



# Recreational Facility Updates

## Recreational Forum

### June 17, 2019

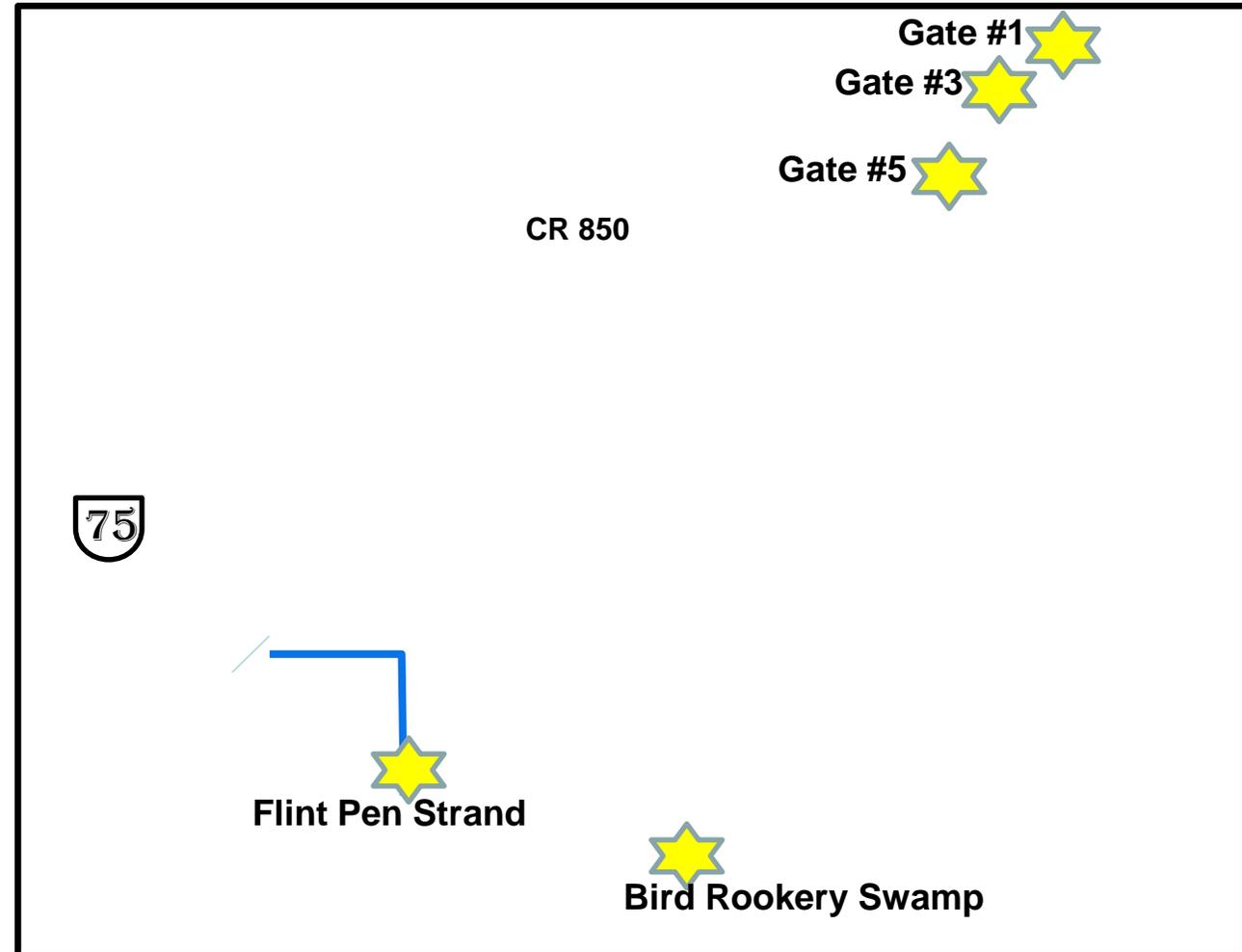
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## CREW Flint Pen Strand

