

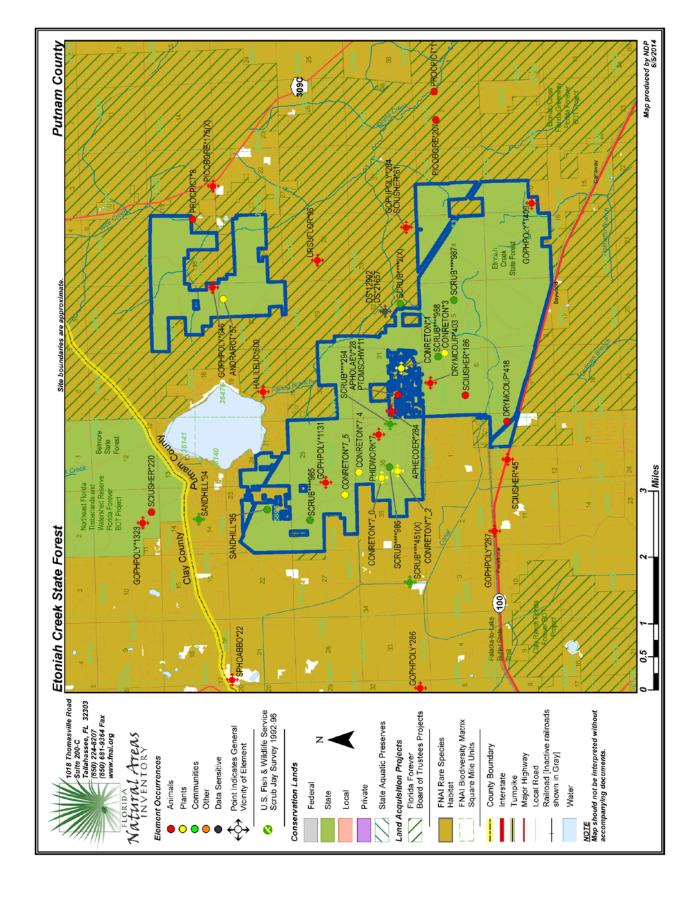
Thank you for your use of FNAI services. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at  $(850)\ 224-8207$  or at npasco@fnai.org.

Sincerely,

Nathan Pasco

Nathan Pasco GIS / Data Services

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# FNAI ELEMENT OCCURRENCE REPORT on or near Etoniah Creek State Forest



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Map Label	Scientific Name	Common Name				Listing	Date	Description	EO Comments
ANDRARCT'57	Andropogon arctatus	Pine-woods Bluestem	G3	\$3	N	LT	2004-04-22	2004-04-22: One clump of Andropogon arctafus observed in wet flathvoods with heavy disturbance froim woody encroachment and road Associated species include Pinus teeds, Gordonia lasianthus, Myntac cerifers, lex glabra, Hypencum fasciculatum, Sarracenia	2004-04-22: one dump in leaf in wet area (F04FNA11FLUS).
APHECOER*284	Aphelocoma coerulescens	Florida Scrub-Jay	G2	S2	LT	FT	2004-07-27	1981: OAK SCRUBAND SAND PINE SCRUB.	2004-07-27: 2004-07-27: birds called up in three locations: lat 29.752 long -81.8391981 (pair), 29.754 long -81.8446 (pair), and 29.749 long -81.839 (single) (PNDEPDIFILUS). 1991: SCRUB JAYS OBSERVED (M91KOK01FLUS). 1981
APHOLAEV*28	Aphodius laevigatus	Large Pocket Gopher Aphodius Beetle	G3G4	S3?	N	N		1996-03-02: No information given (U06SKE01FLUS).	1996-03-02: A total of 123 specimens were collected from 1992-12-22 to 1996-03-02, most likely at light or in malt and dung-baited pitfall traps set in pocket gopher burrows (U06SKE01FLUS, A01SKE02FLUS).
CONRETON*1	Conradina etonia	Etonia Rosemary	G1	\$1	LE	LE	2007-11-26	1991-03-06: chiefly along disturbed sandy roadside in recently subdivided (but largely undeveloped) site in a sand pine (Pinus clausa) acrub with Quercus chapmanii, Q. geminata, Q. mytifolia, Persea humilis, Garberia heterophylla, among ot	Throughout the course of this monitoring new plants were found with additional survey effort, therefore annual courts reflecting population expansion and survey effort, not read population increases. See source shapefile for exact counts at exact points
CONRETON'3	Conradina etonia	Etonia Rosemary	G1	S1	LE	LE	2004-11-00	1998-03-13: narrow patch of dense scrub along an draw with sandhill on all sides, Lyonia ferruginea is as abundant as the oaks, Quercus myrtifolia and Q. geminata; scattered young sand pines (F98JOH02FLUS).	2007-11-26: 2 plants. No seedlings in burned area. Plants flowering but not fruiting (UOS_EN03FLUS), 2006-10-30: 5 plants; 3 seedlings in burned area. Plants not flowering nor fruiting (UOS_EN03FLUS). 2005-10-17: 2 plants. Burned
CONRETON77_0	Conradina etonia	Etonia Rosemary	G1	S1	LE	LE	2007-11-26	This is a parent EO. Refer to individual sub-EOs for detailed information.	This is a parent EO for 3 sub-Eos (sub-EO #'s 2, 4 and 5). Refer to individual sub-EOs for detailed information.

