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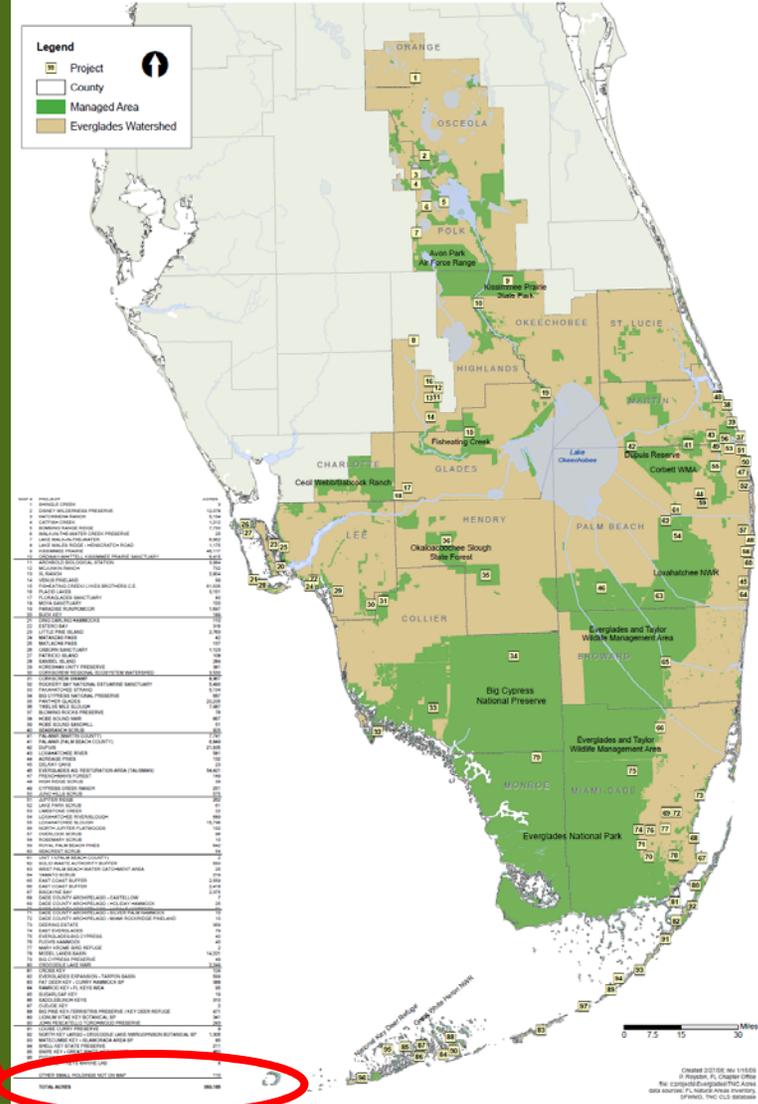
South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

