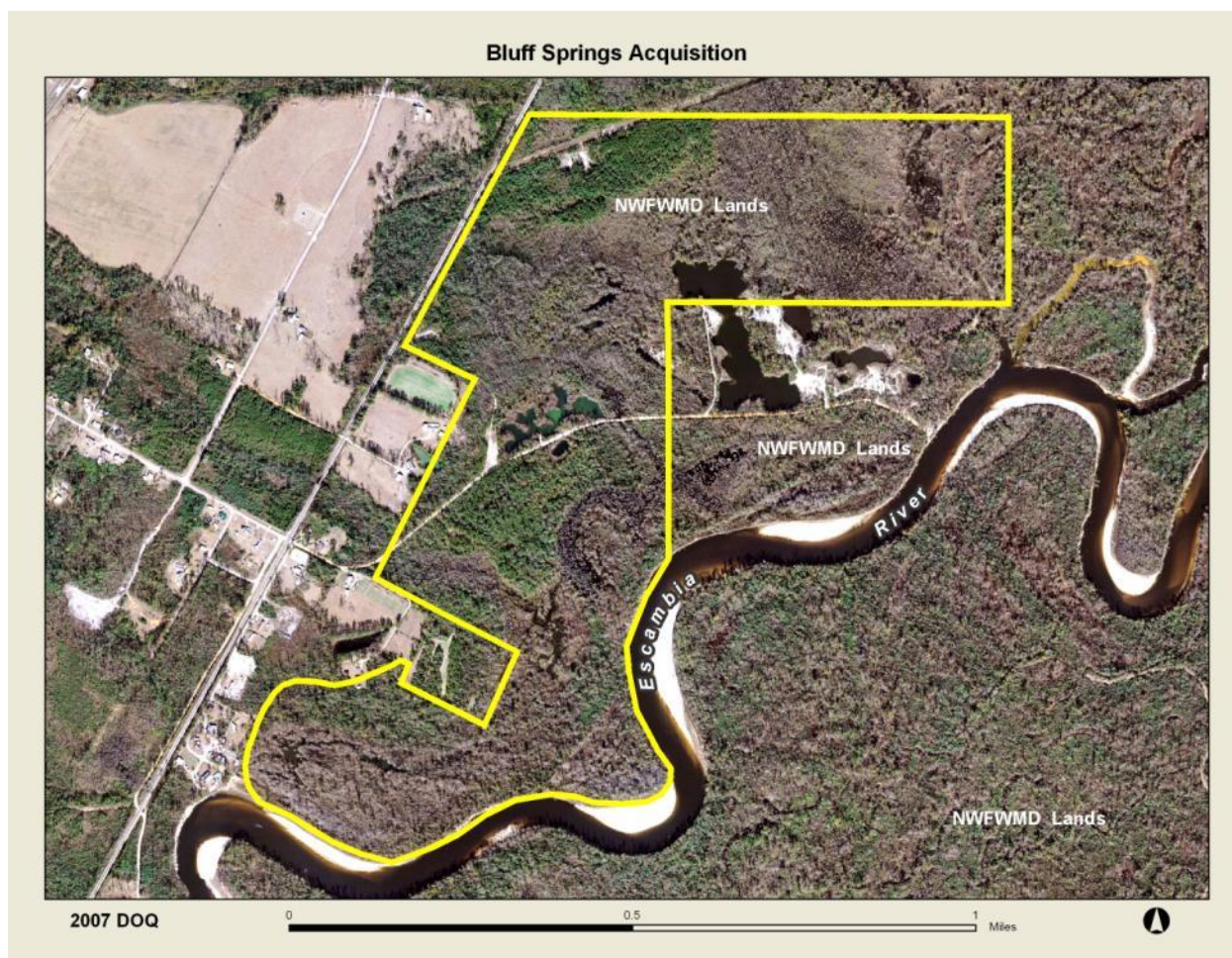


Bluff Springs – 2009 Monitoring CORPS Permit No. 199707957 (IP-CP)

Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) staff conducted a site inspection and photo-monitoring on December 16, 2009 for mitigation associated with CORPS Permit No. 199707957 (IP-CP). To fulfill mitigation requirements for this permit, the NFWFMD on 5/27/05 acquired the 311.30-acre Bluff Springs property (mitigation funding covered 108.70 acres) on the Escambia River. This site is being preserved in perpetuity and managed for ecological integrity by the NFWFMD. The mitigation value of this parcel was enhanced by its adjacency to existing NFWFMD preservation lands along the Escambia River. Representative photographs taken on 12/16/09 are shown below. Flooding from the Escambia River hindered inspection. Minor littering of trash continues to be present on this property, and control of bahia grass remains to be implemented. Forested upland buffers would benefit from prescribed fire.





Bluff Springs: 12/16/09 – Flooded Access Road



Bluff Springs: 12/16/09 – Flooded Slough



Bluff Springs: 12/16/09 – Minor Trash Dumping



Bluff Springs: 12/16/09 – Upland Buffers in Need of Prescribed Fire



Bluff Springs: 12/16/09 –Flooding of Access Road



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