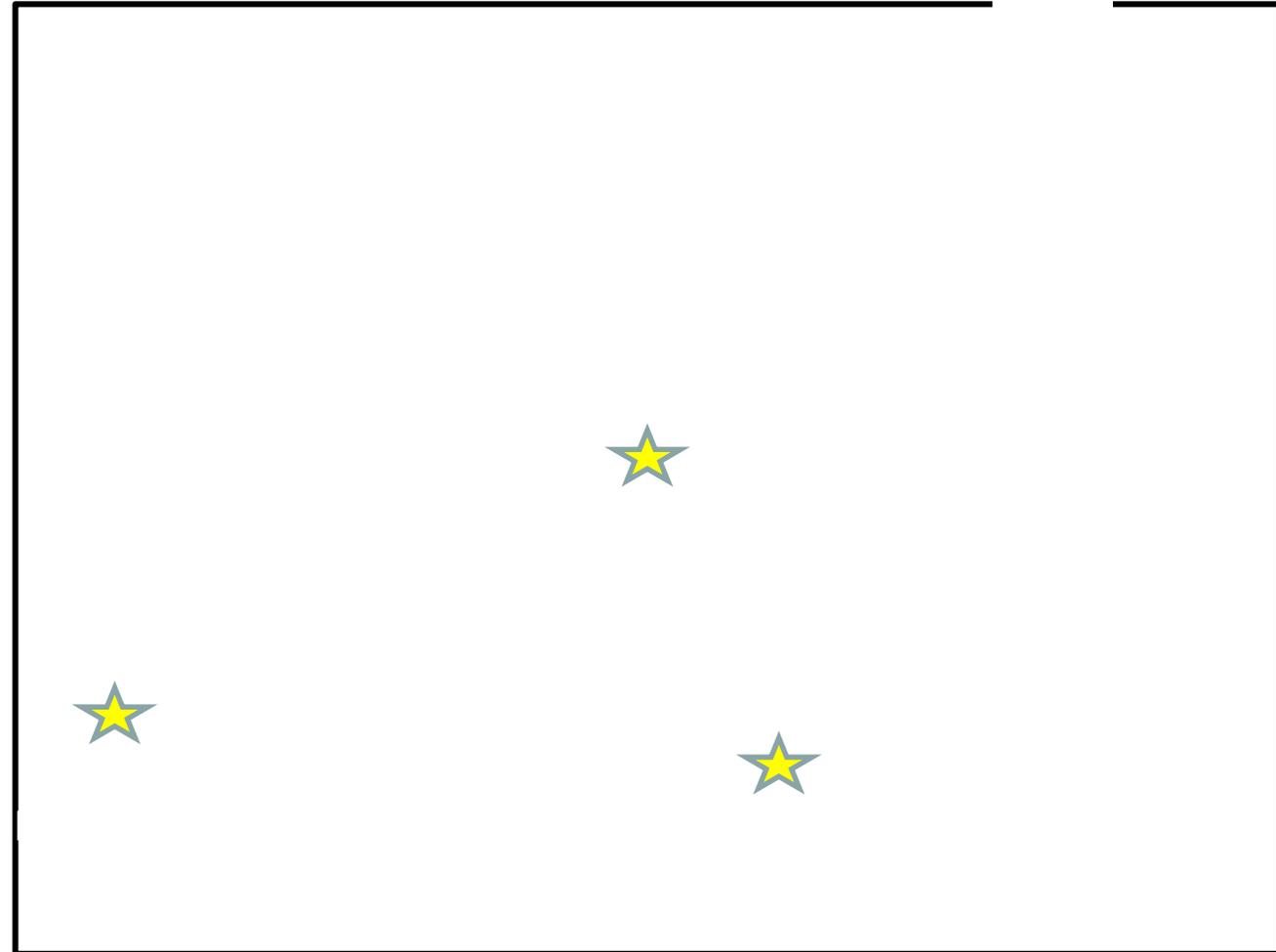
- CREW's Flint Pen Strand Unit is located within SW portion of the property in Lee County.
- Public uses in the area include: hiking, biking, hunting, horseback riding, fishing, and wildlife viewing.
- Partnerships for the area include FWC and CREW Land & Water Trust.





