

Proposed Florida Greenways and Trails Designation

FGTC Meeting September 23, 2016

Project Name: Camp/ Abel, Florida National Scenic Trail

Applicant: Camp ET. AL., LTD. & Sara Camp Abel Family Limited Partnership

Manager: USDA, Forest Service, National Forests in Florida

Landowners: Camp ET. AL., LTD. & Sara Camp Abel Family Limited Partnership

Project Description: The Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) is a federally-designated, non-motorized, recreation trail which meanders approximately 1,300 miles across Florida. The FNST represents the diverse scenic, historic, natural and cultural character of the Florida landscape. As a National Scenic Trail, the FNST provides readily available, safe, educational, and memorable opportunities across a spectrum of challenges. The USDA Forest Service ensures the development, maintenance and promotion of the FNST through partnerships to serve both the resource and a broad base of recreationists who will enjoy, appreciate and steward this natural resource and the Nation's heritage along the FNST.

The FNST closely follows the historic Suwannee River through a heavily timbered section of Camp land in Hamilton County Florida. Complete with elevation changes, regenerated hardwoods and river bottoms, this area epitomizes the wilderness that was the original North Florida. The Camp family welcomes this opportunity to showcase their stewardship of this beautiful property to all hikers and recreationists on the FNST.

Public Access: The USDA Forest Service, National Forests in Florida, as administrator of the FNST is dedicated to ensuring recreationists can expect signage, maintenance, accessibility, and interpretation to be standardized and to meet best management practices.

FGTS Plan Status

Priority Trail Network: The Florida National Scenic Trail is part of the Florida Greenways & Trails System (FGTS) Plan as a priority trail.

Staff Recommendation: The Division of Recreation and Parks, Office of Greenways and Trails recommends approval of this designation.

FS Agreement No. 15-MU-11080500-019
Cooperator Agreement No. _____

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between The
CAMP ET. AL., LTD & SARA CAMP ABEL FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
NATIONAL FORESTS IN FLORIDA

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and between The Camp ET. AL., LTD. & Sara Camp Abel Family Limited Partnership, hereinafter referred to as "Private Land Owner," and the USDA, Forest Service, National Forests in Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "U.S. Forest Service."

Background: The Florida National Scenic Trail was designated by Congress as part of the National Trails System in 1983 by amendment to the 1968 National Trails System Act. In this amendment the U.S. Forest Service, and later the National Forests in Florida, was delegated authority to build, maintain, manage and protect the Florida National Scenic Trail. The FNST is a complex and unique resource in that it traverses the lands of nearly 30 different federal, state, public and private interests and is supported by a myriad of public and private interest and user groups. The National Trails System Act states:

“(7) (h) (1)... When deemed to be in the public interest such Secretary may enter written cooperative agreements with States or their political subdivisions, landowners, private organizations, or individuals to operate, develop, and maintain any portion of such a trail... (and) may include provisions... to encourage participation in the acquisition, protection, operation, development and maintenance of such trails...”

Title: Florida National Scenic Trail Certification Agreement on Private Lands

I. PURPOSE: The purpose of this MOU is to document the cooperation between the parties to cooperatively locate the Florida National Scenic Trail on The Camp ET. AL., LTD. & Sara Camp Abel Family Limited Partnership lands in accordance with the following provisions.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

The Florida National Scenic Trail is a federally-designated, non-motorized, recreation trail that represents the diverse scenic, historic, natural and cultural character of the Florida landscape. As a National Scenic Trail, the FNST provides readily available, safe, educational, and memorable opportunities across a spectrum of challenges; recreationists can expect signage, maintenance, accessibility, and interpretation to be standardized and to meet best management practices; and



recreationists recognize and identify their trail experience as part of the larger, distinct National Scenic Trail experience.

The U.S. Forest Service, National Forests in Florida, as administrator of the FNST is dedicated to ensuring the development, maintenance and promotion of the Trail through partnerships to serve both the resource and a broad base of recreationists who will enjoy, appreciate and steward this natural resource and the Nation's heritage along the FNST.

The Camp family has been involved for over 100 years in all aspects of the forestry business throughout Hamilton County.