March 24, 2010

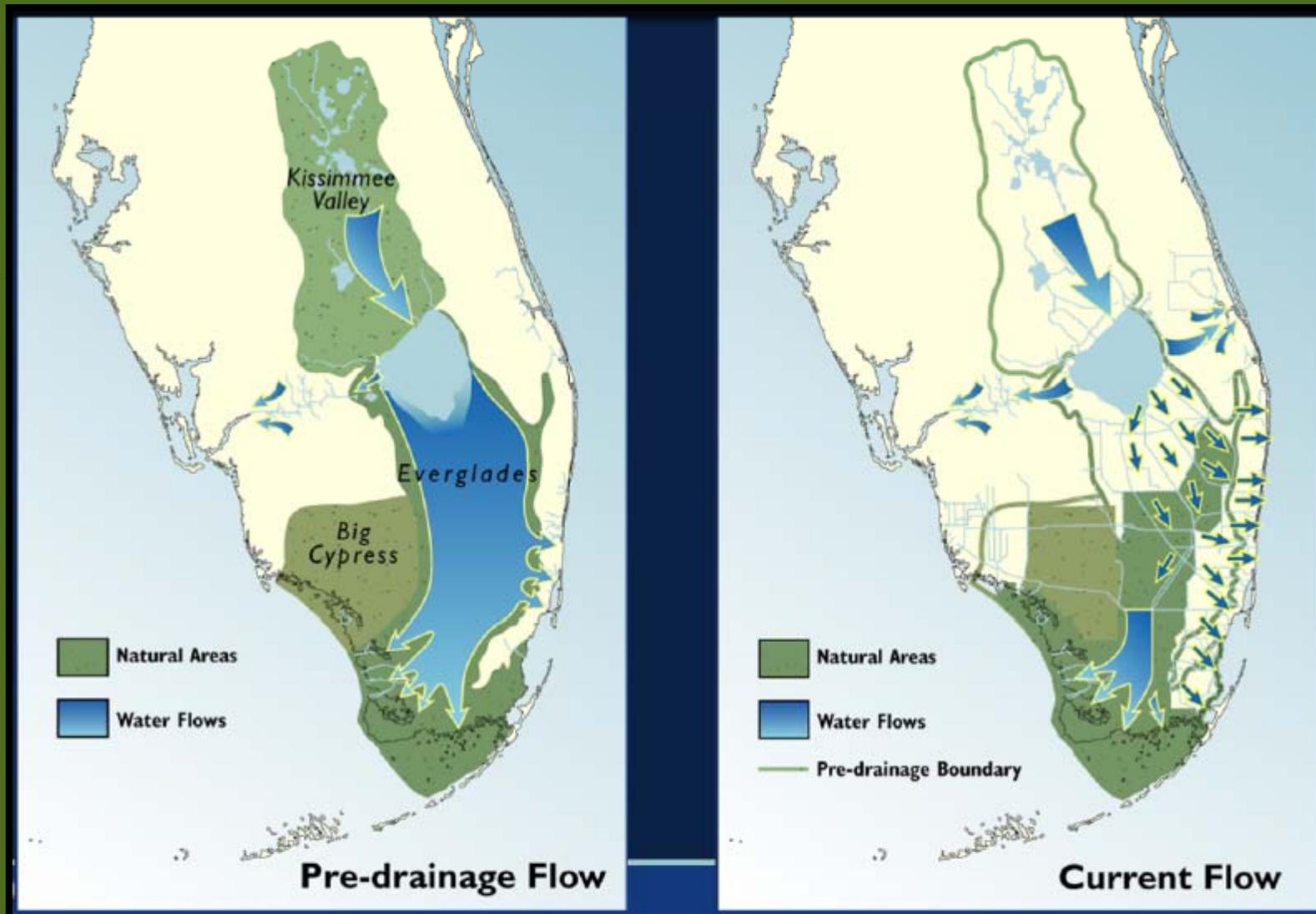
Conservancy Land Protection

360,000 acres protected in Everglades watershed

A Legacy of Land Protection in the Greater Everglades Ecosystem



Everglades Hydrology: Past & Present



Florida's Lands & Outstanding Waters

Protection

Conservation Easements

