

What is the Ocala Local Implementation Team




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And Should You Be a Part of It?

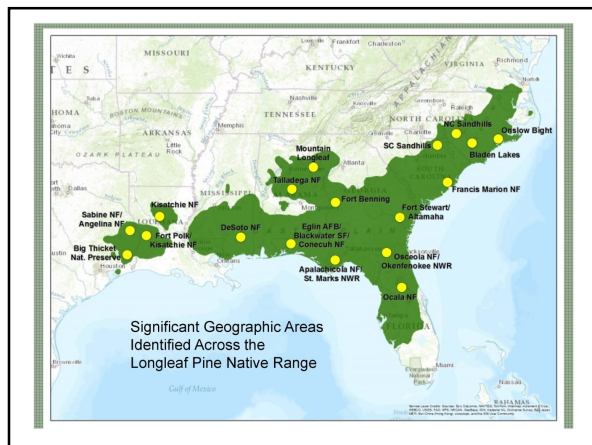
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Range-wide Conservation Plan For Longleaf Pine

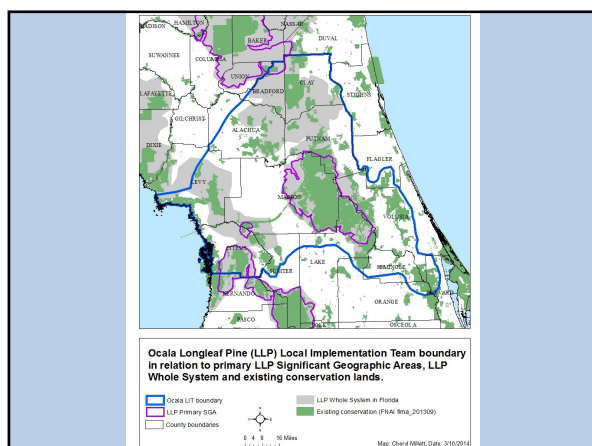


- ❖ Comprehensive Plan released in March 2009
- ❖ Developed by Regional Working Group representing 22 organizations
- ❖ Supported by USDA Forest Service, Department of Defense, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- ❖ Identifies Significant Geographic Areas




Local Implementation Teams

- Identify boundaries for focused restoration and maintenance activities
- Bring key stakeholders together
- Define and implement priority management actions
- Track and report results of the local efforts
- Work with other Local Implementation Teams as part of a network



Current NFWF funding deliverables to May 2016

- Public lands- Northeast Ecosystem Restoration Team
 - 1st come 1st served model
 - 7,000 ac burned- 8,173 ac accomplished!
- Private lands- Florida Forest Service
 - Incentive program
 - 25 landowners signed up
- Organization
 - Boundary
 - Building partnership
 - Email list

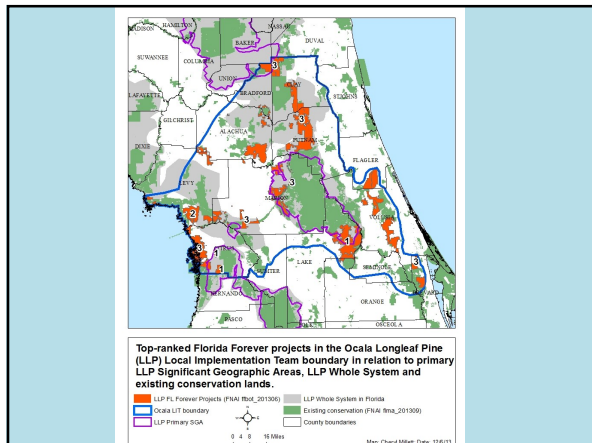


**Bonus:
Longleaf
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**Proposed NFWF funding
deliverables 2016-17**

- Coordination
- Public (and private) lands work
 - with Wildland Restoration International, new ERT, on same model as previously
 - Ocala NF Salt Springs RCW habitat restoration
 - Camp Blanding herbicide treatment of woody encroachment with study of effects on native, particularly rare, species
- Private lands work through FFS



Next steps

- Informal steering committee
- Mapping hubs and corridors committee
- Conservation plan committee
- October/November- soliciting projects for 2017-2018 proposal
- Tree-planting resources: payment for seedlings in whole or as cost-share

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**Oct. 20-22, 2015:
Understory
management**

**November 17-19, 2015:
Herbicide application in
longleaf**