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The Camp family welcomes this opportunity to showcase their stewardship of this beautiful property to all hikers and recreationists.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

III. PRIVATE LAND OWNER SHALL:

- A. Allow public pedestrian access to the designated route of the Florida National Scenic Trail.
- B. Allow Florida National Scenic Trail staff and volunteers access to the trail for the purposes of trail management.
- C. Provide advanced notice to the U.S. Forest Service if the trail is to be temporarily closed or relocated.
- D. Notify the U.S. Forest Service, Florida National Scenic Trail Program Manager, of any issues or concerns related to the trail or trail use, especially when communicating with trail users or the public.

IV. THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

- A. Serve as managers for the Florida National Scenic Trail.
- B. Provide workmen's compensation and tort liability coverage to volunteers maintaining the Florida National Scenic Trail who are operating under a Sponsored Volunteer Agreement, to include the Florida Trail Association.



- C. Manage the Florida National Scenic Trail to the appropriate trail standards by Trail Class 1 – 5. See Attachment 1.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

- A. The Florida National Scenic Trail will be cooperatively located in order to provide a user experience appropriate for a National Scenic Trail and connectivity to existing segments of trail. See Attachment 2.
- B. A supporting application for designation as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System will be completed by both parties as Consenting Land Owner and Trail Manager which will qualify the Private Land Owner for liability protection for allowing public access.
- C. The Florida Trail Association is recognized as a contributing partner in the development, maintenance and promotion of the FNST and is currently operating under a Sponsored Volunteer Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service.
- D. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. Individuals listed below are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement.

Principal Cooperator Contacts:

Cooperator Program Contact	Cooperator Administrative Contact
Name: Pete Roberts Address: 4655 Walden Lane City, State, Zip: Marietta, GA 30062 Telephone: 770-992-0641 Email: peteroberts@comcast.net	Name: Betty C. Conine, Manager Member Address: 3803 Halisport Lane City, State, Zip: Kennesaw, GA 30152 Telephone: 770-722-9157 Email: bcconine@comcast.net

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Principal U.S. Forest Service Contacts:

U.S. Forest Service Program Manager Contact	U.S. Forest Service Administrative Contact
Name: Shawn Thomas Address: 325 John Knox Rd., Suite F-100 City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32303 Telephone: 850-523-8586 Email: shawncthomas@fs.fed.us	Name: JoAnn McGee Address: 2700 N Ocoee St. N City, State, Zip: Cleveland, TN Telephone: 423-476-9710 Email: jmcgee01@fs.fed.us

- E. NOTICES. Any communications affecting the operations covered by this agreement given by the U.S. Forest Service or the Private Land Owner is sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or transmitted electronically by e-mail or fax, as follows:



To the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager, at the address specified in the MOU.

To the Private Land Owner, at the Private Land Owner's address shown in the MOU or such other address designated within the MOU.

Notices are effective when delivered in accordance with this provision, or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

- F. PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. This MOU in no way restricts the U.S. Forest Service or the Private Land Owner from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.
- G. ENDORSEMENT. Any of the Private Land Owners contributions made under this MOU do not by direct reference or implication convey U.S. Forest Service endorsement of **Error! Reference source not found.**'s products or activities.
- H. NONBINDING AGREEMENT. This MOU creates no right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law or equity. The parties shall manage their respective resources and activities in a separate, coordinated and mutually beneficial manner to meet the purpose(s) of this MOU. Nothing in this MOU authorizes any of the parties to obligate or transfer anything of value.

Specific, prospective projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, property, and/or anything of value to a party requires the execution of separate agreements and are contingent upon numerous factors, including, as applicable, but not limited to: agency availability of appropriated funds and other resources; cooperator availability of funds and other resources; agency and cooperator administrative and legal requirements (including agency authorization by statute); etc. This MOU neither provides, nor meets these criteria. If the parties elect to enter into an obligation agreement that involves the transfer of funds, services, property, and/or anything of value to a party, then the applicable criteria must be met. Additionally, under a prospective agreement, each party operates under its own laws, regulations, and/or policies, and any Forest Service obligation is subject to the availability of appropriated funds and other resources. The negotiation, execution, and administration of these prospective agreements must comply with all applicable laws

Nothing in this MOU is intended to alter, limit, or expand the agencies' statutory and regulatory authority.

- I. USE OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE INSIGNIA. In order for the Private Land Owner to use the U.S. Forest Service insignia on any published media, such as a Web page, printed publication, or audiovisual production, permission must be



granted from the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications. A written request must be submitted and approval granted in writing by the Office of Communications (Washington Office) prior to use of the insignia.