Restoration

Design & Construction

Management

Annual Management

Payments



Upper Kissimmee River Basin



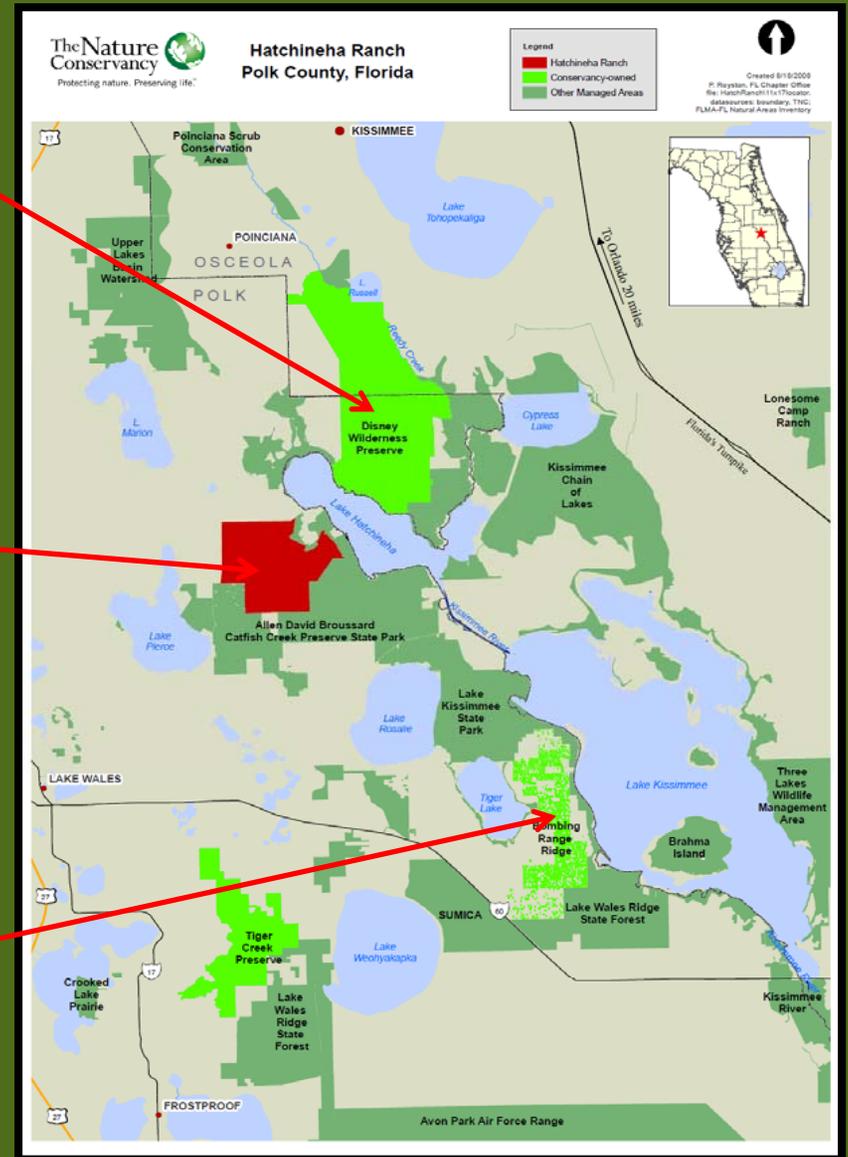
Disney Wilderness Preserve



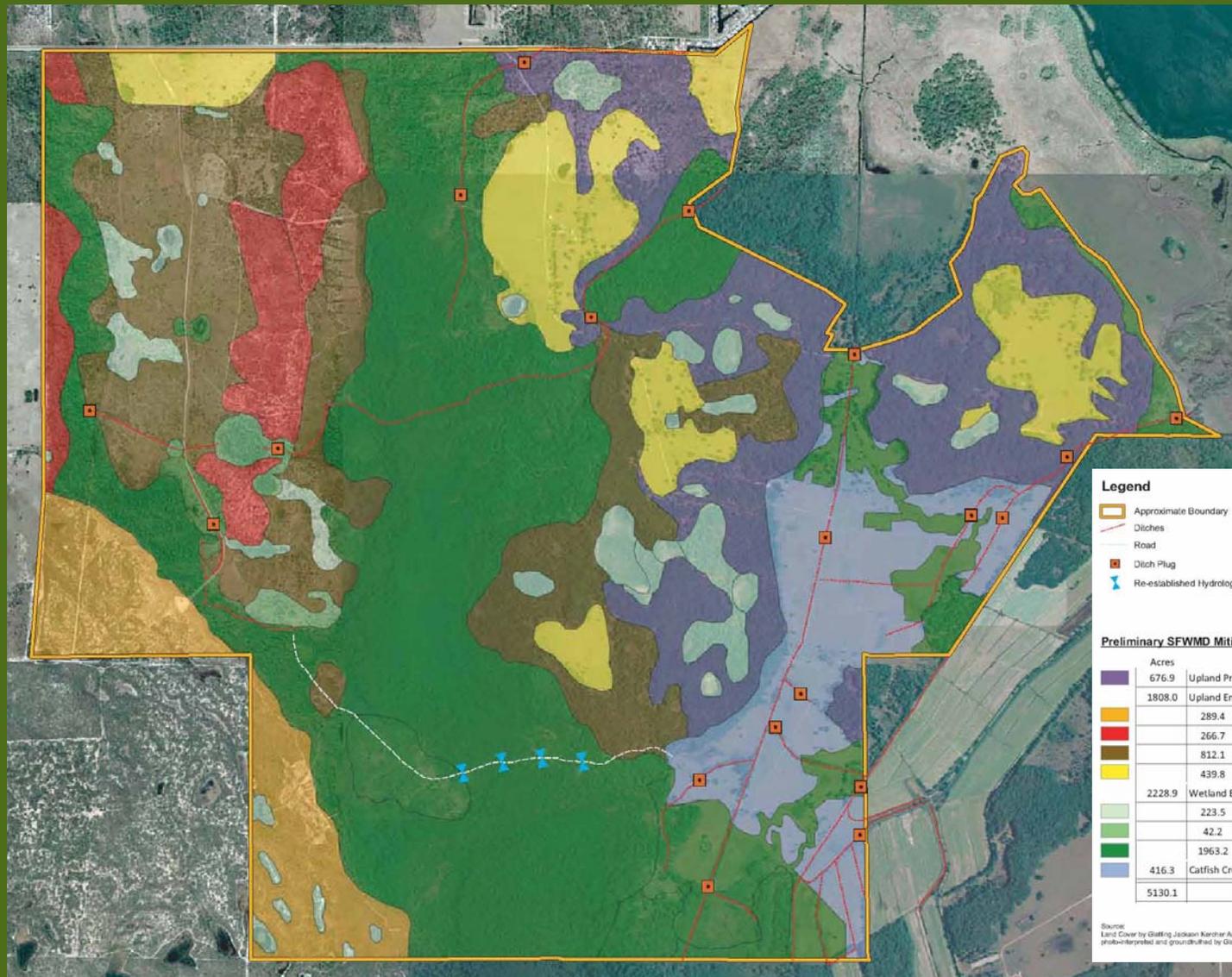
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Hatchineha Ranch