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INVEN			Global	State	Federa	State	Observation	n	
Map Label	Scientific Name	Common Name			Status			Description	EO Comments
CONRETON7_2	Conradina etonia	Etonia Rosemary	G1	S1	LE	LE	2004-04-22	1998-03-12: low open sand pine scrub with Quercus geminata, Q. myrtifolia, and Lyonia ferruginea in understory. Sabel etonia was associated with C. etonia (U98JOH02FLUS).	2007-11-26: 852 total plants. For detailed number of plants per source feature see source observation tab (U08,IEN03FLUS) 2008-10-30: 701 total plants. For detailed number of plants per source feature see source observation tab (U08,IEN03F
CONRETON7_4	Conradina etonia	Etonia Rosemary	G1	S1	LE	LE	2007-11-26	2003-11-00: on roadside shoulder in scrub habitat (U04D0F01FLUS).	2007-11-26: 0 plants east side, 8 plants west side of road. Plants flowering but no fluting (UQS-EN03FLUS). 2008-10-30: 0 plants on east side, 8 plants on west side of road. Plants not flowering or fruiting (U08-EN03FLUS). 2005-10-1
CONRETON'7_5	Conradina etonia	Etonia Rosemary	G1	S1	LE	LE	2007-11-26	2003-11-00: Plants growing along trail in scrub habitat (U04D0F01FLUS).	2007-11-26: No census. Plants flowering but not fruiting (U08JEN03FLV). 2006-10-30: 378 plants. Few flowers-ven dry conditions. Plants flowering but not fruiting (U08JEN01FLUS). 2005-10-17: 414 plants. Many seedlings. Plants
DRYMCOUP*403	Drymarchon couperi	Eastern Indigo Snake	G3	\$3	LT	FT	2011-04-07	Mosaic of sandhill, scrub, pine plantation, scrubby flatwoods and baygall managed as part of Etoniah Creek State Forest.	2011-04-07: Kindell, Hipes, and NeSmith observed a medium sized adult at the mouth of a tortoise burrow just off Holloway Rd and an indigo snake shed skin in the pine straw raking area and aist in an open, recently thinned and burned sandhill (F11FNA05FL
DRYMCOUP*418	Drymarchon couperi	Eastern Indigo Snake	G3	S3	LT	FT	1992-08-08	SAND PINE SCRUB TRANSITIONAL TO FLATWOODS. SCRUB DOMINATED BY SAND LIVE OAK, STAGGERBUSH SCATTERED YOUNG (8-10 YRS.) SAND PINE. 600 ACRES OF SAID HABITAT.	DOR CA. 4.5 FT. LONG.
DS*12992	Data Sensitive Element		G3	S3?	N	N	2004	Data Sensitive	Data Sensitive
DS*21657	Data Sensitive Element		G3	\$2	Ν	Ν	2004	Data Sensitive	Data Sensitive

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Map Label

GOPHPOLY\*1131

GOPHPOLY\*1323

GOPHPOLY\*1409

Scientific Name

Gopherus polyphemus

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Gopherus polyphemus Gopher Tortoise

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Global State Federal State Observation Rank Rank Status Listing Date Common Name Description EO Comments 2004-04-26: Landscape of mosty sandhill with small inclusions of mesic flatwoods, scrub, and xeric hammock Disturbances include fire suppression and woody encroachment. Associated species include Pinus clausa, Quercus geminata, Quercus laevis, Serenoa 2011-06 G3 S3 C ST 2011: extensive portion cleared with the stated goal of sandhill restoration (FIFHANDSFLUS). 2006-03-28 former sandhill with heavy disturbance from sand pine plantations (FGERNATIFLUS). 2005-12-3. Sandhill with disturbances from fromed of the contract of 63 S3 С ST 2010-10

2011-04-01 2011-04-01: Sandhill (F11FNA05FLUS).

2011-06: D. Hipes observed a total of 4 active, 0 inactive, and 2 abandoned totolise burrows in 7 acres (21%) of transects within 34 acres of potential gopher tortoise habitat in the southeaster comer of Etoniah SF (F11FNA05FLUS). SANDHILL IN RELATIVELY GOOD CONDITION (LONGLEAF PINE, WIREGRASS). 1987-pre: Species occurrence noted here in Diemer's unpublished map set (U88DIE01FLUS). GOPHPOLY\*284 Gopherus polyphemus Gopher Tortoise G3 GOPHPOLY\*287 Gopherus polyphemus Gopher Tortoise G3 53 C ST 1987-Pre No general description given 1987-Pre: Tortoise seen crossing road (U86DIE01FLUS). 2011-03-28: D. Hipes observed a total of 49 active, 2 inactive, and 3 abandoned tortoise burrows in 29 acres (22%) of transects within 130 acres of potential gopher tortoise habitat in the northeastern tract of Etoniah SF (F11FNA05FLUS). 2004-04-22: 6 ac GOPHPOLY\*646 Gopherus polyphemus Gopher Tortoise G3 S3 С ST 2011-03-28 2004-04-22: Central part 2004-04-22: Central part -landscape of sandhill with some exotics present (Paspalum notatum. Eremochtoa ophiuroides); western part -landscape consists of mostly sandhill with mesic flatwoods; disturbances include fire suppression, woody encroachment, a

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### FNAI ELEMENT OCCURRENCE REPORT on or near Etoniah Creek State Forest



Global State Federal State Observation Scientific Name Map Label Common Name Rank Rank Status Listing Date Description EO Comments Nest: Active - 2000-2003, 1998, 1995, 1990, Inactive - 1999, Unknown status on the assessed - 1996-1997; Gone - 1991 No data - 1992-1994 (U92GFC01FLUS, U03FWC01FLUS). HALILEUC\*600 Haliaeetus leucocephalus Bald Eagle No general description given 1994-04-08: G.B Edward and colleagues PHIDWORK\*7 Phidippus workmani Workman's Jumping G2G3 S2S3 N Ν 1994-04-08 1994-04-08: turkey oak/wiregrass ecosystem (B04EDW01FLUS). collected 1 immature. It was reared to a female(B04EDW01FLUS); (specimen was deposited in FSCA). ca. 1978: ACTIVE COLONY PICOBORE\*175 Picoides borealis G3 LE ZZ 1 POSSIBLY ACTIVE TREE OBSERVED. COULDN'T TELL IF RESIN WAS FRESH-DRJ. GATEWOOD OBSERVED TREE IN DEC. 1990. PICOBORE\*207 Red-cockaded G3 S2 LE 1991-03-06 SANDHILL, LONGLEAF PINE. 2010-02-24: R. Franz and P. Moler collected specimen(s) at two sites in upper Rice Creek drainage (coordinates un) U11MOL 03FLUS; these may have been generated from mapping first in Google Earth rather than directly from g 2010-02-24 Rice Creek is tributary to Etonia Creek, which emplies into the St. Johns River. The region is mostly rural and susports a mosac or fastive forests, managed forests (plantations), farms, and small covers. The two 2010 collection stee are just PROCPICT'S Procambarus pictus Black Creek Crayfish G2 S2 N SSC outside o 1996-03-02 (U06SKE01FLUS) 1996-03-02 (Sixteen specimens were collected from 1993-01-05 to 1996-03-02 (most likely in malt and dung-batted pitfall traps set in pocket gopher burrows (U06SKE01FLUS, A01FEC01FLUS). PTOMSCHW\*11 Ptomaphagus schwarzi Schwarz' Pocket Gopher Ptomaphagus Beetle G3 S3 N Ν 2004: Update to last obsidate was based on interpretation of aerial photography (previous value was 1991) (U05FNA02FLUS). Partially gridded SANDHILL\*94 Sandhill G3 S2 Ν Ν 2004 No general description given Sandhill with a few homes G3 S2 2004-04-20 No general description given EO on site. SANDHILL\*95

