



WRAC Recreation Issues Workshop

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Public Use Updates

Land Stewardship

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Presentation Discussion

- Project Reviews
- Trail and Access Updates
- Hunting Area Updates and Proposed Changes 2014



Project Reviews

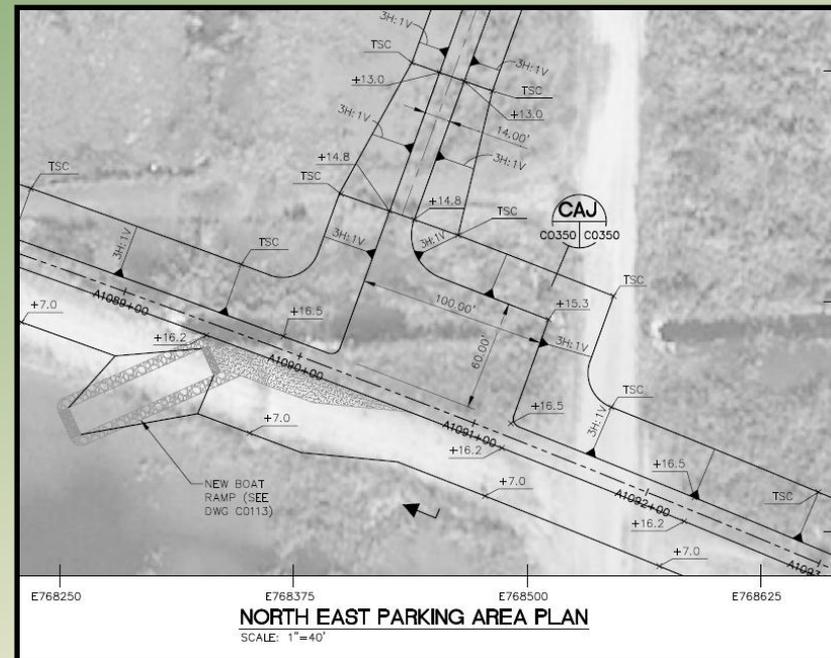
Public Use Planning in Projects

- Incorporate public use into the earthworks and existing access routes.
- Evaluate during operational period, vegetation growth.
- Determine activities and add facilities as needed.



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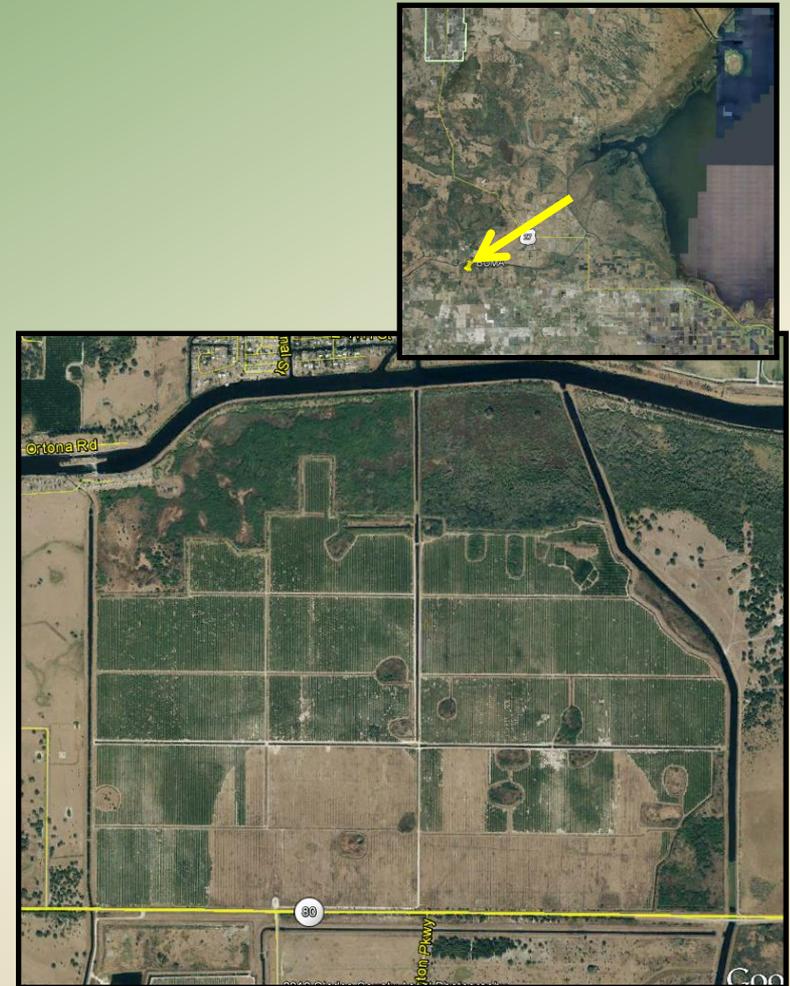
- A-2 FEB Draft.
- Similar access road and boat ramp in Ne corner.
- Earthworks for public distributed on levees.
- Same potential for activities.
- All facilities in plan to ensure federal cost-share; shelters, signs, etc.