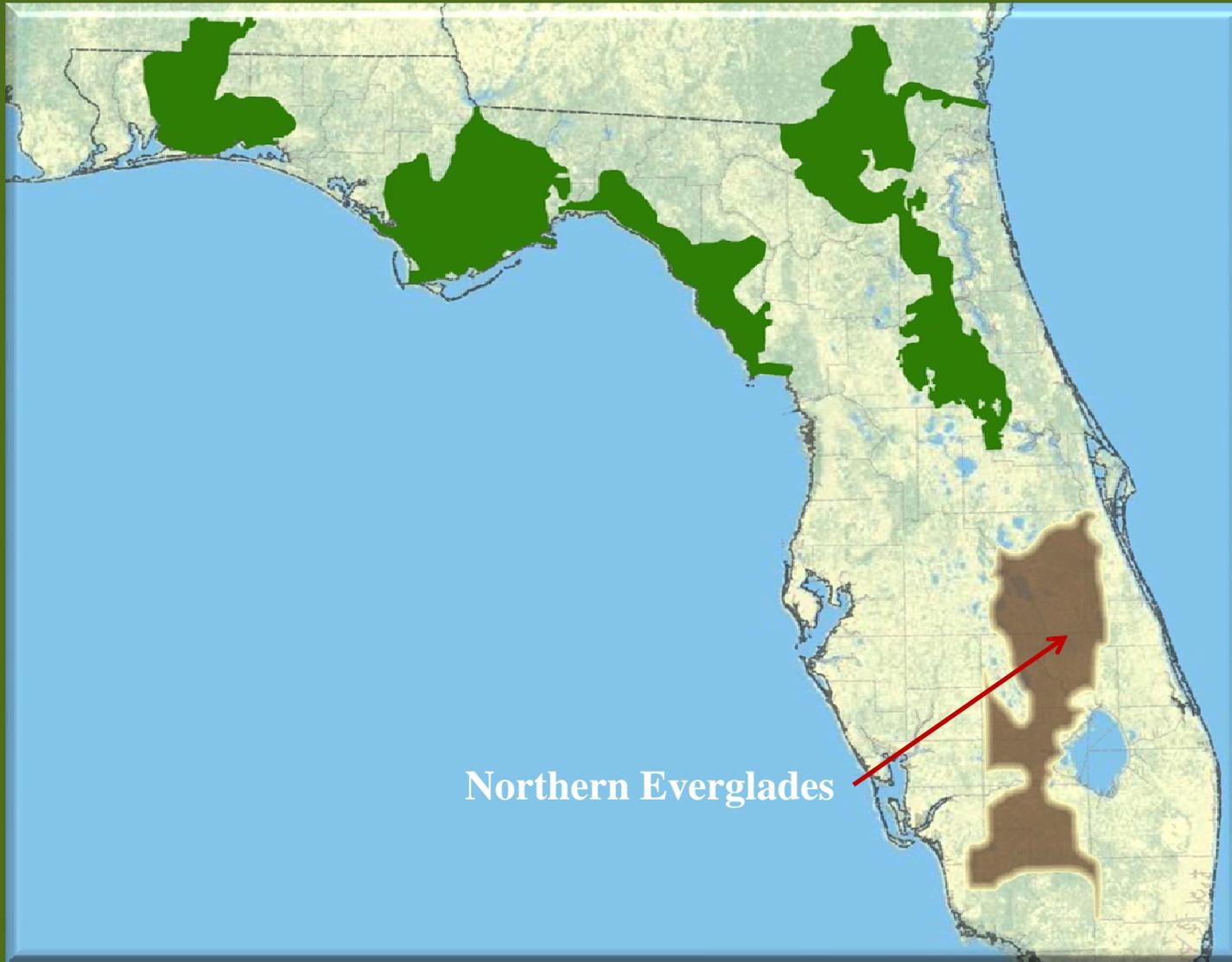
Bombing Range Ridge



Hatchineha Ranch Mitigation and Conservation Banks



Florida's Priority Landscapes



Northern Everglades

Northern Everglades Program Objectives

Hydrological restoration



Protection and linkage of
high quality habitats



Ensure
sustainability of
Florida's cattle
