



Figure 18. Wetlands at Risk of Adverse Change Due to 2035 Projected Withdrawals within the NFRWSP Area

Reservations

Subsection 373.223(4), F.S., authorizes the Districts and FDEP to reserve water from use by permit applicants for the protection of fish and wildlife or public health or safety. When a water reservation is in place, volume and timing of water quantities at specific locations are protected and maintained for the natural system ahead of new consumptive uses. The only water reservation in the NFRWSP area was adopted by the SJRWMD Governing Board in 1994 (Rule 40C-2.302, F.A.C.). A portion of flow in Prairie Creek was reserved in order to support fish and wildlife in Paynes Prairie. Historically, Prairie Creek discharged into Paynes Prairie. In the 1920s, however, flow into the Prairie was diverted through Camps Canal into Orange Lake to provide better conditions for grazing cattle. When the State of Florida purchased Paynes Prairie in the 1970s, the Camps Canal dike was breached to allow flow back into Paynes Prairie in