(*A-1 FEB boat ramp)

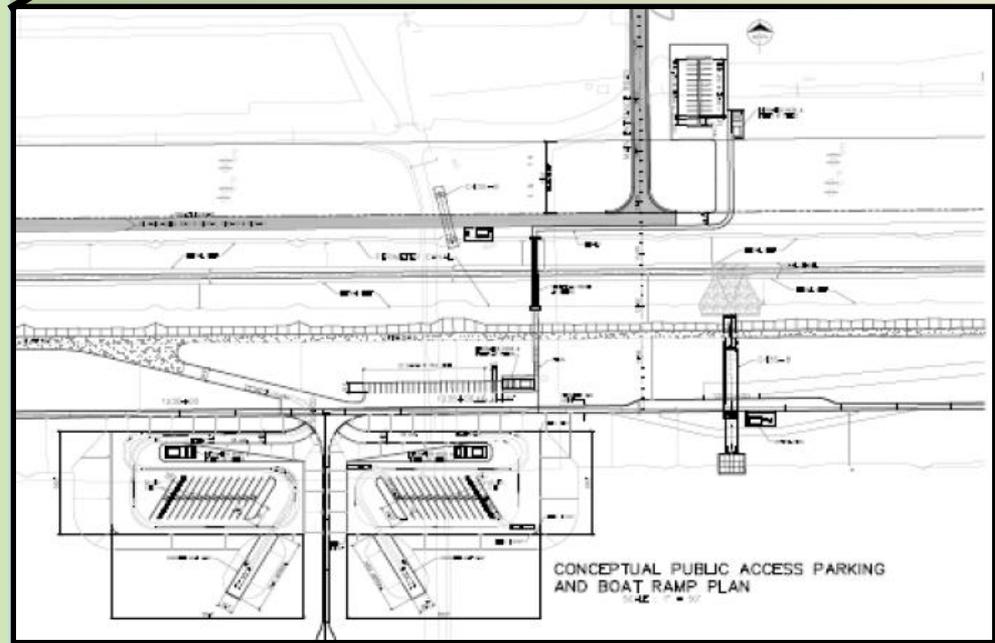
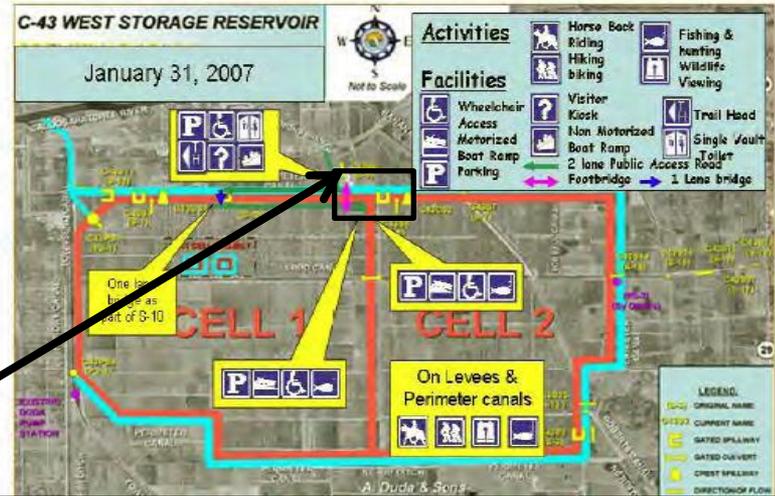
Project Reviews

- BOMA- C-43 Water Quality Treatment and Testing Facility Project, 1773 acres.
- Currently Active Citrus Lease.
- Partner with Lee County to construct wetlands for nutrient removal.
- Test facility for nitrogen removal to be designed and permitted in 2014.
- Dispersed water storage.