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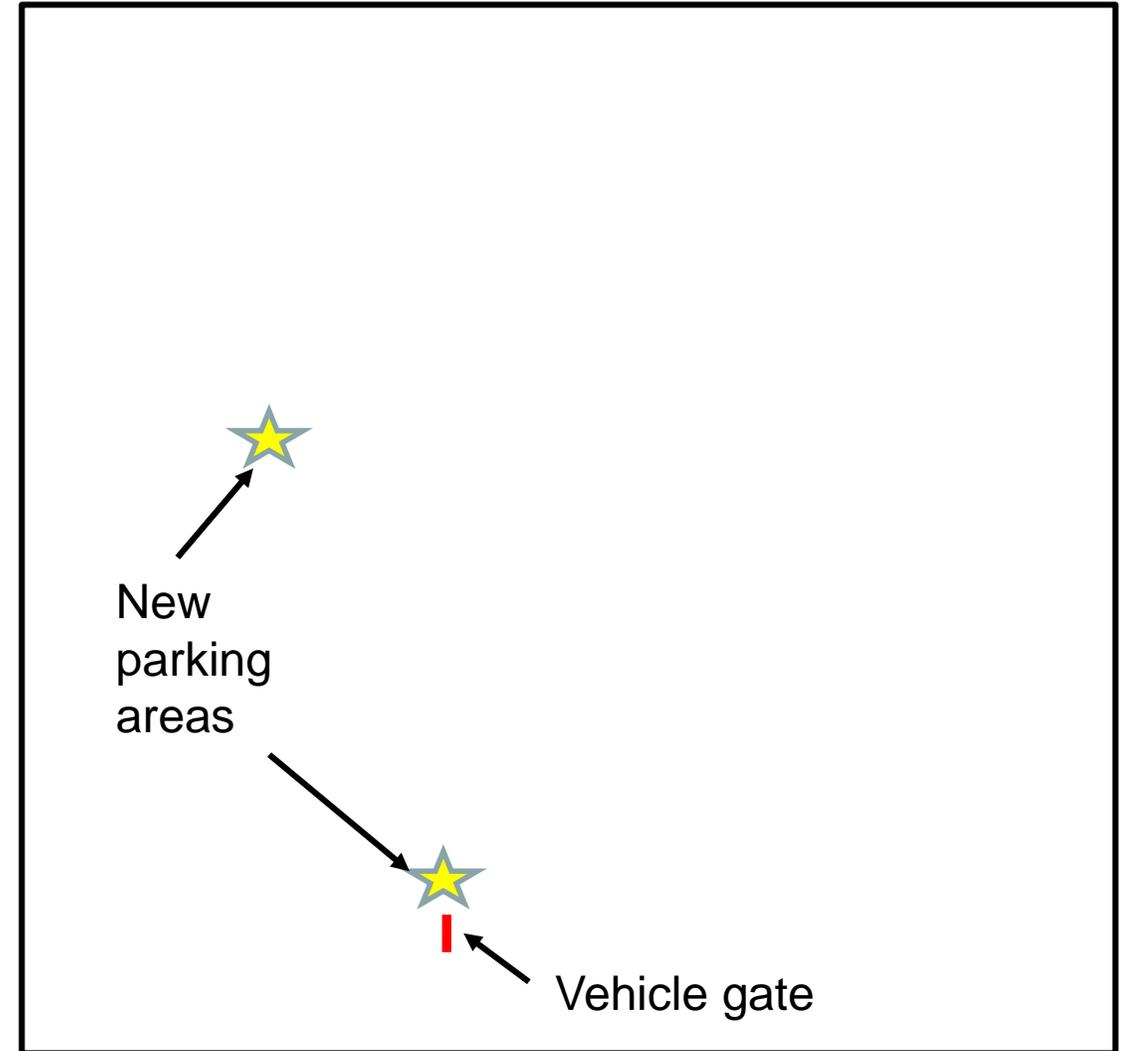
- Update on additional parking areas and access in Flint Pen Strand:
  - Parking area on west side of Vincent Road complete. Provides parking for trail access, ORV and equestrian trailers, and the hunter check station.
  - Two additional parking areas currently being developed.





