MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Bill McKinstry, Office Chief, Land Management

THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Water and Land Resources

DATE: July 31, 2019

SUBJECT: District Land Management & Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary

District staff met with F4 Tech in Tallahassee, Florida to review progress and obtain training on the improved District forest inventory database.

The Lafayette County Health Department and Florida Trail Association-Suwannee Chapter hosted the Health Department's quarterly Healthy Hike on the Adams Tract on June 15.

Ryan Sims and Steve Carpenter conducted post-harvest inventory at the Osteen and Little River tracts using the new inventory tracking system from F4 Tech.

District contractors began the erosion control and river access improvement project at the Jennings Bluff tract.

Edwin McCook gave a presentation on "A Journey Down the Suwannee River" at Paddle Georgia in Lake Park, Georgia. Paddle Georgia was a weeklong paddle on the Withlacoochee and Middle Suwannee Rivers. There were 265 paddlers that participated in the event.

District staff completed facility repairs at Mattair Springs, Woods Ferry, Ruth Spring, and Owen Spring tracts.

District contractors completed repairs to the Falmouth Springs boardwalk and removed fallen trees.

Florida Forest Service (FFS) staff compiled and submitted the TRSF annual report the for Fiscal Year 2019.

FFS staff completed a 5-Year Timber Harvest Plan and a 5-Year Reforestation Plan for TRSF.

FFS staff completed the invasive exotic survey on the Black Tract and began herbicide spraying of numerous Japanese climbing fern infestations.

The attached report summarizes the status of current District and TRSF activities for the preceding month. District staff will address any items of interest to the Board or provide information to Board members upon request.

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