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INVEN			Global	State	Federa	State	Observatio	n	
Map Label	Scientific Name	Common Name				Listing		Description	EO Comments
SCIUSHER*186	Sciurus niger shermani	Sherman's Fox Squirrel	G5T3	S3	N	SSC	2004-04-28	2004-04-28: Individual observed in recently restored (hydroxex) and burmed/s sandhill Habitat characterized by Quercus laevis, Pinus clausa, Vaccinium staminium, Rhus copallina, Asimina incana, Aristida stricta, Schizachyrium scoparium, Andropogon virgin	2004-04-28: 1 individual observed commuting (F04FNA11FLUS)
SCIUSHER*45	Sciurus niger shermani	Sherman's Fox Squirrel	G5T3	S3	Ν	SSC	1982-06	"TURKEY OAKS AND SAND OAKS, OPEN PINE SCRUB".	DOR SPECIMEN (NOT CATALOGUED, UF/FSM) COLL. JUNE 1982 BY DAN CORDIER.
SCIUSHER*61	Sciurus niger shermani	Sherman's Fox Squirrel	G5T3	S3	Ν	SSC	1991	SANDHILL WITH MATURE LONGLEAF AND REGENERATING PINE, WIREGRASS GROUNDCOVER.	No EO data given
SCRUB****2	Scrub		G2	S2	N	N	1981-01-27	SCRUB W/PATCHES OF VERY MATURE SAND PINE. ONE RECENTLY DEAD TREE WOULD'VE BEEN CHAMPION. W SECTION HAS BEEN SUBDIVIDED & ROADS BUILT.	SAND PINE & TURKEY OAK (TO 40")> ROSEMARY (4-5"), SCRUB PALMETTO, SAND LIVE OAK, CHAPMAN'S OAK, MYRTLE OAK (?), FETTERBUSH, REDBAY, TOUGH BUMELIA. NOL INA (?
SCRUB****294	Scrub		G2	\$2	N	N	2004	OAK SCRUB AND SAND PINE SCRUB RECENTLY SUBDIVIDED (BUT LARGELY UNDEVELOPED), SOIL SHEETS 12 & 20 IN PUTNAM COUNTY SOIL SURVEY AND MAPPED AS PAOLA (SPODIC QUARTZIPSAMMENTS) AND TAWARES (TYPIC QUARTZIPSAMMENTS), PAOLA SOILS IN PUTNAM COUNTY ARE TYPICALLY	2004. Update to list dos date was based interpretation of serial photography (previous value was 1991-03-06) (U05FNA26*IUS). FARILY DENSE SAN PINE PINUS CLAUSA) FOREST OVERSTORY WITH DENSE UNDERSTORY - SHRUB LAYER OF EVER GREEN SCLEROPHYLLOUS OAKS.
SCRUB****451	Scrub		G2	S2	Ν	N	1950-PRE	SAND PINE SCRUB.	OVERSTORY OF SAND PINE, UNDERSTORY OF SHRUBS INCLUDING SAND LIVE OAK, MYTILE OAK, LAUREL OAK, ROSEMARY, DEERBERRY, RUSTY LYONIA, GARBERIA, SCRUB HOLLY.

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Natural Areas Global State Federal State Observation Map Label Scientific Name Common Name Rank Rank Status Listing Date Description EO Comments 1998-03-13 DENSE TALL OAK SCRUB WITH
SCATTERED SAND PINES ON
WESTERN SLOPE BETWEEN
SANDHILL AND BAYHEAD
SENINIATA, Q. MYRIPTOLIA, Q. CHAPMANII. STAND OF DEAD 3-FT
TALL LYONAL LUCIDA ONL OWER
BORDER OF STAND, LESS COMMON
SPECIES INCLUDE: OSMANTHUS
AMERICANUS, CERATIOL SCRUB\*\*\*\*985 Scrub N N 1998-04-23 TALL OPEN OAK SCRUB WITH
LOW SHRUB UNDERSTORY
AND SCATTERED SAND PINES
WITH O'PENNOS QUERCUS
GEMINATA, Q. MYRTIFOLIA, Q.
CHAPMANII WITH PERSEA HUMILIS,
ILEX OPACA VAR ARENICOLA, AND
OSMANTHUS AMERICANUS WITH
SABAL ETONIA AND VACCINIUMS IN
UNDERSTORY, GARBERIA HETE SCRUB\*\*\*\*986 G2 S2 N 1998-04-23 DENSE LONG-UNBURNED OAK SCRUB WITH CARPET OF GRAY PUFF LICHENS ON GROUND LAYER.

DENSE OAK (O. GEMINATA, O. MYRTFOLIA) LYONIA FERRUG INEA SCRUB, WITH 5 HRUBS 44-5 FEET TALL. OSMAINTHUS AMERICANUS ON SAMANTHUS AMERICANUS ON PINES 20 FT TALL WITH SOME DEAD PINES PRESENT, GROUND LAYER HAS CARPET OF CLADINA EVANSII LICHEN. ECOTONE TO FLA SCRUB\*\*\*\*987 Scrub G2 S2 N Ν DENSE OAK SCRUB WITH
ABINDANT LYONIA FERRUGINA on interpretation of serial photography
AND SCATTERED SAND PINES.
(IDEFNA07FLUS) NARROW
ELONIGATED PATCH OF DENSE OAK
SCRUB WITH SCATTERED YOUNG
SAND PINES BORDERED BY WET AREA
TO NAND SANDHILL TO SOUTH. DOM SCRUB\*\*\*\*988 Scrub G2 S2 N N 2004 1998-04-11: Species was collected on site by P.E. Moler and G. Clark (USBMOL02FLUS). 1962: Gertsch and Platnick (1980) recorded species as present here, based on a 1962 collection. More precise and updated record is needed (A80GER01FLUS). SPHOABBO\*22 Sphodros abboti Blue Purse-web Spider G4G5 S4 N N 1998-04-11 1998-04-11: webs found at the bases of trees (U98MOL02FLUS). 1962: Description was not given (A80GER01FLUS).