- J. MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS. Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 22, no U.S. member of, or U.S. delegate to, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement, or benefits that may arise therefrom, either directly or indirectly.
- K. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA). Public access to MOU or agreement records must not be limited, except when such records must be kept confidential and would have been exempted from disclosure pursuant to Freedom of Information regulations (5 U.S.C. 552).
- L. TERMINATION. Any of the parties, in writing, may terminate this MOU in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of expiration.
- M. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION. The Private Landowner shall immediately inform the U.S. Forest Service if they or any of their principals are presently excluded, debarred, or suspended from entering into covered transactions with the federal government according to the terms of 2 CFR Part 180. Additionally, should the Private Landowner or any of their principals receive a transmittal letter or other official Federal notice of debarment or suspension, then they shall notify the U.S. Forest Service without undue delay. This applies whether the exclusion, debarment, or suspension is voluntary or involuntary.
- N. MODIFICATIONS. Modifications within the scope of this MOU must be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification signed and dated by all properly authorized, signatory officials, prior to any changes being performed. Requests for modification should be made, in writing, at least 30 days prior to implementation of the requested change.
- O. COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE. This MOU is executed as of the date of the last signature and is effective through 5 years from that date at which time it will expire. A new MOU may be signed in its place.
- P. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. By signature below, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual parties are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this MOU. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the last date written below.


BETTE C. CONINE, Managing Member
CAMP ET. AL., LTD.

5/23/15
Date



Walter B. Abel, Jr.

WALTER B. ABEL, JR., General Partner
Sara Camp Abel Family Limited Partnership

6/15/15
Date

Kelly Russel

KELLY RUSSEL, Forest Supervisor
U.S. Forest Service, National Forests in Florida

7-20-15
Date

The authority and format of this agreement have been reviewed and approved for signature.

JoAnn McGee

JO ANN MCGEE
U.S. Forest Service Grants Management Specialist

4/23/2015
Date

Burden Statement

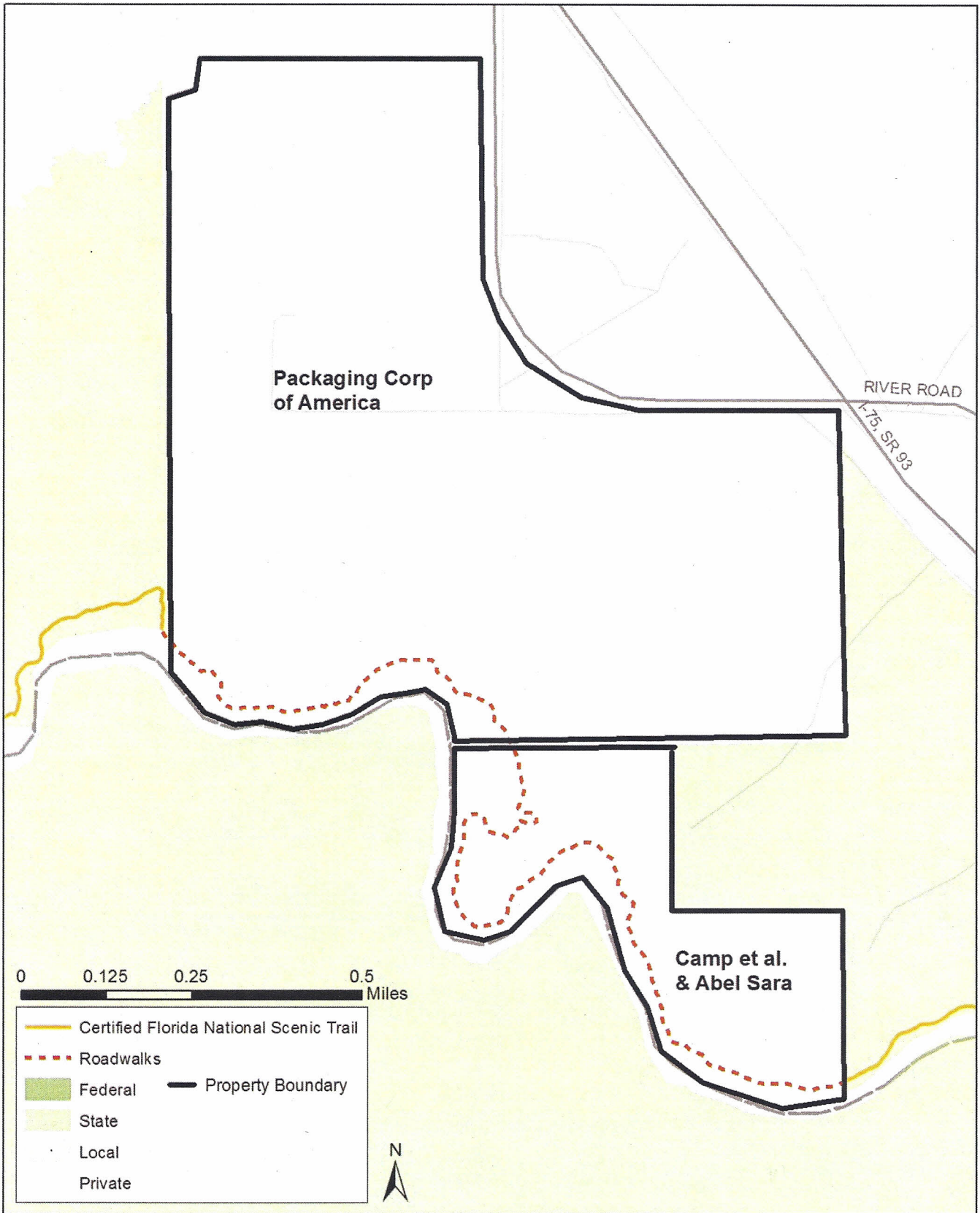
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FNST Overview — Roberts Family Properties, Hamilton County

