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COMMISSIONER**

**Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Florida Forest Service (FFS)**



**RURAL & FAMILY LANDS PROTECTION PROGRAM
EASEMENT MONITORING FORM**

Sections 570.70 and 570.71, F.S.; Rule 5I-7.014, F.A.C.

Conservation Easement Project: _____ Acres: _____

FDACS Contract #: _____ County: _____

Landowner(s)/representative(s): _____

Monitor: _____ Monitoring Date: _____

Monitoring Assistance (if any) /Name: _____ Agency: _____

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Purpose of Monitoring Site Inspection:

- Document compliance with the terms of the conservation easement
- Assure property is enrolled in and Grantor is implementing all applicable Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Outline the activities on the property during preceding year(s)
- Review any proposed activities to assure compliance with the terms of the conservation easement

Please document below responses to each question explaining any activities/changes on the property during the past year as they relate to the Recitals, Prohibited Uses, and Grantor's Reserved Rights established in the Deed of Conservation Easement. The conservation easement should be reviewed prior to the monitoring inspection to ensure all provisions and restrictions considered during the site inspection are properly documented in this report.

A.	<p>Has there been any timber harvesting on the property? If so, on how many acres? _____ Using what harvest type? _____</p> <p>Was the harvesting in a Significant Natural Area (SNA)? If so, was the grantor contacted?</p> <p>Was cypress harvested?</p>
B.	<p>Has there been any use of the property which would impair or destroy SNAs?</p>
C.	<p>Has there been any construction in SNAs?</p>

	<p>Has there been any improvements to SNA?</p> <p>Has there been any conversion of SNAs?</p>
D.	Has there been any conversion of forested areas, to non-forested areas?
E.	Has there been any conversion of areas not in improved pasture, to improved pasture?
F.	Has there been any dumping of trash, solid or liquid waste, or toxic or hazardous substances on the property?
G.	Has there been any exploration, excavation, extraction, mining, or drilling on the Property for any of the restricted substances identified in the conservation easement (CE)?
H.	<p>Has there been any hydrological modifications to, or dredging, on the property?</p> <p>Have there been any water wells or water bodies constructed? If so, what permits, if any, were obtained?</p> <p>Has there been any construction, repair, or improvements to any water control structures?</p> <p>Are there any commercial water wells on the property?</p> <p>Are any activities occurring on the property that affect soil conservation or are detrimental to fish and wildlife habitat?</p>
I.	<p>Has there been any use of fertilizer on the property?</p> <p>If so, at what application rate?</p>
J.	<p>Has there been any use of pesticides or herbicides on the property? (list chemicals used)</p> <p>If so, did process application follow instructions on the label?</p>
K.	<p>List all the BMPs that are applicable to the property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agricultural BMPs: - Silvicultural BMPs: - Wildlife BMPs: <p>Is the property enrolled in all the applicable BMP's indicated above?</p> <p>Are all those BMPs being implemented and complied with?</p>
L.	<p>Are there any exotic, nuisance, non-native or invasive species present?</p> <p>Is the Grantor, to the extent possible, attempting to control or prevent their spread?</p>

	If so, list actions taken or response needed:
M.	<p>Have there been any new roads or trails constructed on the property?</p> <p>Any existing roads, culverts, or road ditches repaired?</p> <p>Have any motorized vehicles been driven off roads and/or trails for purposes other than performing agricultural operations?</p>
N.	<p>Has there been any new interior or boundary fencing constructed?</p> <p>If required by the CE, has the Grantee approved any/all new or replacement fencing?</p> <p>Are the fences wildlife/game friendly?</p>
O.	<p>Have any new structures or buildings been constructed on the property to support the agricultural operation? If so, what is the structure's Square Footage? _____</p> <p>Have any of the agricultural support buildings been enlarged? If so, what is the structure's Square Footage? _____</p> <p>Does the total square footage exceed the maximum area allowed in the CE?</p> <p>Was construction within an SNA?</p>
P.	<p>Has there been any construction of any new residential structures? If so, what is the structure's Square Footage? _____</p> <p>Have any of the existing residential structures been enlarged? If so, what is the structure's Square Footage? _____</p> <p>Does the total square footage exceed the maximum allowed in the CE?</p> <p>Is the location within the approved building envelope?</p>
Q.	<p>Have other silvicultural activities been performed on the property? If so, on how many acres?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Site preparation _____ acres - Tree planting _____ acres - Mechanical treatments _____ acres - Herbicide treatments _____ acres <p>Have any palm trees or other potential landscape and/or ornamental plants been harvested?</p> <p>Has there been any prescribed burning on the property? If so, on how many acres _____</p>