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INVENTO			Global	State	Federal	State	Observation	,	
Map Label	Scientific Name	Common Name	Rank	Rank	Status	Listing	Date	Description	EO Comments
URSUFLOR'96	Ursus americanus floridanu	sFlorida Black Bear	G5T2	S2	N	ST*		Large area of sand pine and oak scrub, mesic flatwoods, sandhill, depression marshes and hardwood swamps, pine plantation; regular harvesting of sand pine (U05SIM01FLUS).	2012: Estimated population of 729-1056 (U05SIM01FLUS), This EO represents the Primary and Secondary Bear Ranges for the Ocala population. Primary is the FWC-designated orce area that represents breeding range and contains documented evidence of reproduc

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Scientific Nam	RY	Common Name	Global Rank	State Rank	Federal Status	State Listing
Documented						
Andropogon are	ctatus	Pine-woods Bluestem	G3	S3	N	LT
Aphodius laevid		Large Pocket Gopher Aphodius Beetle	G3G4	S3?	N	N
Conradina eton		Etonia Rosemary	G1	S1	LE	LE
Drymarchon co		Eastern Indigo Snake	G3	S3	LT	FT
Gopherus poly	,	Gopher Tortoise		S3	C	ST
Procambarus p		Black Creek Crayfish	G2	S2	N	SSC
Ptomaphagus s		Schwarz' Pocket Gopher Ptomaphagus Be	G3	S3	N	N
Sandhill		command i comer copinor i temaphagae de		S2	N	N
Sciurus niger si	nermani	Sherman's Fox Squirrel	G5T3	S3	N	SSC
Scrub		onomiano i oxioquino.	G2	S2	N	N
Likely						
Aphelocoma co	erulescens	Florida Scrub-Jay	G2	S2	LT	FT
Haliaeetus leuc	ocephalus	Bald Eagle	G5	S3	N	N
Mesic flatwoods	3		G4	S4	N	N
Phidippus work	mani	Workman's Jumping Spider	G2G3	S2S3	N	N
Sandhill upland	lake		G3	S2	N	N
Sphodros abbo	ti	Blue Purse-web Spider	G4G5	S4	N	N
Ursus american	us floridanus	Florida Black Bear	G5T2	S2	N	ST*
Potential						
Agrimonia incis	a	Incised Groove-bur	G3	S2	N	LE
Arnoglossum di	versifolium	Variable-leaved Indian-plantain	G2	S2	N	LT
Asplenium hete	roresiliens	Wagner's Spleenwort	GNA	S1	N	N
Asplenium x cu	rtissii	Curtiss' Spleenwort		S1	N	N
Balduina atropu	rpurea	Purple Honeycomb-head	G2	S1	N	LE
Brickellia cordif	olia	Flyr's Brickell-bush	G2G3	S2	N	LE
Calopogon mul	tiflorus	Many-flowered Grass-pink		S2S3	N	LE
Calydorea coel	estina	Bartram's Ixia		S2S3	N	LE
Carex chapmar	nii	Chapman's Sedge	G3	S3	N	LT
Corynorhinus ra	afinesquii	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat	G3G4	S2	N	N
Ctenium florida	num	Florida Toothache Grass	G2	S2	N	LE
Digitaria gracilli	ma	Longleaf Fingergrass	G1	S1	N	N
Grus canadens	is pratensis	Florida Sandhill Crane	G5T2T3	S2S3	N	ST
Gymnopogon c	hapmanianus	Chapman's Skeletongrass	G3	S3	N	N
Hartwrightia flor	ridana	Hartwrightia	G2	S2	N	LT
Heterodon simu	IS	Southern Hognose Snake		S2	N	N
Linum westii		West's Flax	G1	S1	N	LE
Lithobates capi	to	Carolina Gopher Frog	G3	S3	N	SSC
Litsea aestivalis	;	Pondspice	G3?	S2	N	LE
Matelea floridar	na	Florida Spiny-pod	G2	S2	N	LE
Mesic hammod	<		G3	S3?	N	N
Monotropsis reg	vnoldsiae	Pygmy Pipes	G1Q	S1	N	LE
Mustela frenata		Florida Long-tailed Weasel	G5T3	S3	N	N
Myotis austrorig		Southeastern Bat	G3G4	S3	N	N
Nemastylis flori		Celestial Lily	G2	S2	N	LE
Neofiber alleni		Round-tailed Muskrat	G3	S3	N	N
Notophthalmus	perstriatus	Striped Newt	G2G3	S2S3	C	N
Peucaea aestiv	•	Bachman's Sparrow	G3	S3	Ň	N
Picoides boreal		Red-cockaded Woodpecker		S2	LE	FE

Definitions:

Documented - Rare species and natural communities documented on or near this site.

Documented-Historic - Rare species and natural communities documented, but not observed/reported within the last twenty years.

Likely - Rare species and natural communities likely to occur on this site based on suitable habitat and/or known occurrences in the vicinity.

Potential - This site lies within the known or predicted range of the species listed.

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INVENTORY		Global	State	Federal	State
Scientific Name	Common Name	Rank	Rank	Status	Listing
Pituophis melanoleucus mugitus	Florida Pine Snake	G4T3	S3	N	SSC
Podomys floridanus	Florida Mouse	G3	S3	N	SSC
Pteroglossaspis ecristata	Giant Orchid	G2G3	S2	N	LT
Pycnanthemum floridanum	Florida Mountain-mint	G3	S3	N	LT
Rhododendron chapmanii	Chapman's Rhododendron	G1	S1	LE	LE
Rhynchospora thornei	Thorne's Beaksedge	G3	S1S2	N	N
Rudbeckia nitida	St. John's Blackeyed Susan		S2	N	LE
Salix floridana	Florida Willow	G2	S2	N	LE
Seepage stream		G3	S2	N	N
Sideroxylon alachuense	Silver Buckthorn	G1	S1	N	LE

### **Elements and Element Occurrences**

An **element** is any exemplary or rare component of the natural environment, such as a species, natural community, bird rookery, spring, sinkhole, cave, or other ecological feature.

An **element occurrence (EO)** is an area of land and/or water in which a species or natural community is, or was, present. An EO should have practical conservation value for the Element as evidenced by potential continued (or historical) presence and/or regular recurrence at a given location.

# **Element Ranking and Legal Status**

Using a ranking system developed by NatureServe and the Natural Heritage Program Network, the Florida Natural Areas Inventory assigns two ranks for each element. The global rank is based on an element's worldwide status; the state rank is based on the status of the element in Florida. Element ranks are based on many factors, the most important ones being estimated number of Element Occurrences (EOs), estimated abundance (number of individuals for species; area for natural communities), geographic range, estimated number of adequately protected EOs, relative threat of destruction, and ecological fragility.

