

Sample Habitat Management Plan

Wildlife Habitat Management Plan for the Year(s)

PART I. LANDOWNER AND PROPERTY INFORMATION

Owner's Name (last, first)	
Current mailing address:	
City, state and zip code:	
Property address (if any)	
City, state, zip code (if any)	
Phone numbers: Primary	Secondary
Tract Name:	Majority County:
Additional Counties (if any):	
Township	North <input type="checkbox"/> or South <input type="checkbox"/> Range East <input type="checkbox"/> or West <input type="checkbox"/>
Section(s)	Latitude/Longitude (approximate center)
<p>Management Plan Goals and Objectives: Describe the habitat management goals (what the property should look like and what the landowner wants to do with it) and objectives (how the goals will be achieved) for this piece of property. Visit the Landowner Assistance Program website for more information: http://myfwc.com/LAP/Goals_Plan.htm. <i>(Note: This space will expand as you type.)</i></p>	
<p>Habitat Management Activities: Check the habitat management activities to be implemented on the property during the coming year(s) that will support and achieve the management goals. <i>(Note: See Part 4 for detailed descriptions of practices)</i></p>	
<p>A. <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed Burning B. <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Vegetation Enhancement C. <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Vegetation Enhancement D. <input type="checkbox"/> Creating Forest Openings E. <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology Enhancement F. <input type="checkbox"/> Tree/Shrub Restoration G. <input type="checkbox"/> Grass/Wetland Restoration/Protection H. <input type="checkbox"/> Native Vegetation Establishment</p>	

- I. Fence/Gate Construction
- J. Nest Structures
- K. Provide Public Access for Nature-based Recreation, Outreach, and Education
- L. Discouraging Non-Wildlife Friendly Activities
- M. Provide Access for Wildlife and Habitat Data Collection

Are property management techniques compatible with adjacent land uses? Yes No

Applicable conservation easement opportunities:

Is the Florida Wildlife Conservation Guide being used to complete this plan? Yes No

PART II. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Parcel Number(s) for
Property:

Legal Description for
Property:

Total Acreage of Property:				
Location of Property (distance and direction from nearest town; specify highway/road numbers):				
Current Land Uses for Property*: Check all that apply and provide acreages.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Confined Livestock	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Pasture	Acre =	
<input type="checkbox"/> Crop	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Area	Acre =	
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Pasture	Acre =	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grazed Forest	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	Acre =	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grazed Range	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban	Acre =	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hay	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Water	Acre =	
<input type="checkbox"/> Headquarters	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Protection	Acre =	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mined	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife	Acre =	
*NRCS Descriptions				
Habitat Types: Document type and amount of acres using the Florida Wildlife Action Plan classifications. Habitat descriptions can be viewed as subchapters (listed individually) at: http://myfwc.com/wildlifelegacy/StrategyDownload.html .				
Uplands	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Hardwood-Pine	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry Prairie	Acre =
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Rockland	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Improved Pasture	Acre =
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Pineland	Acre =
	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrub	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Pinelands	Acre =
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Hardwood Hammock	Acre =		
Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/> Bay Swamp	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Hardwood Swamp	Acre =
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottomland Hardwood	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydric Hammock	Acre =
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cypress Swamp	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Shrub Swamp	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater Marsh & Wet Prairie	Acre =		
Lakes	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Lake	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir/ Managed Lake	Acre =
Rivers & Streams	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Tidal River or Stream	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Seepage/ Steephead Stream	Acre =
	<input type="checkbox"/> Calcareous Stream	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Softwater Stream	Acre =
	<input type="checkbox"/> Large Alluvial Stream	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring & Spring Run	Acre =
Caves	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Cave	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Cave	Acre =
Coastal & Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> Beach/ Surf Zone	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Mangrove Swamp	Acre =
	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Strand	Acre =	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Marsh	Acre =
Photographs: Document habitat conditions with photographs over time				

Monitoring Wildlife Use: Document wildlife use to evaluate habitat management:

PART III. MAPS AND SPATIAL INFORMATION

Location Map*: Provide a general location map of property using the property appraiser's website, google maps, or similar mapping program that delineates the property location in relation to nearby towns, roads, etc.

Soil Map: Provide a soil map for the property using the Web Soil Survey located at:

Aerial Photograph Land Use Map: Provide an aerial photograph map that clearly delineates and labels each current land use type by "Field #" as listed from Part II.

