

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service

Land Management Plan Amendment
to the
Twin Rivers State Forest Ten-Year Land Management Plan

May 8, 2020

The Florida Forest Service (FFS) is requesting ARC approval of a Land Management Plan Amendment to the Twin Rivers State Forest (TRSF) Ten-Year Land Management Plan to install public vehicular access within the Damascus tract. The FFS-managed TRSF is an approximately 15,800-acre, multiple-use state forest, located in Hamilton, Madison, and Suwannee Counties. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (BOT) holds title to the affected portion of the state forest.

The proposed public vehicular access is located in Sections 33 and 34 of Township 1 South, Range 11 East, in Madison County. Access will be achieved via connection with existing roads on the forest. The location is within an established “two-trail” forest road, an established firebreak, and a former clear-cut pine stand that was planted to longleaf pine several years ago. Specifically, this 1.17-mile road project will include construction of new road (.20 miles), widening and rehabilitation of an existing road (.70 miles), and .27 mile of an established woods road will remain as is. This project will also entail constructing a small parking area approximately 27 feet by 25 feet to accommodate up to 3 vehicles. The existing “two-trail” road will be increased from 10 feet to 12-14 feet. Also, road shoulders will be constructed at a 3:1 slope where possible and cleared up to a 7-foot width to facilitate maintenance. The maximum road corridor width will be 28 feet, and the entire length of the project will receive geotextile fabric and a 6 to 8-inch lime rock base.

FFS staff and a certified archaeological resource monitor (ARM) surveyed the proposed site area for threatened or endangered species and possible historical and/or archaeological evidence. They concluded, no known archeological sites occur in the project area, as well as, no evidence of threatened or endangered species were observed at the project site vicinity.

FFS additionally consulted with the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI), the Division of Historic Resources (DHR) and the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) regarding the proposed activities. Consulting agency (FNAI, DHR, SRWMD) response letters are included with this request, as are applicable maps and photos of the proposed sites.



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To: Todd Knapp
From: Dan, Hipes, Director, FNAI
Date: December 19, 2019
RE: Proposed road improvement at the Damascus Tract, TRSF

We have reviewed the materials for the proposed road improvement/construction at Twin Rivers State Forest. There are no records in the FNAI database for rare species at the locations. The plan appears to minimize disturbance to natural systems. We see no conflicts with any resources of concern.

Thank you for the review request.



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January 21, 2020

RE: DHR Project File No.: 2019-8851
Project: Road Widening, Rehabilitation and New Road Construction (Total 1.17 Linear Mile) with Small Parking Area, Mostly within Previously Established "Two-Trail" Forest Road for Safe Vehicular Access for Visitors to the Damascus Tract or Twin Rivers State Forest
Madison County

Dear Mr. Knapp:

Our office reviewed the referenced project in accordance with Chapter 267, *Florida Statutes*, and implementing state regulations, for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value.

It is the opinion of this agency that ground disturbing activities associated with this project be monitored by someone who has completed our Archaeological Resource Management (ARM) training program. Once the project is complete, the monitor should submit the appropriate monitoring forms to this agency. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, *Florida Statutes*.

For any questions concerning our comments, please contact Robin Jackson, Historic Preservationist, Compliance and Review, by electronic mail at robin.jackson@dos.myflorida.com, or at 850.245.6496, or 800.847.7278.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Parsons, Ph.D.
Director, Division of Historical Resources and
State Historic Preservation Officer



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WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Florida Forest Service
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Subject: Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) Exemption, ERP-079-236858-1, Twin Rivers
Silviculture Exemption, Madison County

Dear Shelly Wayte:

The above referenced proposed project does not require a permit from the Suwannee River Water Management District (District). This decision was based on the documentation submitted on or before May 1, 2020. This exemption letter is for the construction of a silviculture road, with low water crossings and a 27' x 25' parking area. The proposed activity shall be performed as specified in the Notice of Intent to Construct a Minor Silvicultural System submitted to the district by Shelly Wayte and shall be constructed in accordance with subsection 62-330.0511(3)(g), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Please ensure that turbidity, sedimentation, and erosion are controlled during and after construction of the exempt activity to prevent violations of state water quality standards, including any antidegradation provisions of paragraphs 62-4.242(1)(a) & (b), subsections 62-4.242(2) & (3) and Rule 62-302.300, F.A.C., and any special standards for Outstanding Florida Waters and Outstanding National Resource Waters. Erosion and sediment control best management practices shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the guidelines and specifications described in the State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual (Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Transportation June 2007) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02530>), and the Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Nonpoint Source Management Section, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2008) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02531>).

In addition, construction, alteration, and operations shall not:

- Exceed any of the thresholds as found in 62-330.051, F.A.C.
- Adversely impound or obstruct existing water flow, cause adverse impacts to existing surface water storage and conveyance capabilities, or otherwise cause adverse water quantity or flooding impacts to receiving water and adjacent lands;
- Cause an adverse impact to the minimum flows and levels established pursuant to Section 373.042, F.S.
- Cause adverse impacts to a Work of the District established pursuant to Section 373.086, F.S.
- Adversely impede navigation or create a navigational hazard; or
- Cause or contribute to a violation of state water quality standards.