## **FNAI GLOBAL ELEMENT RANK**

- **G1** = Critically imperiled globally because of extreme rarity (5 or fewer occurrences or less than 1000 individuals) or because of extreme vulnerability to extinction due to some natural or man-made factor.
- **G2** = Imperiled globally because of rarity (6 to 20 occurrences or less than 3000 individuals) or because of vulnerability to extinction due to some natural or man-made factor.
- **G3** = Either very rare and local throughout its range (21-100 occurrences or less than 10,000 individuals) or found locally in a restricted range or vulnerable to extinction from other factors.
- **G4** = Apparently secure globally (may be rare in parts of range).
- **G5** = Demonstrably secure globally.
- **GH** = Of historical occurrence throughout its range, may be rediscovered (e.g., ivory-billed woodpecker).
- **GX** = Believed to be extinct throughout range.
- **GXC** = Extirpated from the wild but still known from captivity or cultivation.
- G#? = Tentative rank (e.g., G2?).
- **G#G#** = Range of rank; insufficient data to assign specific global rank (e.g., G2G3).
- **G#T#** = Rank of a taxonomic subgroup such as a subspecies or variety; the G portion of the rank refers to the entire species and the T portion refers to the specific subgroup; numbers have same definition as above (e.g., G3T1).
- **G#Q** = Rank of questionable species ranked as species but questionable whether it is species or subspecies; numbers have same definition as above (e.g., G2Q).
- **G#T#Q** = Same as above, but validity as subspecies or variety is questioned.
- **GU** = Unrankable; due to a lack of information no rank or range can be assigned (e.g., GUT2).
- **GNA** = Ranking is not applicable because the element is not a suitable target for conservation (e.g. a hybrid species).
- **GNR** = Element not yet ranked (temporary).
- **GNRTNR** = Neither the element nor the taxonomic subgroup has yet been ranked.

# **FNAI STATE ELEMENT RANK**

- **S1** = Critically imperiled in Florida because of extreme rarity (5 or fewer occurrences or less than 1000 individuals) or because of extreme vulnerability to extinction due to some natural or man-made factor.
- **S2** = Imperiled in Florida because of rarity (6 to 20 occurrences or less than 3000 individuals) or because of vulnerability to extinction due to some natural or man-made factor.
- **S3** = Either very rare and local in Florida (21-100 occurrences or less than 10,000 individuals) or found locally in a restricted range or vulnerable to extinction from other factors.
- **S4** = Apparently secure in Florida (may be rare in parts of range).
- S5 = Demonstrably secure in Florida.
- **SH** = Of historical occurrence in Florida, possibly extirpated, but may be rediscovered (e.g., ivory-billed woodpecker).
- **SX** = Believed to be extirpated throughout Florida.
- SU = Unrankable; due to a lack of information no rank or range can be assigned.
- **SNA** = State ranking is not applicable because the element is not a suitable target for conservation (e.g. a hybrid species).
- **SNR** = Element not yet ranked (temporary).

# **FEDERAL LEGAL STATUS**

Legal status information provided by FNAI for information only. For official definitions and lists of protected species, consult the relevant federal agency.

Definitions derived from U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973, Sec. 3. Note that the federal status given by FNAI refers only to Florida populations and that federal status may differ elsewhere.

**C** = Candidate species for which federal listing agencies have sufficient information on biological vulnerability and threats to support proposing to list the species as Endangered or Threatened.

LE = Endangered: species in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

LE, LT = Species currently listed endangered in a portion of its range but only listed as threatened in other areas

**LE, PDL** = Species currently listed endangered but has been proposed for delisting.

LE, PT = Species currently listed endangered but has been proposed for listing as threatened.

LE, XN = Species currently listed endangered but tracked population is a non-essential experimental population.

LT = Threatened: species likely to become Endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

**SAT** = Treated as threatened due to similarity of appearance to a species which is federally listed such that enforcement personnel have difficulty in attempting to differentiate between the listed and unlisted species.

SC = Not currently listed, but considered a "species of concern" to USFWS.

# **STATE LEGAL STATUS**

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**Animals:** Definitions derived from "Florida's Endangered Species and Species of Special Concern, Official Lists" published by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 1 August 1997, and subsequent updates.

FE = Listed as Endangered Species at the Federal level by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

FT = Listed as Threatened Species at the Federal level by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**F(XN)** = Federal listed as an experimental population in Florida

**FT(S/A)** = Federal Threatened due to similarity of appearance

ST = State population listed as Threatened by the FFWCC. Defined as a species, subspecies, or isolated population which is acutely vulnerable to environmental alteration, declining in number at a rapid rate, or whose range or habitat is decreasing in area at a rapid rate and as a consequence is destined or very likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future. (ST\* for Ursus americanus floridanus (Florida black bear) indicates that this status does not apply in Baker and Columbia counties and in the Apalachicola National Forest. ST\* for Neovison vison pop.1 (Southern mink, South Florida population) indicates that this status applies to the Everglades population only.)

SSC = Listed as Species of Special Concern by the FFWCC. Defined as a population which warrants special protection, recognition, or consideration because it has an inherent significant vulnerability to habitat modification, environmental alteration, human disturbance, or substantial human exploitation which, in the foreseeable future, may result in its becoming a threatened species. (SSC\* indicates that a species has SSC status only in selected portions of its range in Florida. SSC\* for Pandion haliaetus (Osprey) indicates that this status applies in Monroe county only.)

N = Not currently listed, nor currently being considered for listing.

**Plants:** Definitions derived from Sections 581.011 and 581.185(2), Florida Statutes, and the Preservation of Native Flora of Florida Act, 5B-40.001. FNAI does not track all state-regulated plant species; for a complete list of state-regulated plant species, call Florida Division of Plant Industry, 352-372-3505 or see: http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/.

**LE** = Endangered: species of plants native to Florida that are in imminent danger of extinction within the state, the survival of which is unlikely if the causes of a decline in the number of plants continue; includes all species determined to be endangered or threatened pursuant to the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

**LT** = Threatened: species native to the state that are in rapid decline in the number of plants within the state, but which have not so decreased in number as to cause them to be Endangered.

 ${f N}$  = Not currently listed, nor currently being considered for listing.

# **Element Occurrence Ranking**

FNAI ranks of quality of the element occurrence in terms of its viability (EORANK). Viability is estimated using a combination of factors that contribute to continued survival of the element at the location. Among these are the size of the EO, general condition of the EO at the site, and the conditions of the landscape surrounding the EO (e.g. an immediate threat to an EO by local development pressure could lower an EO rank).

A = Excellent estimated viability

A? = Possibly excellent estimated viability

**AB** = Excellent or good estimated viability

AC = Excellent, good, or fair estimated viability

B = Good estimated viability

B? = Possibly good estimated viability

BC = Good or fair estimated viability

BD = Good, fair, or poor estimated viability

C = Fair estimated viability

C? = Possibly fair estimated viability

CD = Fair or poor estimated viability

D = Poor estimated viability

**D?** = Possibly poor estimated viability

**E** = Verified extant (viability not assessed)

F = Failed to find

H = Historical

NR = Not ranked, a placeholder when an EO is not (yet) ranked.