industry



Immediate Opportunities

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Establishment new national wildlife refuges

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Fisheating Creek

Department of Defense

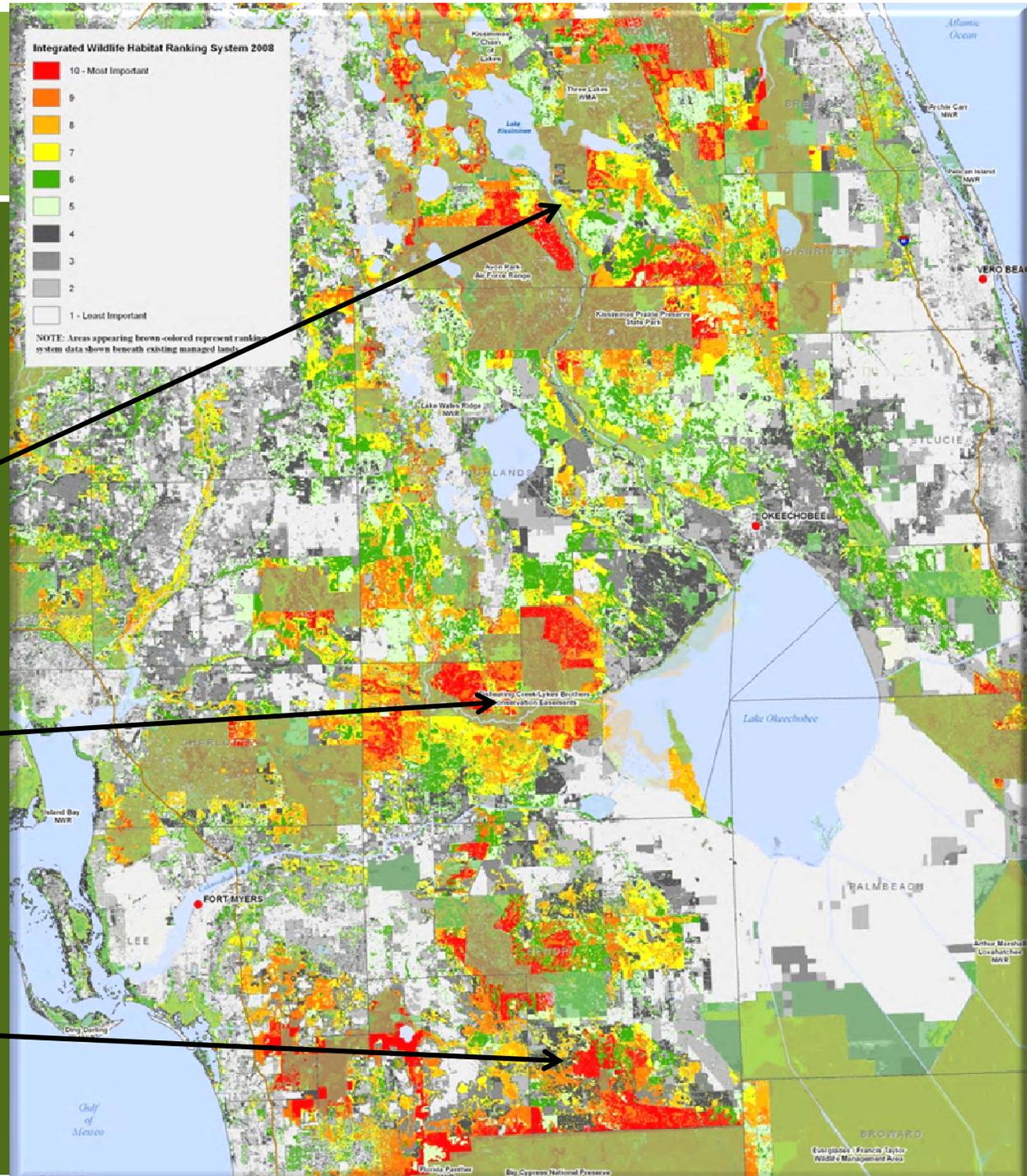
Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative