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

OWNER CONSENT

TO DESIGNATION OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS AS PART OF THE
FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

TO: Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Camp/Abel 2777-000
Name of Project
Hamilton County
Address or Location of Project

FROM: Camp, Et. AL., LTD. Sara Camp Abel Family Limited Partnership
Name of Owner(s)
3803 Halisport Lane, Kennesaw, GA 30152
Address, City, State and Zip Code of Owner(s)
(770) 722-9157 () "not applicable"
Telephone No. Facsimile No.

The undersigned Owners(s) of fee simple title in and to the lands and/or waterways described on the attached Exhibit "A," all of which lie within the project boundary of the above-named greenways and trails project, hereby consents to designation of said lands and/or waterways as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System. By execution of this consent, the undersigned confirms said Owner(s)' willingness to negotiate with representatives of the Department of Environmental Protection to formulate a mutually satisfactory designation agreement to govern participation of the Owner(s)' lands and/or waterways in the Florida Greenways and Trails System.

DATE: May 15, 2015

OWNER(S) OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS:

Camp, Et. AL., LTD
[Printed Name of Owner]

Bette Camp Conine
[Signature of Owner]

Sara Camp Abel Family Limited Partnership
[Printed Name of Owner]

Walter B. Abel, Jr.
[Signature of Owner]
Walter B. Abel, Jr.
General Partner

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE
FOR DESIGNATION OF LANDS OR WATERWAYS AS PART OF THE
FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

TO: Office of Greenways and Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Camp/Abel 2777-000
Name of Project

Hamilton County
Address or Location of Project

FROM: USDA Forest Service
Name of Managing Entity

Shawn Thomas
Name of Contact/Representative

325 John Knox Rd, Suite F-100
Address of Managing Entity

Tallahassee, FL 32303
City, State and Zip Code

(850) 523-8501
Telephone Number

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Facsimile Number

Camp, Et. AL, LTD Sara Camp Abel Family limited Partnership
Name of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation**

3803 Halisport Lane
Address of Owner of Property Proposed for Designation

Kennesaw, GA 30152
City, State and Zip Code

(770) 722-9157
Telephone Number

() "not applicable"
Facsimile Number

** Attach additional sheet(s) if more than one owner

The undersigned Managing Entity hereby ratifies and confirms:

- (1) That it is willing to manage the Project following its designation by the Department of Environmental Protection as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System;
- (2) That management of the project will be based on and proceed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the following:
 - (a) Existing leases, subleases, management plans, licenses, easements or other agreements or encumbrances previously executed and currently in effect for any portion of the lands or waterways located within the Project; and
 - (b) A designation agreement to be negotiated among and executed by the undersigned Managing Entity, the Owner(s) of the lands or waterways proposed for designation and the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, which designation agreement shall be subordinate to any existing leases, agreements or other encumbrances described in paragraph (a) above.
- (3) That in the event the undersigned ceases to be the Managing Entity of the Project or if the aforementioned designation agreement is amended, rescinded or otherwise terminated for any reason, the undersigned will notify the Department's Office of Greenways and Trails within five (5) business days following the occurrence of any such event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this instrument to be signed as of the date set forth below.