Habitat Type*: Provide an aerial photograph map that clearly delineates and labels each habitat type identified as listed from Part II.

***Please see mapping, GIS and habitat pages in the guide for available resources**

PART IV. HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN

(Refer to the Habitat - Activity Matrix to determine approved activities)

A Prescribed Burning: Application of prescribed fire to improve habitat structure and composition for wildlife.

Please see the Landowner Assistance Program practice standard for prescribed burning for wildlife under the General Habitat Management Techniques page in the guide.

List the habitat category (*Uplands, Wetlands, Lakes, Rivers/Streams, Caves, or Coastal/Marine*) from Part 2 that this practice will be applied to, acreage amounts, scheduled treatments, benefits to wildlife, and any other supporting information.

Habitat Type(s)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acres						
Field #						
Scheduled Treatment Date(s)						
Benefits to Wildlife						
Additional Information						

B Mechanical Vegetation Enhancement: Application of mechanical treatments to improve habitat structure and composition for wildlife.

Please see the Landowner Assistance Program practice standard for mechanical vegetation enhancement for wildlife under the General Habitat Management Techniques page in the guide.

List the activity (*Mowing/Disking, Single-Drum Chopping, Double-Drum Chopping, Thinning, Mulching Mower, or Hand Clearing*), habitat category (*Uplands, Wetlands, Lakes, Rivers/Streams, Caves, or Coastal/Marine*) from Part 2 that this practice will be applied to, acreage amounts, scheduled treatments, benefits to wildlife, and any other supporting information.

Activity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Habitat Type(s)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acres						
Field #						
Scheduled Treatment Date(s)						
Benefits to Wildlife						
Additional Information						

C	Chemical Vegetation Enhancement: Application of selective herbicides to eliminate plant species for the purpose of improving habitat structure and composition for wildlife
D	Creating Forest Openings: Creation of early-successional openings & ecotones to provide wildlife habitat
E	Hydrology Enhancement: Earth moving/shaping and installation of ditch plugs to restore or enhance hydrology associated with restoring or improving wildlife habitat
F	Tree/Shrub Restoration: Planting trees and shrubs to benefit wildlife
G	Grass/Wetland Restoration/Protection: Preparation for grass or wetland vegetation planting to benefit wildlife
H	Native Vegetation Establishment: Establishment of native trees, shrubs, forbs, or grasses to restore or improve habitat structure and composition for wildlife. (Plan must include habitat manipulation)
I	Fence/Gate Construction: Construction of fences or gates to protect wildlife habitat
J	Nest Structures: Construction and installation of nest structures for wildlife
K	Public Access for Nature-based Recreation, Outreach, and Education: Provides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Research with a University. Describe <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting workshops/field days. Describe <input type="checkbox"/> Public speaking. Describe <input type="checkbox"/> Leasing. Describe <input type="checkbox"/> Others. List
N	Discouraging Non-Wildlife Friendly Activities: Check those that apply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use of wildlife friendly fencing to exclude livestock or people from sensitive areas such as wetlands/caves. Describe <input type="checkbox"/> Using wildlife-friendly lighting. Describe <input type="checkbox"/> Not raking pine straw. Describe <input type="checkbox"/> Using bear-proof garbage cans. Describe <input type="checkbox"/> Others. List
O	Provide Access for Wildlife and Habitat Data Collection: Provide access to government or scholastic agents to collect wildlife or habitat data

PART V. ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

(Optional)

Attach any other supporting information and/or documents that may be relevant to this habitat management plan:

Job Sheets: Attach job sheets relevant to the management plan that are consistent with a Natural Resources Conservation Service – Conservation Plan of Operation:
http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=FL

Monitoring Projects: Habitat photo monitoring, bird call counts, population census, road-kill analysis, etc.)

Reducing Threats: How this plan reduces threats identified by Florida’s Wildlife Action Plan <http://myfwc.com/wildlifelegacy>

Landscape Level: How this plan considers actions on a landscape level and addresses conservation issues outside the enrolled acreage. See Habitat Planning Strategies at:
<http://www.floridahabitat.org/>

Coordination: How this plan coordinates with other landowners, agencies and entities that leverage resources to achieve greater wildlife benefits

Other:

PART VI. SIGNATURE

I certify that the above information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and complete.

Landowner/Applicant Signature

Date

This area for use only if the habitat management plan was prepared for the above landowner by wildlife professional or consultant.

Signature of person preparing habitat management plan

Date

Company or Agency

Phone Number