Integrated Wildlife Habitat Ranking System

Upper
Kissimmee
River Basin

Fisheating
Creek Basin

Primary &
Secondary
Panther
Zones



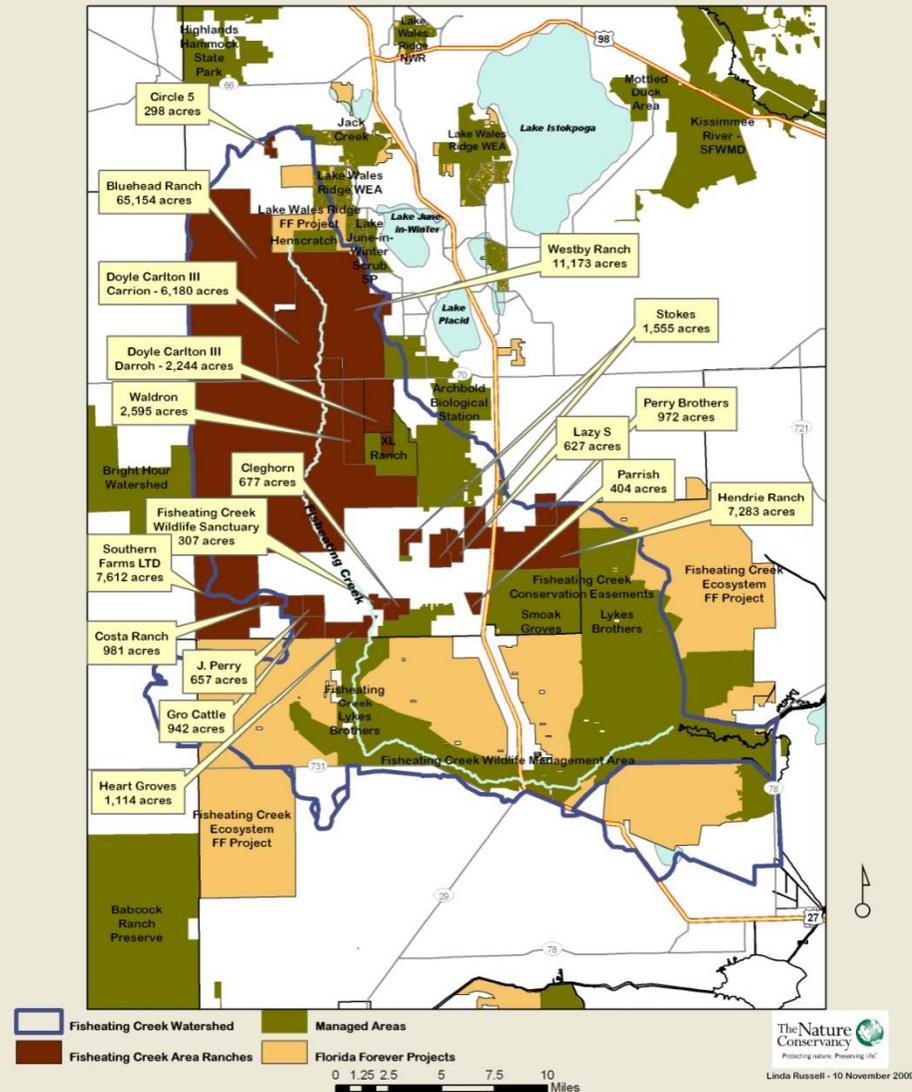
Wetland Reserve Program

<u>Year</u>	<u>Florida Allocation</u>
2002	\$32,070,000
2003	\$15,369,200
2004	\$15,000,001
2005	\$12,420,000
2006	\$22,905,565
2007	\$49,750,143
2008	\$35,451,525
2009	\$76,303,257