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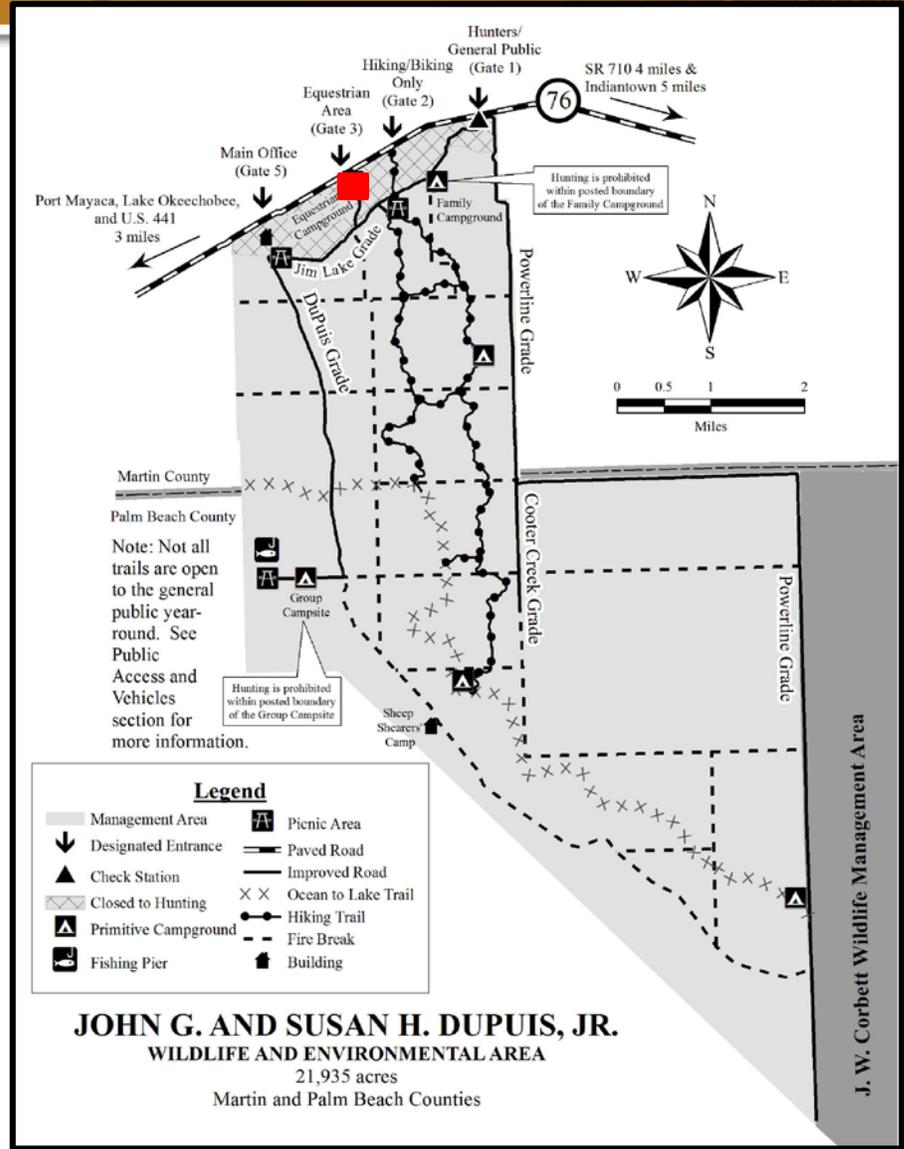
- The two additional parking areas will provide access to the eastern portion of Flint Pen Strand for recreational purposes.
- A vehicle gate will provide quota hunters improved vehicular access to the east and north portions of the Flint Pen Strand Unit.
- Continue to expand hiking, biking, and equestrian trails.





# Recreational Facility Updates DuPuis Equestrian Campground

➤ The DuPuis Equestrian Campground (Gate 3) is located in Martin County.





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- The District made several major upgrades and improvements to campground approx. two years ago which included:
  - Renovations of all three equestrian barns
  - The replacement of all horse paddocks
  - Three new horse wash-down areas
  - Installation of a new bathroom/shower facility
  - Two new picnic shelters





