



# Northwest Florida Water Management District

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January 02, 2021

Mr. Larry Olney  
DEP-OSLER-MS 2500  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

Re: Semi-Annual Progress Report 33

Dear Mr. Olney:

Please accept the enclosed 33<sup>rd</sup> semi-annual progress report for the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank. This report was written in accordance with Specific Condition 27. A site inspection was conducted on December 29, 2020.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (850) 539-5999.

Sincerely,

David C. Clayton  
Senior Environmental Scientist

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**Permit requirements met and extent of work completed since the previous report:**

1. All interim permit requirements have been met. The site continues to develop in accordance with the mitigation banking permit.
2. Fishing and hunting continued at the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB) throughout the winter and spring without incident in accordance with Specific Condition 8 and Attachment A of the permit.
3. In accordance with Specific Condition 8, security and law enforcement continued at the bank without any violations.
4. A total of 127 acres were burned on December 28, 2020. This included a burn of the sandhills and pond at the headwaters of Pinelog creek and the sandhills to the west of Black pond.
5. In accordance with Specific Conditions 22 and 25, surveys for exotic and nuisance species are conducted throughout the year. No exotic vegetation was observed at the SHLMB in 2020. No hog damage was observed during the site visit and no hogs have been observed on the game cameras.
6. Representative site photos are attached as Figures 2 through 7.

**Restoration activities anticipated within the next 6 months:**

1. Surveys for nuisance and exotic species will continue in the summer and fall of 2020 in accordance with specific condition 22.
2. Water Level gauges will continue to be recorded in 2021 in accordance with Specific Condition 12.
3. Feral hog control will continue following the end of hunting season in April.

**Problems encountered and solutions undertaken:**

1. No problems occurred at the SHLMB within the last six months. The site continues to develop, and site management follows permit conditions.

**Certification:**

I certify that this report represents true accurate and representative description of the activities and site conditions at the time of this report. This semi-annual report was written in accordance with Specific Condition 27, of the permit.

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Attested by:

David C. Clayton  
Environmental Scientist  
Qualified Mitigation Supervisor

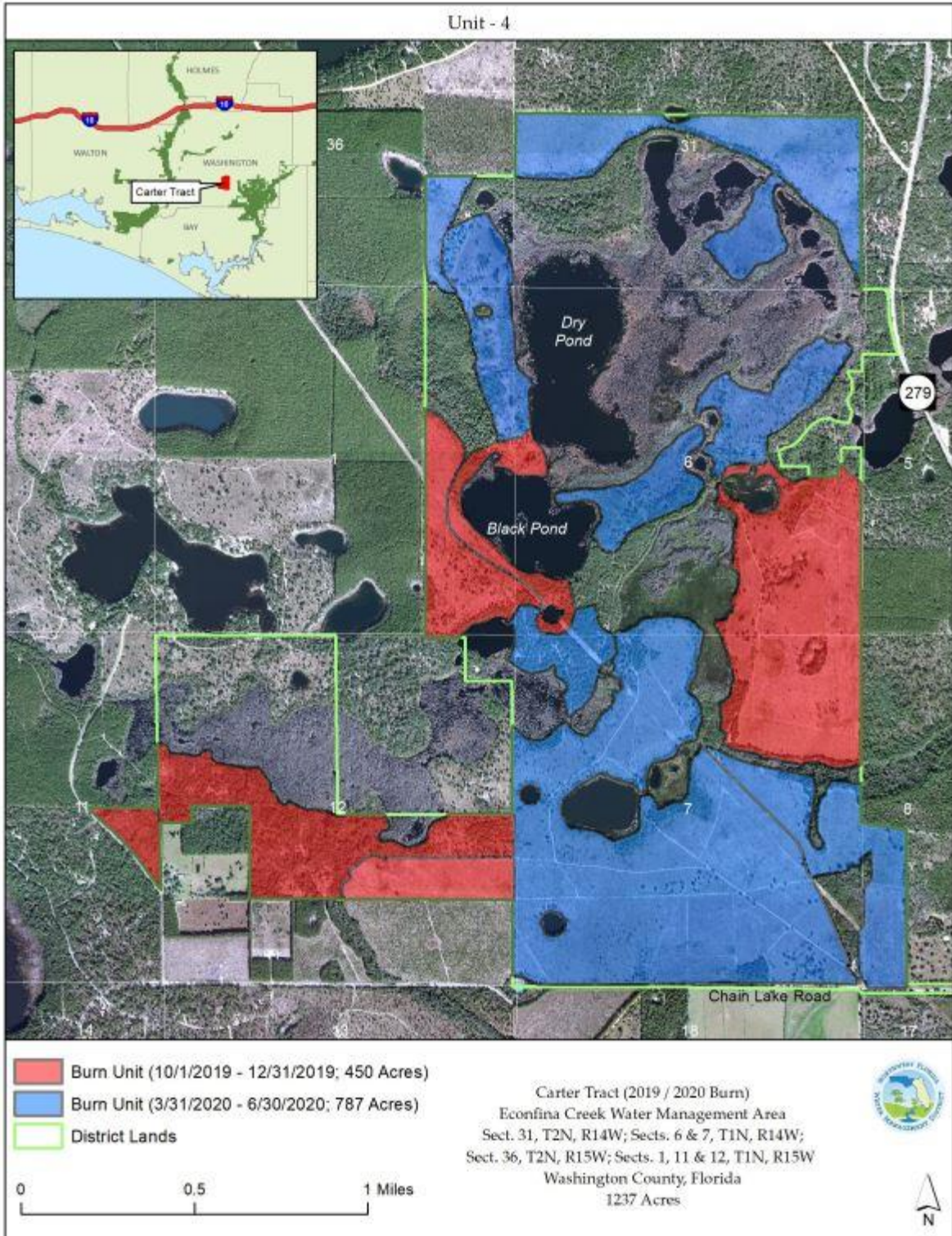


Figure 1. Fall burns conducted at the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (450 acres)





Figure 2. Dry Pond facing east (12/29/20)



Figure 3. Hydric pine flatwoods restoration adjacent to Dry Pond, facing southwest (12/29/20)





Figure 4. Sandhill restoration adjacent to Deep Edge Pond, facing north (12/29/20)



Figure 5. Hydric pine flatwoods restoration, facing northwest (11/22/20)





Figure 6. Hydric Pineflatwoods restoration, facing east (11/22/20)



Figure 7. Hydric Pineflatwoods restoration, facing northeast (11/22/20)