Project Reviews

C-43 West Storage Reservoir Recreation

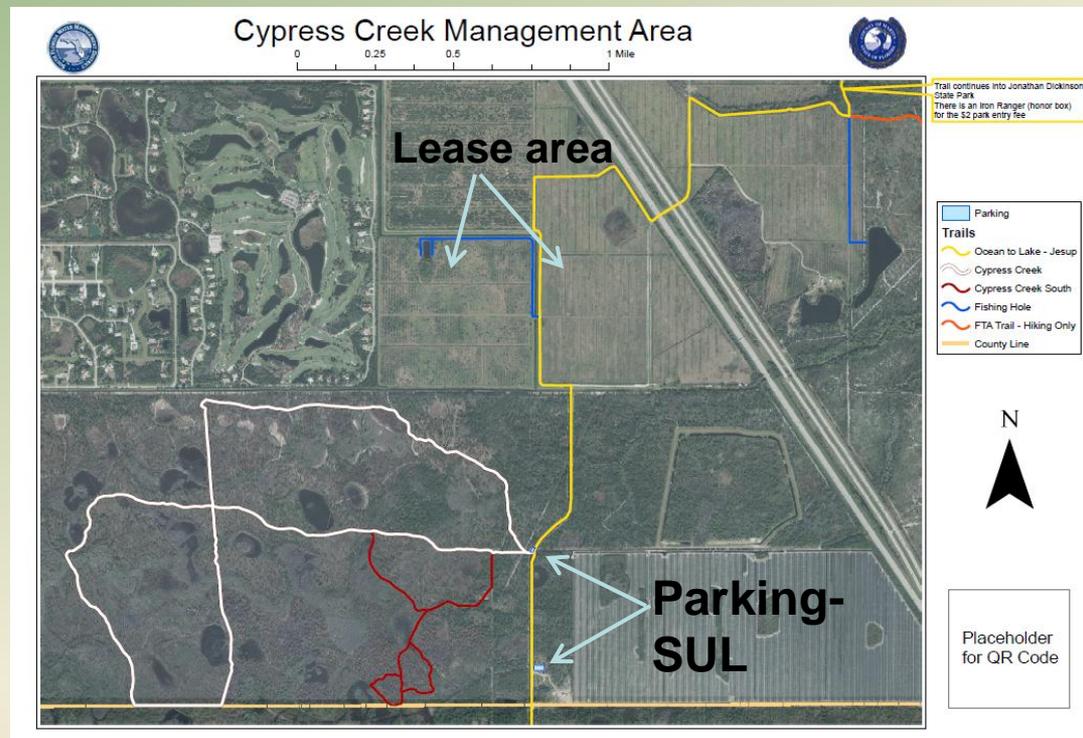


- C-43 Project Area.
- PIR approved, on evergladesplan.org.
- Awaiting Congressional Authorization.
- Currently Active Citrus Lease.
- Dispersed water storage.

Trails and Access Update

Cypress Creek

- **GS Road - Special Use License available on-line for Vehicle Access from Indiantown Road.**
- **Cattle Lease in northwest portion this Spring 2014.**



Trails and Access Update

Florida National Scenic Trail

- East-side of Kissimmee River
- S-65A crossing in place



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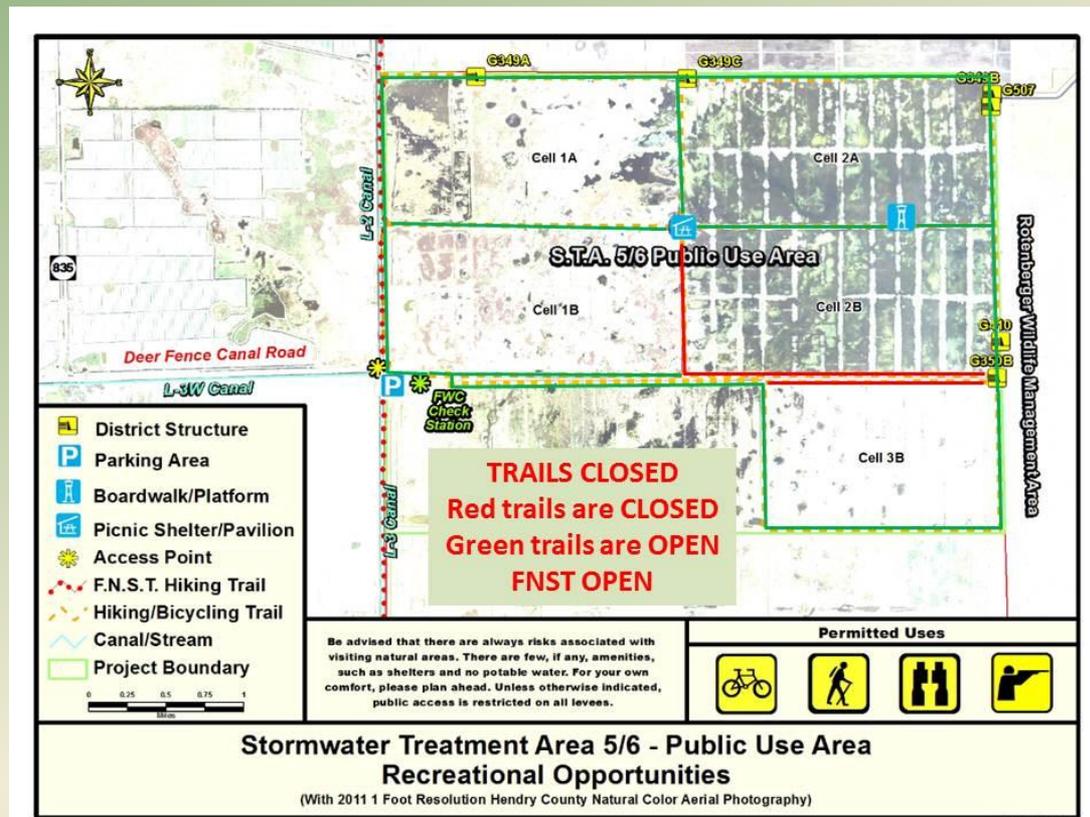
DuPuis Trailhead

