

ITEM 8:

Consider project evaluation reports for Abington Ranch, Bluefield to Cow Creek, Crayfish Habitat Restoration, Upper Yellow River (formerly known as Welannee Watershed Forest) and Withlacoochee River Addition 2020 Cycle 2 Florida Forever proposals.

DSL STAFF REMARKS:

On June 12, 2020, ARC voted to move five 2020 Cycle 2 proposals on for more detailed review. The Division of State Lands (DSL) with input from partner agencies have subsequently prepared an evaluation report for each proposal. A copy of each report is included as backup to this item.

Public notice was posted for receiving public testimony on the 2020 Cycle 2 proposals approved by ARC in June. The DSL held virtual public hearings on September 1 and 2, 2020 and preceding this item at the October 9, 2020 ARC meeting. The public notices were posted in the Florida Administrative Register and the following newspapers: Panama City News Herald, Lake Okeechobee News, Citrus County Chronicle and newszap.com.

Proposal	Acres	Acquisition Type	County	Prospective Manager
Abington Ranch	3,656	Fee Simple	Okeechobee	DRP
Bluefield to Cow Creek	10,942	Less-than-fee	St. Lucie/ Okeechobee	
Crayfish Habitat Restoration	2,348	Fee Simple	Bay	FWC
Upper Yellow River	8,370	Less-than-fee	Okaloosa	
Withlacoochee River Addition	1,645	Less-than-fee	Citrus/Hernando	

DSL STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the project evaluation reports.

ARC RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS: _____

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WITHDRAW

NOT APPROVE

OTHER: _____