U = Unrankable

X = Extirpated

FNAI also uses the following EO ranks:

H? = Possibly historical

F? = Possibly failed to find

X? = Possibly extirpated

The following offers further explanation of the H and X ranks as they are used by FNAI:

The rank of H is used when there is a lack of recent field information verifying the continued existence of an EO, such as (a) when an EO is based only on historical collections data; or (b) when an EO was ranked A, B, C, D, or E at one time and is later, without field survey work, considered to be possibly extirpated due to general habitat loss or degradation of the environment in the area. This definition of the H rank is dependent on an interpretation of what constitutes "recent" field information. Generally, if there is no known survey of an EO within the last 20 to 40 years, it should be assigned an H rank. While these time frames represent suggested maximum limits, the actual time period for historical EOs may vary according to the biology of the element and the specific landscape context of each occurrence (including anthropogenic alteration of the environment). Thus, an H rank may be assigned to an EO before the maximum time frames have lapsed. Occurrences that have not been surveyed for periods exceeding these time frames should not be ranked A, B, C, or D. The higher maximum limit for plants and communities (i.e., ranging from 20 to 40 years) is based upon the assumption that occurrences of these elements generally have the potential to persist at a given location for longer periods of time. This greater potential is a reflection of plant biology and community dynamics. However, landscape factors must also be considered. Thus, areas with more anthropogenic impacts on the environment (e.g., development) will be at the lower end of the range, and less-impacted areas will be at the higher end.

The rank of X is assigned to EOs for which there is documented destruction of habitat or environment, or persuasive evidence of eradication based on adequate survey (i.e., thorough or repeated survey efforts by one or more experienced observers at times and under conditions appropriate for the Element at that location).

<sup>\*</sup>For additional detail on the above ranks see: http://www.natureserve.org/explorer/eorankguide.htm

# Exhibit P

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June 6, 2014

Ms. Jennifer Reed Land Planning Coordinator Department of Agriculture and Consumers Services Florida Forest Service 3125 Conner Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650

Dear Ms. Reed:

This letter is in response to your request for listed species occurrence records and critical habitats for your project (Etoniah Creek State Forest) located in Putnam County, Florida. Records from The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's database indicate that listed species occurrence data are located within project area. Enclosed are 8.5 x 11 maps showing listed species locations, black bear range, SHCA for Cooper's hawk, black bear, short-tailed hawk, striped newt and the Florida mouse, Prioritized SHCA's, species richness, priority wetlands for listed species, and land cover for the project site and surrounding area.

This letter and 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. It is important to understand 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.

The Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) maintains a separate database of listed plant and wildlife species, please contact FNAI directly for specific information on the location of element occurrences within the project area.

Ms. Jennifer Reed Page 2 June 6, 2014

Because FNAI is funded to provide information to public agencies only, you may be required to pay a fee for this information. County-wide listed species information can be located at their website (<a href="http://www.fnai.org">http://www.fnai.org</a>).

Please credit the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in any publication or presentation of these data. If you have any questions or further requests, please contact me at (850) 488-0588 or <a href="mailto:gisrequests@myfwc.com">gisrequests@myfwc.com</a>.