- Seek Grant for Improvements to Gate #2 Hiking Parking-Trailhead.
- Includes improved access from road, parking, fencing, signage, kiosk.



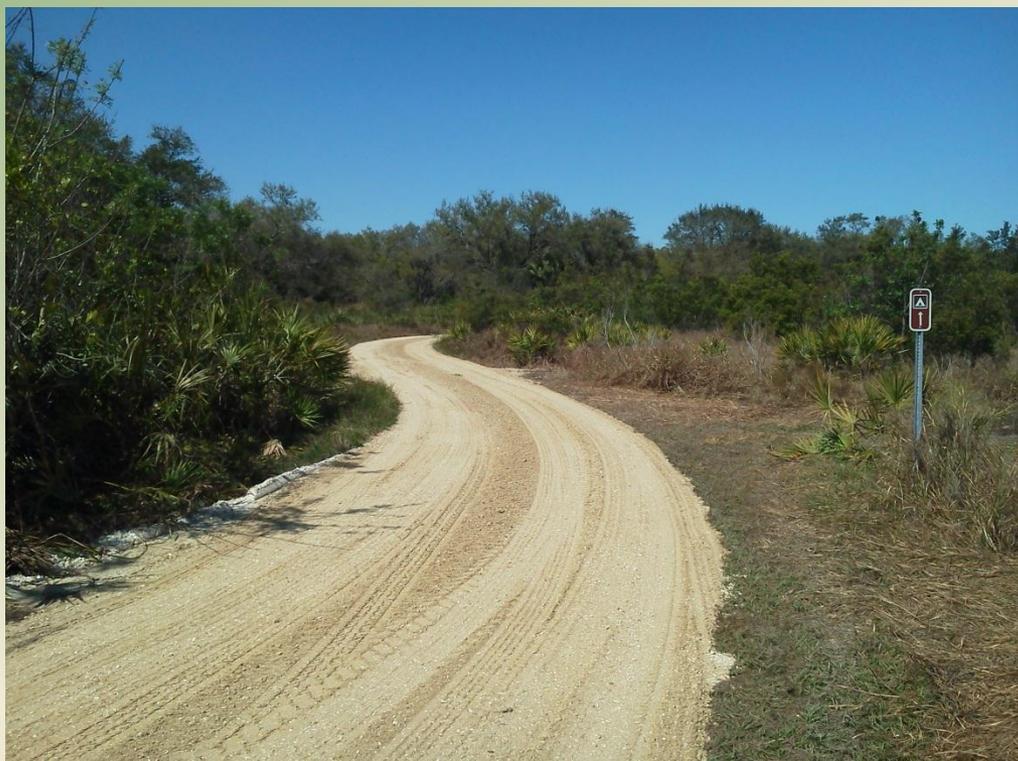
Trails and Access Update

- STA 5/6 Trail – Current Segment of Trail Closure Due to Nesting.



Trails and Access Update

- **Kissimmee River – Starvation Slough**
 - Improvements made to existing road to campsite.



Trails and Access Update

Overview of February 2014-Ocean To Lake Event

- 3-day event- horseback riding, hiking, biking.
- FTA multi-day backpacking hike.