	<p>Did firelines comply with all applicable BMPs?</p> <p>Was a burn authorization obtained?</p> <p>If required by the CE, were firelines approved and/or maintained according to CE?</p>
R.	<p>Have the following agricultural operations occurred on the property?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved pasture: _____ acres. Any increase in acres? Y / N - Row crops: _____ acres. Any increase in acres? Y / N - Sod: _____ acres. Any increase in acres? Y / N - Citrus groves: _____ acres. Any increase in acres? Y / N - Food plots: _____ acres. Any increase in acres? Y / N - Ponds: _____ acres. Any increase in number or acres? Y / N <p>Are agricultural operations occurring outside of SNA's or other areas, as required by the CE?</p> <p>If cattle are present on the property, the cattle stocking rate 1 cow/calf per _____ acre(s)</p>
S.	<p>Have any activities occurred that may reasonably be expected to adversely affect threatened or endangered species? If so, what activities?</p>
T.	<p>Has the property been leased by any private parties (non-family) for the purposes of hunting or fishing?</p> <p>Have any animals been introduced or stocked? If so, list the species:</p> <p>Have any fish been introduced or stocked? If so, list the species:</p> <p>Is there any other visitation, recreation, or other public use occurring on the property? If so, what kind?</p>
U.	<p>Are there any changes in land use on nearby properties that the grantor or monitor anticipates will impact the subject property?</p> <p>If so, what type?</p>
V.	<p>Describe any new management or agricultural activities planned for next 12-18 months:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. <p>Is the activity consistent with the terms and conditions of the CE?</p>

PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION: Provide photos representative of major agricultural land uses and/or physical changes since last monitoring inspection. The Photo Location Map and other pictures (pics) must be printed and attached to final Monitoring Report.

PIC	LOCATION	Orientation, Looking...	PHOTO CONTENT - DESCRIPTION OF LAND USE OR PHYSICAL CHANGE
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LANDOWNER REMARKS

A.	Comments about the program:
B.	Requests/Questions:

MONITOR REMARKS

A.	General observations:
B.	Describe response taken by landowner to actions requested during last site inspection: 1. 2. 3.
C.	Is the Grantor or their representative charged with any follow-up or corrective action, based on the current site inspection? 1. 2. 3.
D.	Is the Baseline Documentation Report adequate for future monitoring? Y / N If not, why?

REPORT PREPARATION

	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Landowner/Grantor or Representative			
Landowner/Grantor or Representative			
Monitor			

REPORT REVIEW (To Be Completed at FFS State Office)

Purpose of Monitoring Report Review:

To assure the site inspection complies with all monitoring requirements.

To affirm the property is enrolled in, and land managers are implementing, all applicable BMPs.

To affirm all land management activities are consistent with the terms and conditions of the CE.

To review landowners' response to any follow-up or corrective action requested at a *previous* site inspection(s).

To review any new actions or activities proposed during the *current* site inspection to ensure compliance with the CE.

To review any suggested updates to the property's Baseline Documentation Report.

A.	Has a site inspection been performed? Were all pertinent monitoring specifications completed?
B.	Were all conditions/activities/management strategies observed during the site inspection consistent with the terms of the CE? If not, complete section "D" below.
C.	Did the landowner or their representative remedy the activities or conditions identified during the previous site inspection? Has their response been acceptable? If not, why?
D.	Is the follow-up/corrective action charged to the landowner reasonable and consistent with the terms and conditions of the CE?
E.	If the site monitor suggested updates to the property's Baseline Documentation Report, are those suggestions reasonable and consistent with the terms and conditions of the CE?

REPORT ACCEPTANCE

By signing below, the reviewer and the FFS Director's Office acknowledges receipt of monitoring report and accepts its findings, including any corrective actions documented in this report.

	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
REVIEWER			
FFS DIRECTOR			