

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management
THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Water and Land Resources
DATE: September 30, 2020
RE: District Land Management and Twin Rivers State Forest Activity Summary

BACKGROUND

District contractor has completed the fieldwork for the Cultural Resource Assessment at J. H. Anderson, Jr. Memorial Park-Rock Bluff Springs Tract.

District contractor is constructing has completed the ATV trailhead/parking area on McCall's Chapel Grade on the southeast side of the Mallory Swamp Tract.

Blue Sink Canoe Launch renovations were completed. It was opened to public on September 11, 2020.

Land Management staff has been negotiating with Lafayette County to assist with the LA Bennett Grade Bridge over the Steinhatchee River.

District contractors has completed the road work maintenance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Twin Rivers State Forest (TRSF) Ellaville #19 timber sale and has been advertised for bid. This is a 176-acre lump-sum sale of 40-year-old planted loblolly pine.

Timber marking on the TRSF Ellaville #20 timber sale was completed and has been advertised for bids. This is a 192-acre marked thinning of 47-year-old planted slash pine and an 84-acre clear-cut of 49-year-old planted slash pine.

TRSF Westwood West #4 timber sale was advertised for bids. This is an 89-acre lump-sum sale of 35-year-old planted loblolly pine.

Timber harvesting operation on the TRSF Withlacoochee #3 timber sale was completed.

TRSF staff commenced the timber resource inventory on the Ellaville tract.

Florida Forest Service (FFS) staff completed clearing and mowing of all the forest roads on TRSF.

At the request of TRSF staff, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission funded the purchase of 273 tons of #57 rock aggregate to be used on the Withlacoochee Tract for needed road improvement work. FFS staff hauled in several loads of limerock and used #57 rock aggregate along with geoweb fabric and geotextile underlayment to make needed road improvements on the Loop Road to facilitate access to the Pot Springs recreation area.