MANAGING ENTITY

USDA Forest Service

[Print Name of Managing Entity]

By: Adrienne E. Dunfee

Print Name: Adrienne E. Dunfee for Kelly Russell

Title: Acting Forest Supervisor

Date: 5/13/2015

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF PRIVATE LANDS OR WATERWAYS

RETURN TO: OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
3900 COMMONWEALTH BLVD., MAIL STATION 795
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-3000

PROJECT NAME: Camp/Abel 2777-000

COUNTY(IES): Hamilton

APPLICANT: Camp, Et. AL., LTD and Sara Camp Abel Family Limited Partnership
(Check one) OWNER OF PROPERTY MANAGING ENTITY SPONSOR OF PROJECT

ADDRESS: 3803 Halisport Lane
Kennesaw, GA 30152

CONTACT: Bette Camp Conine

TELEPHONE: (770) 722-9157 FACSIMILE: () "not applicable"

SIGNATURES(S):
Camp, Et. AL., LTD [Name of Applicant] Sara Camp Abel Family Limited Partnership [Name of Applicant, if more than one]
By: Bette Camp Conine By: Walter B. Abel, Jr.
Print Name: Bette Camp Conine Print Name: Walter B. Abel, Jr.
Title: Manager Member Title: General Partner
Date: _____ Date: May 7, 2015

I. OWNERSHIP OF LANDS AND WATERWAYS
Identify all owners of the private lands or waterways proposed for designation:

Owner Name:	Address:
<u>Camp, Et. AL., LTD</u>	<u>3803 Halisport Lane</u>
	<u>Kennesaw, GA 30152</u>
<u>Sara Camp Abel Family Limited Partnership</u>	<u>6708 Louisburg Square Lane</u>
	<u>Charlotte, NC 28210</u>

Check if separate sheet attached and label the additional information "Item I."

II. MANAGING ENTITY FOR PRIVATE LANDS AND WATERWAYS

Identify the Managing Entity for the private lands or waterways proposed for designation:

Name of Managing Entity:

Address:

US Forest Service 325 John Knox Rd. suite F-100 Tallahassee, FL 32303
5415 SW 1st Street
Gainesville FL 32609-5037

Check if separate sheet attached and label the additional information "Item II."

III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide a general narrative description of the physical, biological, archaeological, cultural and historical characteristics of the private lands or waterways proposed for designation:

The Florida Trail follows the Suwannee River over Camp/Abel lands in Hamilton County, Florida. The property proposed for designation lies entirely within parcel 2777-000. The applicants have executed a memorandum of understanding with the USDA Forest Service, Natural Forests in Florida to cooperatively locate the FNST on Camp/Abel Land. In addition to viewing an abundance of wildlife, public pedestrians and hikers will enjoy the elevation changes, hardwoods and river bottoms as they travel the FNST.

Check if separate sheet attached and label the additional information "Item III."

IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Provide a summary of the documentary, photographic or other information available to confirm descriptions provided in Section III above, and state whether field verification has been conducted to document any or all of the characteristics described:

Field verification has been conducted and the documentation provided herein has either been provided by the USDA Forest Service or the Office of the Florida Trail Association.
A. Plat map from Forest Service showing trail along the Suwannee River.
B. FNST overview showing new route of Florida Trail after repairs were made in December 2014.

Check if separate sheet attached and label the additional information "Item IV."

V. PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF RESOURCES

Explain the manner in which the project will protect and/or enhance the natural, recreational, cultural or historic resources located within its boundaries:

While this property has been a long standing section of the FNST, there is no documentation reflecting this fact.

The Camps and Abels wish to allow public access to the trail in exchange for the Florida Greenways and Trails Designation which would provide liability protection for the owners.

Check if separate sheet attached and label the additional information "Item V."

VI. OPEN SPACE FEATURES OR CONNECTIONS

Describe how the project either provides linear open space or a hub or a site, or promotes connectivity between or among conservation lands, communities, parks, other recreational facilities, cultural sites or historic sites:

"Not Applicable"

Check if separate sheet attached and label the additional information "Item VI."

END OF APPLICATION

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