Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research, Department of State Archaeological Research Permit - 1A-32 Application

Cultural Resource Assessment Survey

Project Name: in Support of Phase 2A NFRC project Application Date: 04/26/2019

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Site or Project Location (attach detailed map of project location):

Lake Talquin State Forest

Florida Site File number(s): none

Property Manager Name/Position: Florida Forest Service

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Threats to Resource: Construction of proposed transmission line.

Proposed Work (attach research design):

See attached Research Design

Crew Size: 4-8 Estimated Project Cost: confidential

Source of Funding: Florida Power & Light

Proposed Field Start Date: 04/30/2019 Proposed Field End Date: 06/30/2019

Proposed Laboratory End Date: 06/30/2019

Proposed Report Date (including site forms and artifacts): 12/31/2019

Publication Outlet(s): Florida DHR

Curatorial Facility: Florida BAR facility at Mission San Luis

(Note: If underwater or wetlands excavations are involved, provide evidence that dredge and fill permits [DEP and COE] and consent to use state lands [DEP] have been obtained, or determined not necessary.)



RESEARCH DESIGN

SEARCH has been contracted by Gulf Power to complete the cultural resource assessment survey (CRAS) for the proposed North Florida Resiliency Connection (NFRC) Transmission Corridor Project in Leon, Jefferson, Madison, and Suwannee Counties, Florida. The route passes through the Lake Talquin State Forest in Leon County, as shown on **Figure 1**.

The investigation will include an archaeological survey within the Physical Area of Potential Effects (APE) (50 feet from each side of the centerline). The survey methods and documentation for previously recorded and newly recorded cultural resources will follow Florida Division of Historical Resources (FDHR) guidelines. The goal of the CRAS will be to identify cultural resources (archaeological sites, cemeteries, historical structures, bridges, linear resources [e.g., roads, railroads, canals], or landscapes) that may be affected by the Project. The potential for areas to contain cultural material has been assessed using the criteria below:

Probability Zone	Criteria
High	 Within 100 meters of a waterbody, or Within 50 meters of a previously recorded site, or Inside the boundary of a previously recorded site that does not have a SHPO evaluation of "eligible" or "ineligible"
Moderate	Between 100 and 300 meters of a waterbody on soils classified as poorly drained or better, except within the boundary of a previously recorded site
Low	Does not meet any of the above criteria

The survey will result in a technical report that will include a description of the cultural resources documented within the Physical and Visual APEs, as well as a recommendation regarding the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility of each of these resources.

Documentation of Archaeological Sites and Occurrences

Archaeological sites will be recorded where three or more artifacts are found (surface or subsurface) within a 30-meter radius. Artifact deposits that do not meet this threshold will be documented as archaeological occurrences (AOs). Archaeological sites and AOs will be documented and delineated in the same manner in the field, but AOs will not receive trinomials or Florida Master Site File (FMSF) forms.

Newly Recorded Sites

The boundaries of previously unrecorded archaeological sites and AOs will be delineated by at least two consecutive negative shovel tests placed at 12.5-meter intervals in each of the cardinal directions from the outer extent of positive shovel tests or surface artifacts. However, no site documentation will occur outside the limits of the Physical APE. A sketch map will be created showing positive and negative shovel tests, surface finds, the built environment, and environmental features that influence the delineation process. Site boundaries and features also will be documented via Global Positioning System (GPS).



Previously Recorded Sites

Two previously recorded archaeological sites are within 80 meters of the proposed route through the Lake Talquin State Forest. Site 8LE01741, an Archaic period site, and site 8LE02103, a multicomponent prehistoric site, were both determined ineligible for the NRHP in 1991. SEARCH will test the adjacent areas at 25-meter intervals and update the FMSF site records if evidence of either site is found within the proposed transmission corridor.

Artifact Analysis and Curation

Artifacts recovered during the field survey will be retained for laboratory analysis. These items will be labeled by provenience and transported to the SEARCH laboratory for processing and analysis. At the SEARCH laboratory, these items will be washed and dried and then analyzed using appropriate reference materials. This information will be recorded in a relational database with code numbers to allow systematic, comparable data entry. Aboriginal lithic artifacts will be analyzed by source material, method of manufacture, and artifact function. Aboriginal ceramics will be analyzed by temper, surface decoration, and vessel morphology. Historic non-aboriginal artifacts will be analyzed by use, material type, and function. The artifacts will be packaged in acid-free, 4-mil polyethylene bags with acid-free paper label inserts. Upon the conclusion of the Project, the artifacts will be curated at the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research (BAR) facility at Mission San Luis.

Human Remains

If human remains are encountered during the field survey, the stipulation of Chapter 872.05, Florida Statutes, will be followed. Work in the vicinity will cease, and the appropriate State or local authorities will be notified.

