

Bluff Springs – December 2011 Site Inspection CORPS Permit No. 199707957 (IP-CP)

Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) staff conducted a site inspection and photo-monitoring on December 28, 2011 for mitigation associated with CORPS Permit No. 199707957 (IP-CP). To fulfill mitigation requirements for this permit, the NFWFMD acquired (5/27/05) for preservation 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 12/28/11 are shown below. No changes in the ecological health of the site since the previous inspection on 1/6/11 were noted. Minor littering of trash continues to be present on this property, and control of minor occurrences of bahia grass remains to be implemented. Wetlands are generally high quality. Forested upland buffers would benefit from prescribed fire.

Bluff Springs Acquisition





Bluff Springs: 12/28/11 – Cypress/Tupelo Slough (High-Quality Wetland)



Bluff Springs: 12/28/11 – Upland Buffers in Need of Prescribed Fire



Bluff Springs: 12/28/11 – Minor Trash Dumping in Upland Buffers



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