Hunting Area Updates

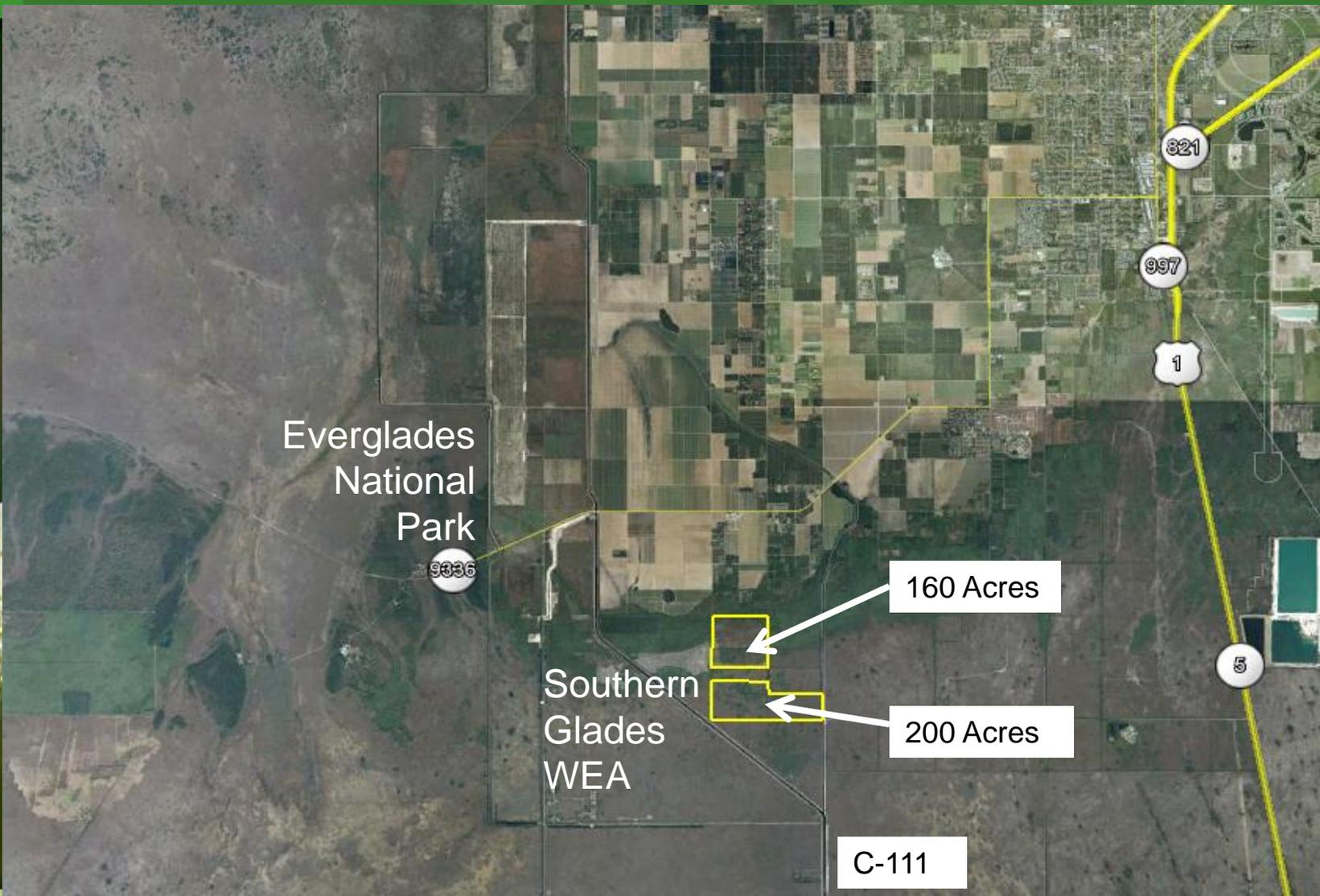
- **2014 Proposed Fall Hunting Actions**
 - **All Subject to GB approval**
 - **Continue Small Game Areas**
 - **C23-C24 PSGHA, 1169 acres.**
 - **Rocky Glades PSGHA, 4892 acres.**
 - **Lake Marion Creek WMA add approx. 342 acres.**
 - **Southern Glades WEA add approx. 360 acres.**



Proposed Hunting Area Changes Lake Marion Creek WMA 2014



Proposed Hunting Area Changes Southern Glades WEA 2014



Hunting Area Updates

STA Alligator and Waterfowl

Alligators- to review between now and June

- Work with FWC on clarifying and standardizing maps.
- Review gates, not closing at midnight, allows morning access.
- FWC to clarify trappers assistant to be with license holder.

Waterfowl

- FWC Post-Hunt Waterfowl stakeholder meeting March 24th, 6:30pm.



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Questions