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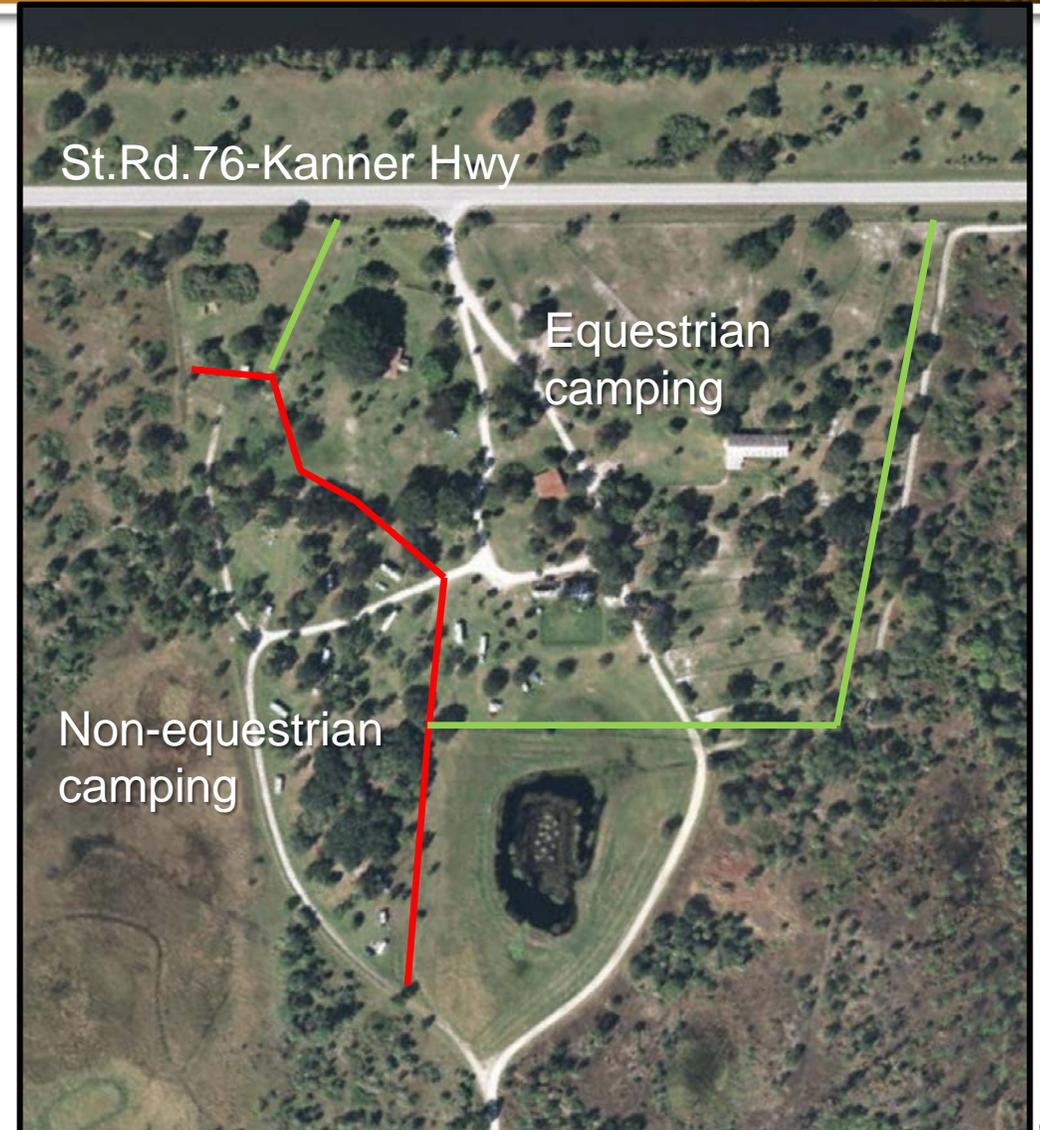
- Over the past few years the equestrian campground has become extremely popular for camping.
- In addition to FWC LE support, the Martin County Sheriff's Office was contracted during the weekends this past year to assist with enforcing the rules and regulations of the campground.
- On several occasions during the season there were no Special Use Licenses available for equestrians to utilize for camping. There are only two campgrounds within the District that have equestrian facilities.





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- Updates and changes are being proposed to allow the campground to continue to be an enjoyable and pleasant experience.
  - Spatially separate the equestrian and non-equestrian camping.
  - 25 Special Use Licenses (SULs) will be available for each type of camping.
  - Provide designated sites in the non-equestrian area, each site will have a picnic table and fire ring.