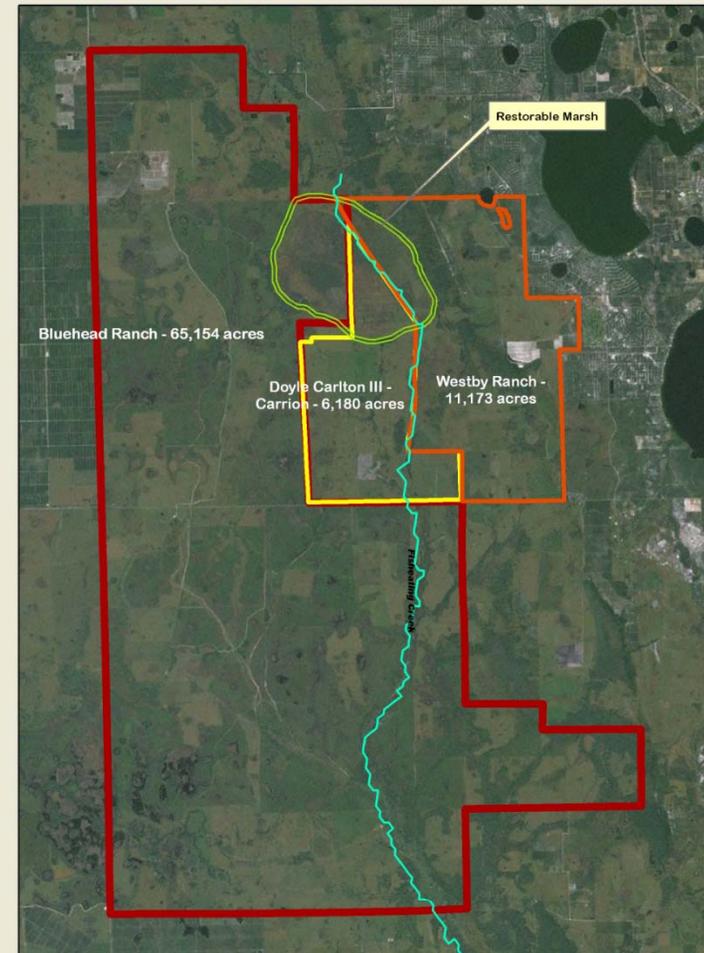
Fisheating Creek Basin

- 17 ranches
- More than 100,000 acres
- 16 miles of Fisheating Creek
- High density of restorable wetlands
- Habitats include dry prairie, longleaf flatwoods, floodplain swamps, prairie hammocks, depression marsh and cutthroat seeps.



Upper Fisheating Creek Basin

- Significant restoration opportunities available for marsh, tributaries, ditched wetlands
- 41,000 acres north of SR 70
- Crested caracara, grasshopper sparrow, swallow-tailed kite
- Landscape connectivity:
 - Fisheating Creek headwaters to Lake Okeechobee
 - Rum Creek (Bright Hour) Ranch to Archbold Biological Station



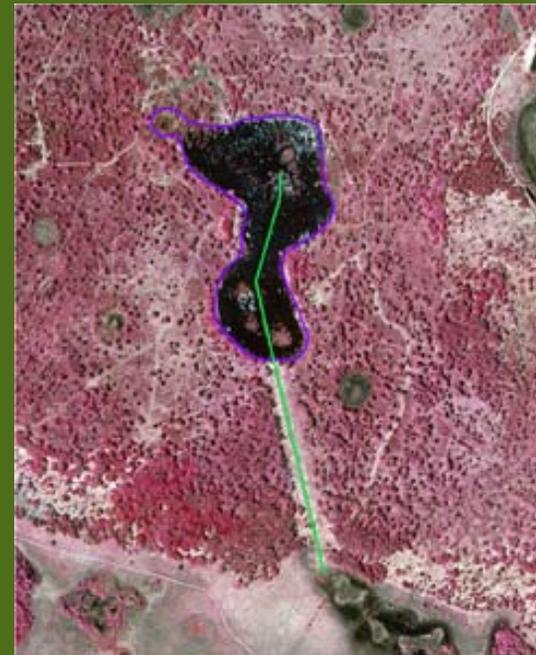
Wetland Restoration at The Disney Wilderness Preserve



1941



1993



1995

Diversity of the Northern Everglades



Cattle Ranching in the Northern Everglades



The Nature Conservancy



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