

salvage harvest was conducted on the Withlacoochee Tract. The purpose of this sale was to salvage the damaged timber, reduce the risk of additional outbreaks and work towards the desired future conditions. The salvage harvest generated \$31,159 in revenue.

An additional sale that was harvested and monitored during the FY 2018-2019 is the Ellaville #15. This was a 193-acre clear-cut of loblolly pine, slash pine and hardwoods, as well as a 63-acre thinning of pine only. This per-unit sale generated \$428,638.

For FY 2018-2019 planned timber sales, the following were advertised and sold:

Ellaville #16 - This was a 139-acre marked/select thinning of loblolly pine on both the Ellaville and Anderson Springs tracts. The harvesting operation was completed, and this per-unit sale generated \$129,621.

Withlacoochee #3 - This sale includes a 259-acre clearcut of 50+ year old loblolly pine and hardwood, with fuelwood chipping, and a 24-acre marked/select thinning of pine only within the Withlacoochee River's 200' management zone. The harvesting operation commenced but has not been completed. The contract for this sale is still active. So far, this per-unit sale has generated \$53,800.

Westwood West #3 – This is a 289-acre marked/select thinning of loblolly pine, and 64-acre marked/select thinning of longleaf pine. The harvesting operation on this per-unit sale has not commenced, and the contract is still active.

In preparation for next fiscal year's sales, field work on a 156-acre marked/select thinning of slash pine on the Ellaville tract was completed. This prospective sale will also include a marked/select thinning of loblolly pine, as well as the final harvest of loblolly pine.

Part of the multiple-use management concept involves the proper use of prescribed fire. Prescribed burning is perhaps the most effective management tool used on the state forest in working towards the desired future condition. Favorable weather conditions and availability of experienced personnel are necessary to accomplish annual goals. Fortunately for FY 2018-2019, the weather conditions were favorable. However, many FFS employees, including those that assist with prescribed burning on TRSF, were sent in the fall of 2018 and throughout the remainder of the fiscal year to provide relief to affected parties in the Florida Panhandle in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. Despite a shortage in personnel, TRSF was able to successfully prescribe burn 1,973 acres of its annual 2,500-acre goal (District-owned portion only). Next year's goal on TRSF (District-owned portion) is 2,200 acres.

While prescribed burning, along with timber harvesting, are our primary means to improve wildlife habitat, there are other methods used to benefit the wildlife resource. Last year, TRSF secured funding through the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTFF) in the amount of \$12,920 to treat hardwoods and hardwood sprouts throughout several