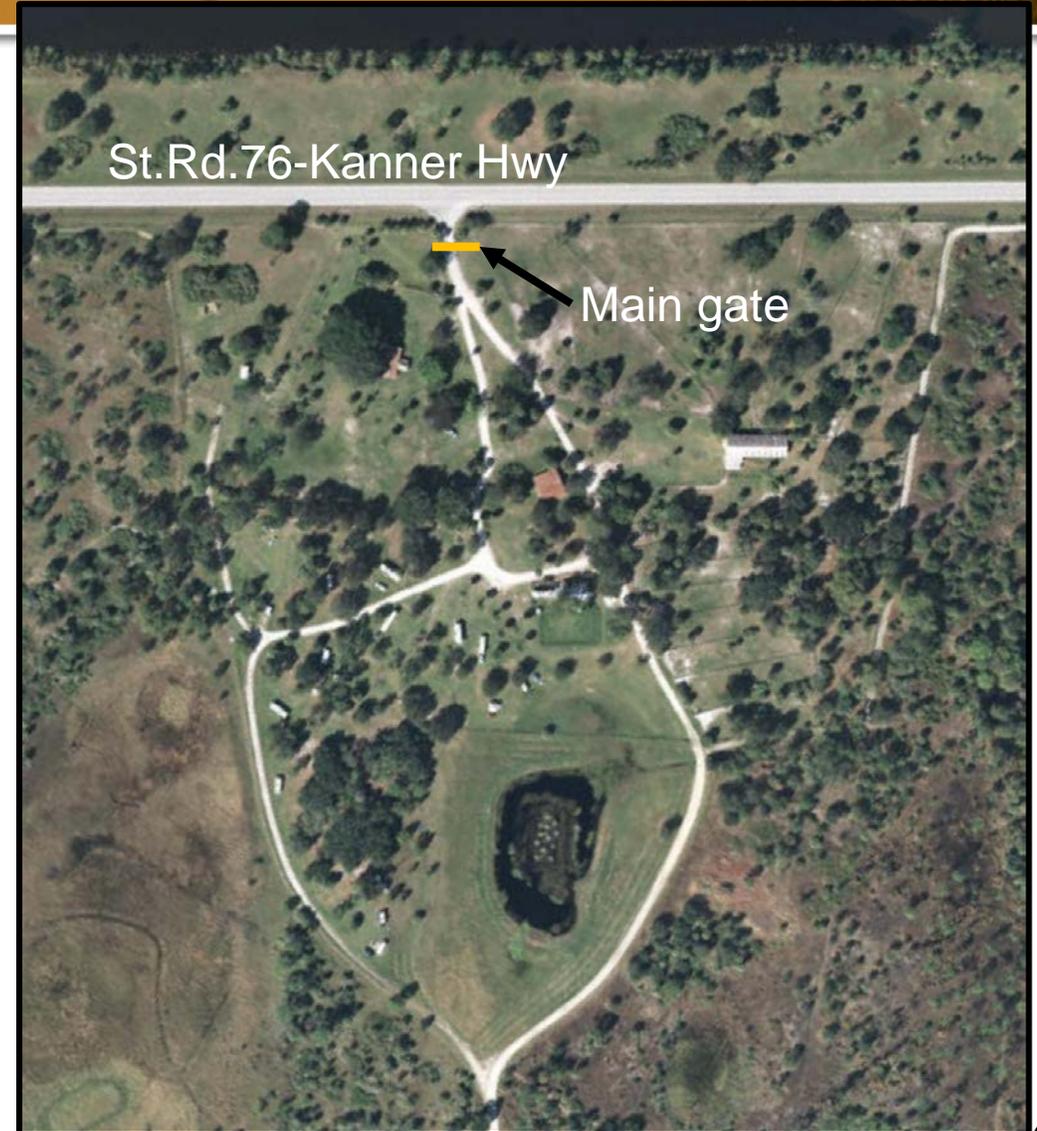




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## ➤ Continued...

- Similar to many of the other District campgrounds, the main gate will be locked at all times. In addition to campers, day users accessing thru gate 3 will be required to obtain an SUL which will contain the combo to the gate.
- Limit the amount of pets (dogs) to two per Special Use License at the campground.
- Changes to take place this summer prior to the beginning of the busy season.





# Volunteer Projects

- Volunteer Project Highlight: Kissimmee River Debris Clean-up Project
  - On Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 63 volunteers, including several families and their children, participated in the event which included the use of 17 swamp buggies and the necessary tools and equipment to remove old fence lines and debris on the Kissimmee River Flood Plain.

