

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: William McKinstry, Office Chief, Land Management

THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Water and Land Resources

DATE: July 31, 2019

RE: Approval of Expenditure for Contract Number 05/06-131 for Florida Forest Service - Twin Rivers State Forest Land Management Activities

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Twin Rivers State Forest Budget submitted by the Florida Forest Service for Fiscal Year 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$257,035.

BACKGROUND

The District has leased approximately 12,300 acres to Florida Forest Service (FFS) for comprehensive management within Twin Rivers State Forest (TRSF) located in Hamilton, Suwannee, and Madison counties. Revenues from timber sales are retained by the District.

The attached budget for FFS is \$140,435 for the “state” expenses. In addition to state expenses, proposed expenses totaling \$116,600 from private contractors is included. These funds will be for reforestation site preparation and tree planting costs on 710 acres. The FFS will contract for these services. After FFS approval of invoices for satisfactory delivery or completion of work, the District will pay these expenses.

Funding for this recommendation is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Tentative Budget and is contingent upon approval of the final FY 2020 budget.

The Twin Rivers 2018-2019 Annual Report is included for the Governing Board’s information. The report shows the FFS goals for FY 2020.

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Attachments