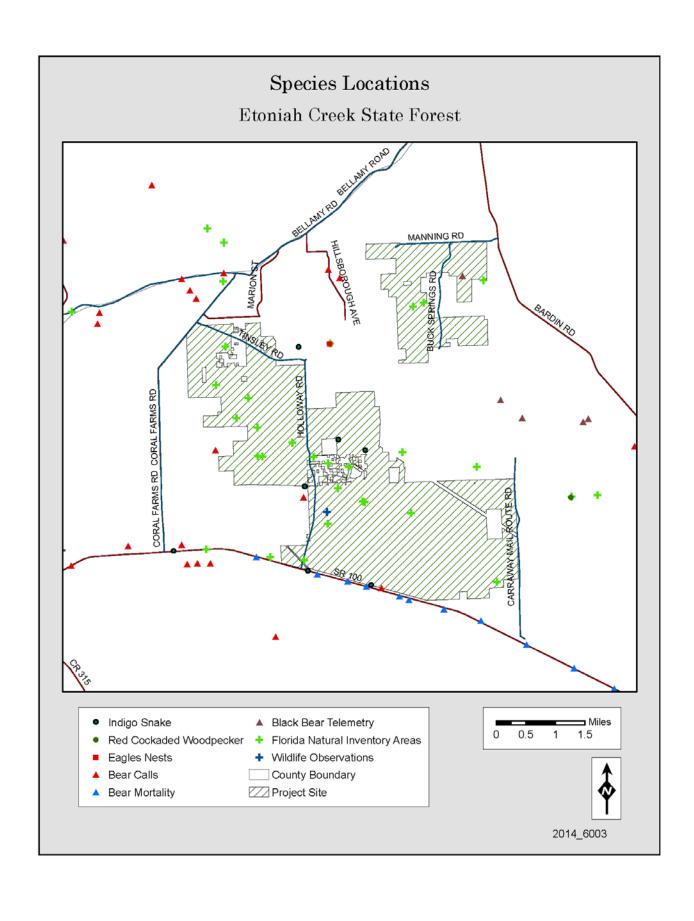
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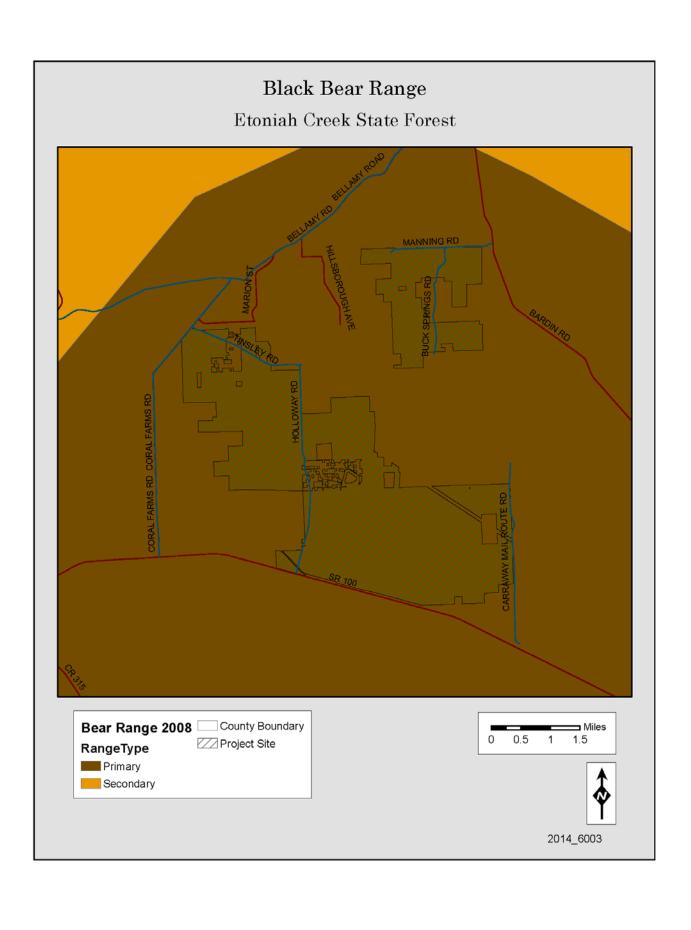
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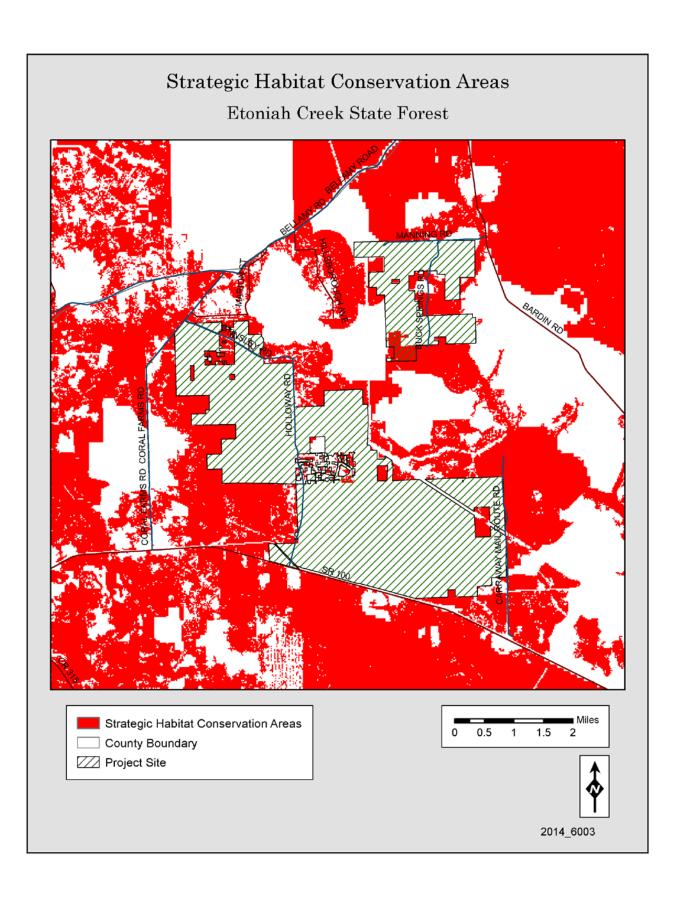
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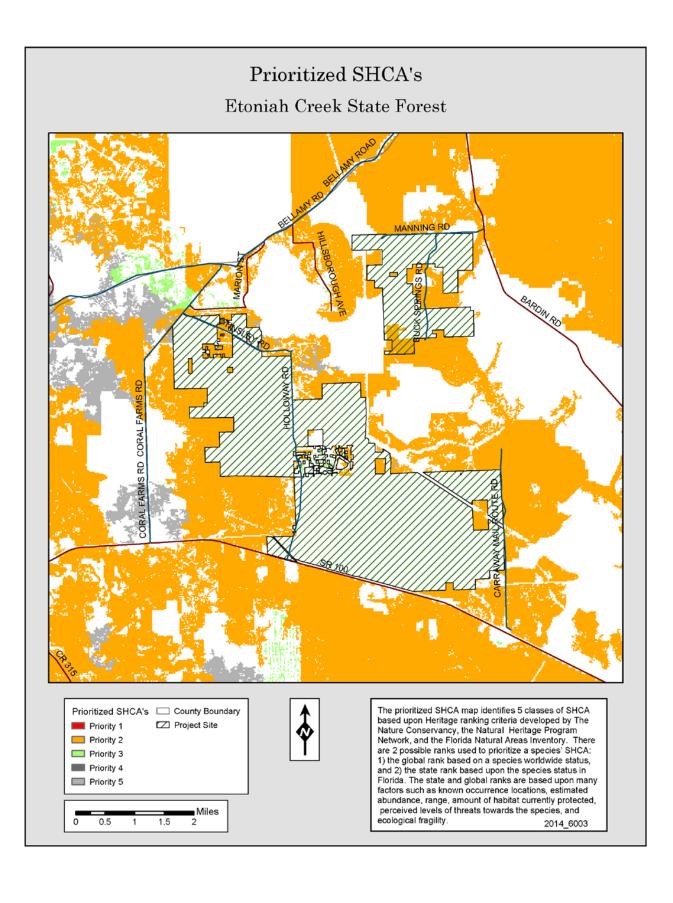
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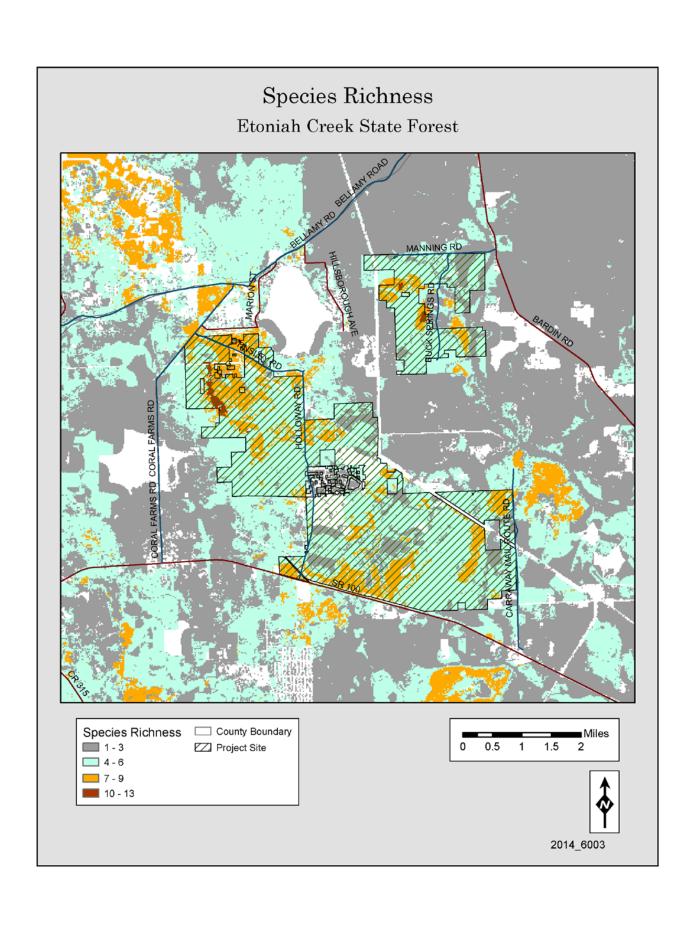
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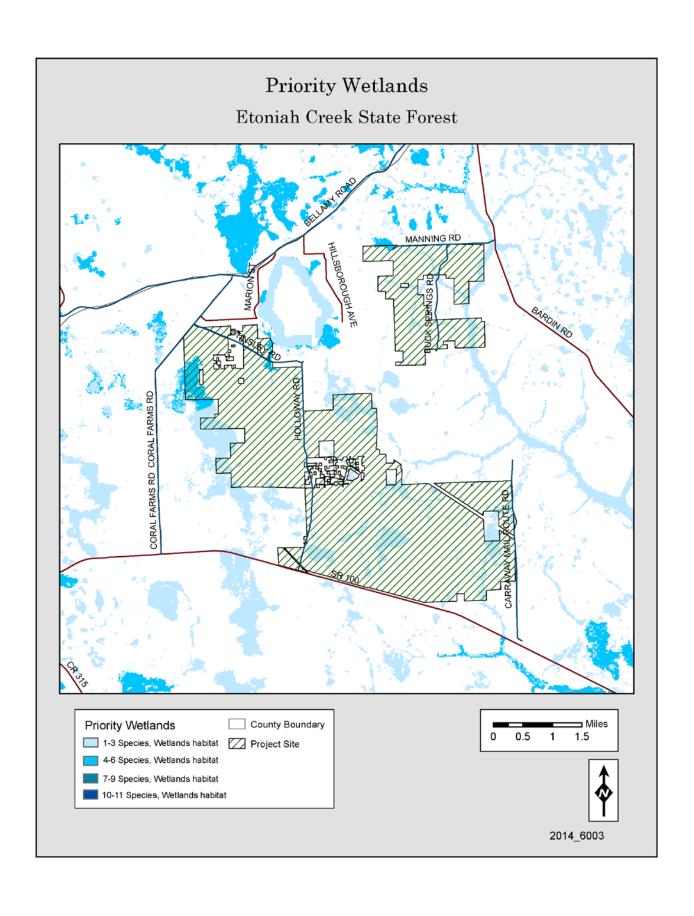