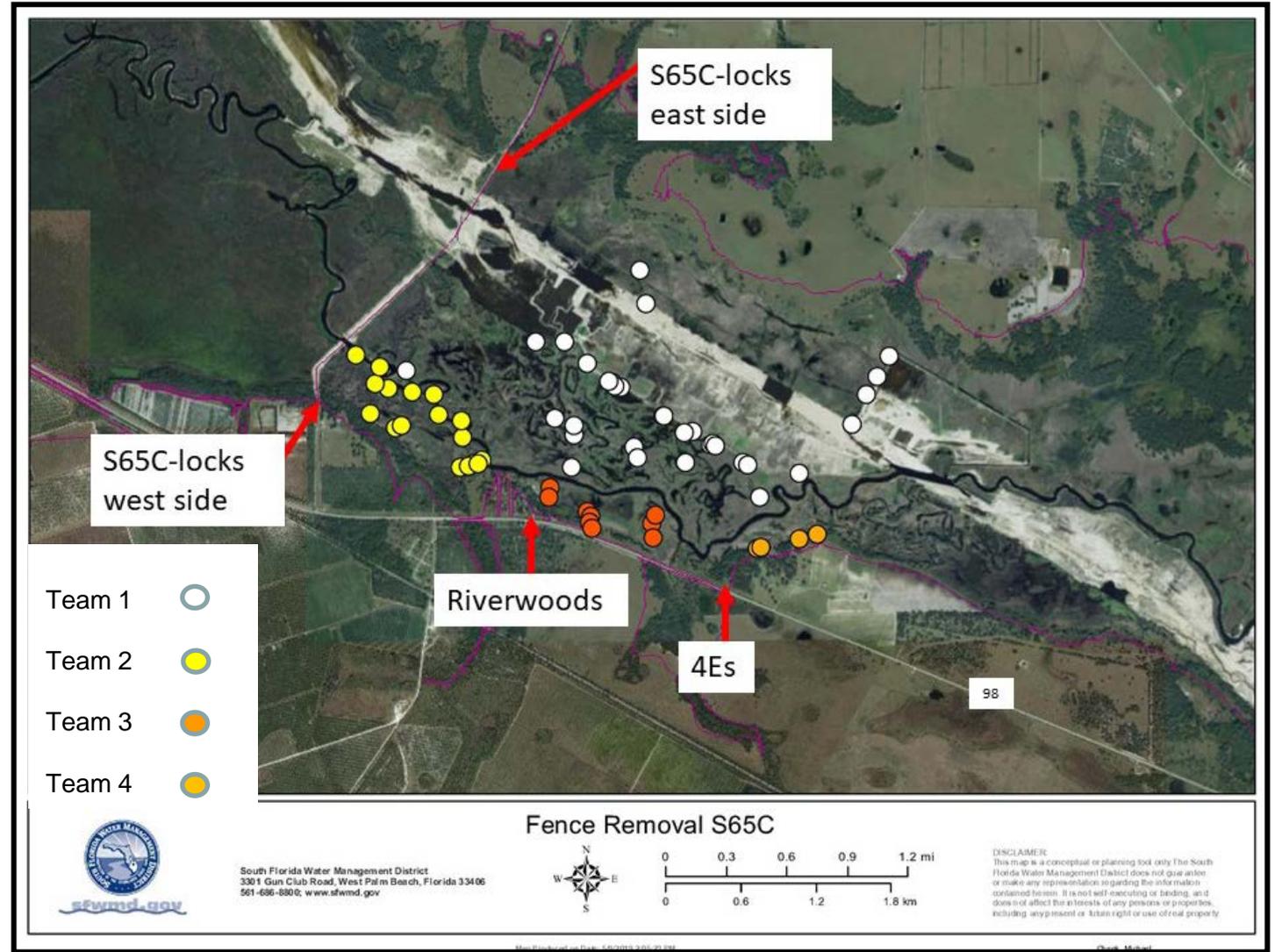




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- Prior to the event staff identified debris on both sides of this portion of the flood plain.
- The volunteers broke into four teams.





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  - Approx. 480 hours of combined volunteer service spent on this project. This equates to providing in-kind services valued at \$11,539. (the 2018 standard volunteer rate for Florida is \$24.04 per hour).
  - The South Florida Water Management District is very grateful for the time and effort volunteers spent in support of this clean-up project.





# Volunteer Projects

## ➤ Volunteer Project Highlight: Kissimmee River Debris Clean-up Project

- A big **Thank You** to the Lake Okeechobee Airboat Association and the Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association for organizing the event.



# Thank You