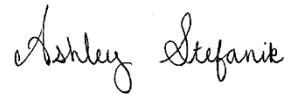
This authorization does not exempt you from obtaining permits from any other regulatory agency. Any modifications

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to the authorized plans shall require reconsideration by the District prior to commencement of construction.

If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Resource Management at 386.362.1001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Stefanik". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley Stefanik, P.E.
Division of Resource Management

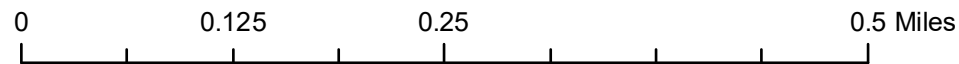
Twin Rivers State Forest Damascus Tract 2020 Road Project



Damascus Roads/Trails

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- Scale 1:7,191.78

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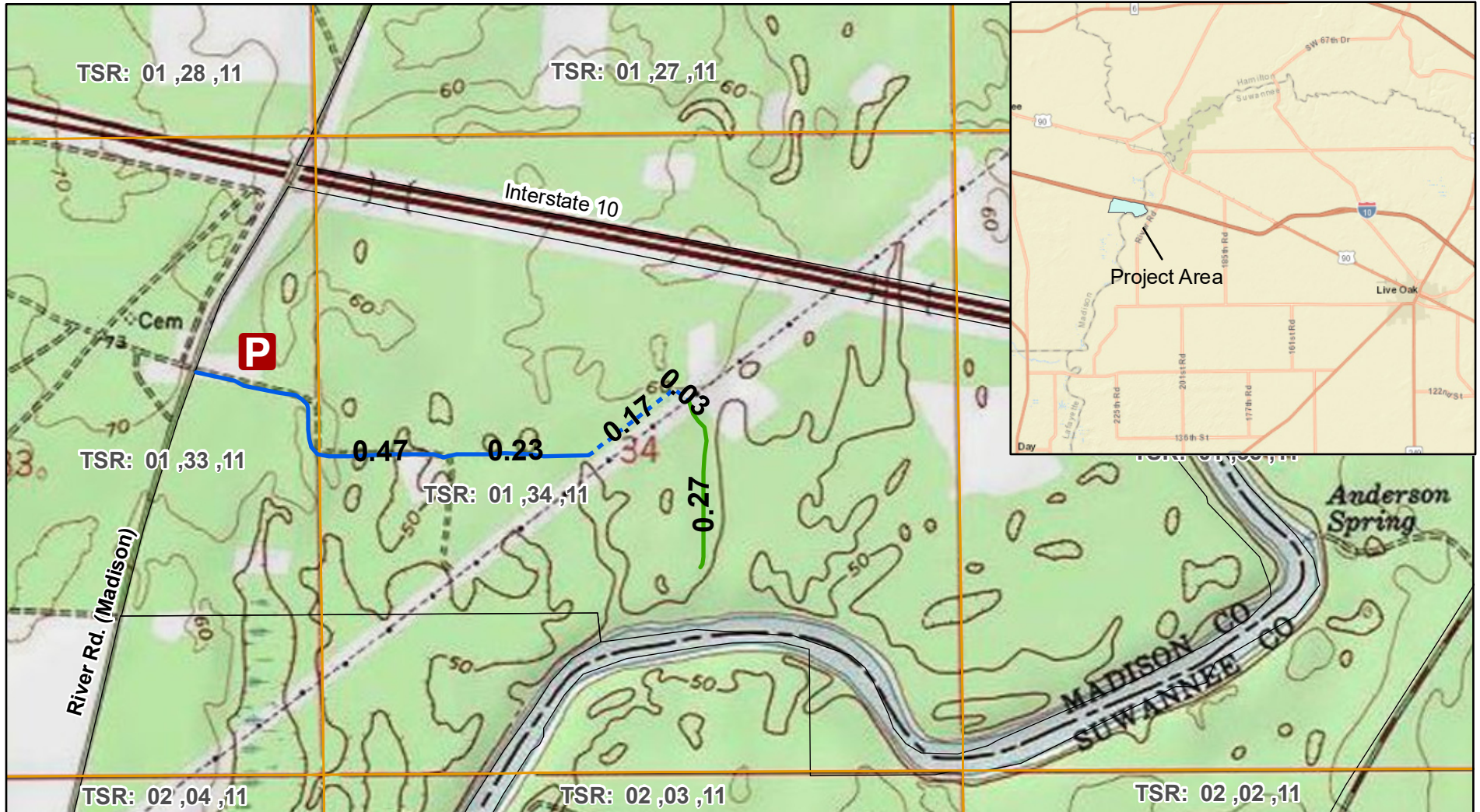


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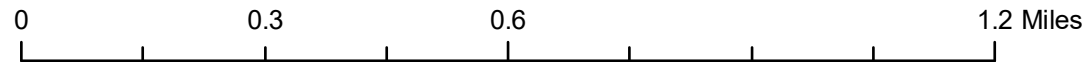


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