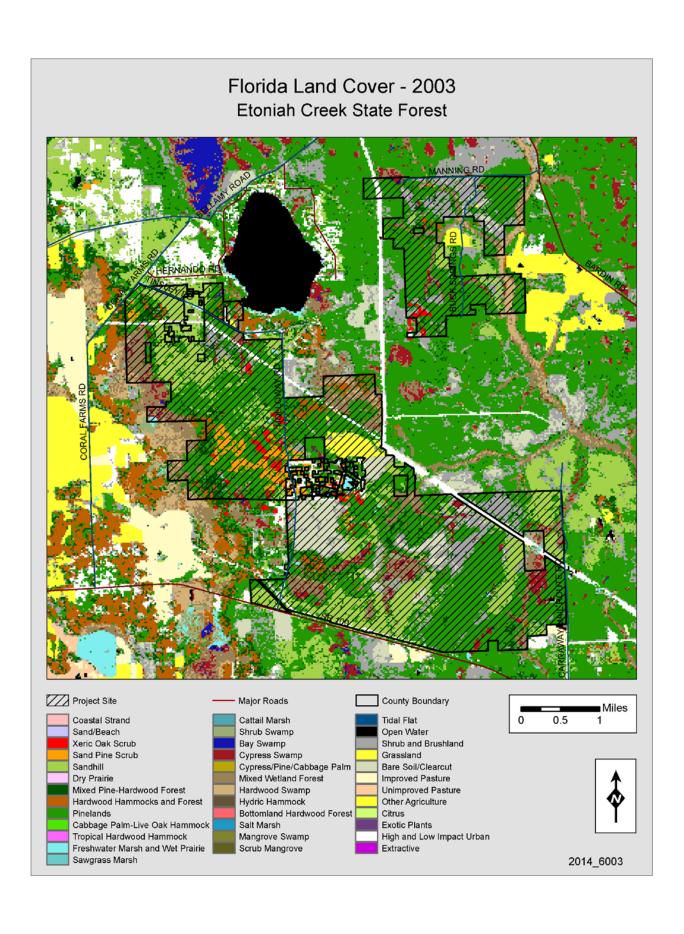
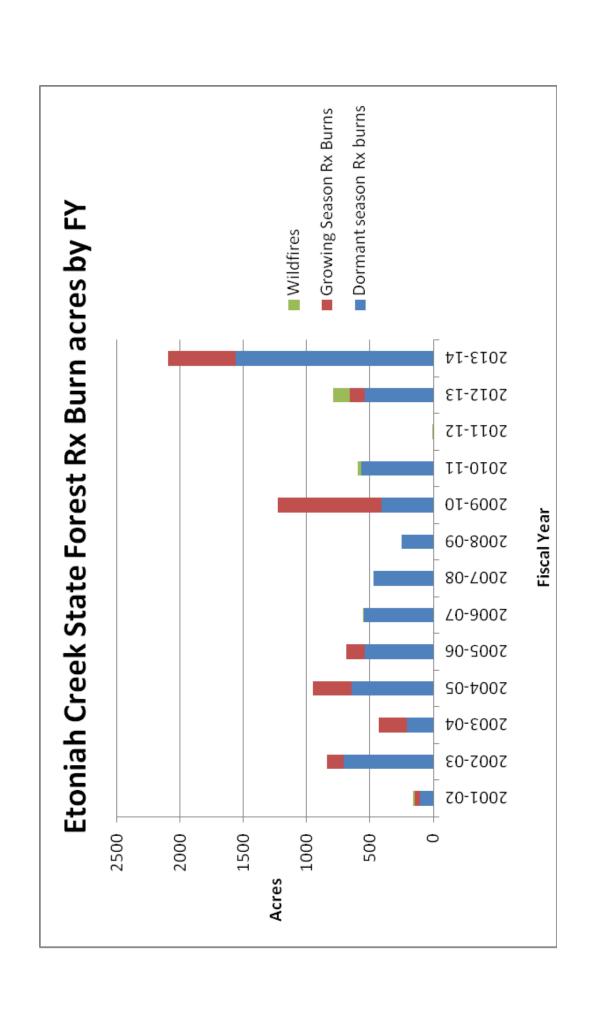


Exhibit Q

Fire History



# Exhibit R

**Invasive Species** 

