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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE**

SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Authority: FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MGMT ACT, AS AMENDED October 21, 1976

GULF POWER COMPANY Represented by Michael G. Spoor Vice-President, Power Delivery of 15430 ENDEAVOR DRIVE D01/JW JUPITER FL 33478 (hereinafter "the holder") is authorized to use or occupy National Forest System lands in the NATIONAL FORESTS IN FLORIDA or Apalachicola National Forest unit of the National Forest System, subject to the terms and conditions of this special use permit (the permit).

This permit covers 80 acres or 11 miles from Sec. 36, T. 1 S., R. 1 E., TALLAHASSEE MERIDIAN, Sec. 31, T. 1 S., R. 1 W., TALLAHASSEE MERIDIAN, Sec. 13, T. 1 S., R. 2 W., TALLAHASSEE MERIDIAN, ("the permit area"), as shown on the map attached as Appendix A.

This permit issued for the purpose of:

Gulf Power Company (GPC) will construct, operate, and maintain a 161-kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting the existing GPC Sinai Cemetery Substation in Jackson County, Florida, to Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL) Raven Substation in Columbia County, Florida. The total transmission line is approximately 176 miles and would provide the first direct interconnection between the GPC transmission system and the FPL transmission system. This larger project is known as the NFRC Project. GPC is granted a Special Use Permit authorizing GPC to construct, operate, and maintain an electric power transmission line right of way that would traverse the Apalachicola National Forest from south of Blountstown Highway (State Road [SR] 20) southeast around Tallahassee to Woodville Highway, approximately 11 miles; as shown on Appendix A. The proposed route would collocate the transmission line with the existing City of Tallahassee (COT) transmission corridor and be adjacent to the existing Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) Company, LLC's natural gas corridor through the ANF.

The following are attached to and incorporated into this permit:

APPENDIX A: Maps, Surveys Plats, Site Plans, and Engineer Drawings of the Permitted Area
APPENDIX B: List and Location of Access Roads and Trails
APPENDIX C: Operating Plan
APPENDIX D: Timber Removal Specifications
APPENDIX E: Accord Certificate of Liability Insurance
APPENDIX F: Decision Notice
APPENDIX G: Construction Plan

This Special Use Permit is granted subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. As listed on Appendix F- Decision Notice, the permit holder must abide by all requirements listed and set out by the different area specialist from the Apalachicola National Forest.
2. In addition to all the above requirements the applicant is required to follow all Timber Removal Specifications as listed on Appendix D.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. GENERAL TERMS

A. AUTHORITY. This permit is issued pursuant to the FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MGMT ACT, AS AMENDED October 21, 1976 and 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, as amended, and is subject to their provisions.

B. AUTHORIZED OFFICER. The authorized officer is the Forest Supervisor or a subordinate officer with delegated authority.

C. TERM. This permit shall expire at midnight on 12/31/2048, 30 years from the date of application approval.

D. CONTINUATION OF USE AND OCCUPANCY. This permit is not renewable. Prior to expiration of this permit, the holder may apply for a new permit for the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. Applications for a new permit must be submitted at least 6 months prior to expiration of this permit. Issuance of a new permit is at the sole discretion of the authorized officer. At a minimum, before issuing a new permit, the authorized officer shall ensure that (1) the use and occupancy to be authorized by the new permit is consistent with the standards and guidelines in the applicable land management plan; (2) the type of use and occupancy to be authorized by the new permit is the same as the type of use and occupancy authorized by this permit; and (3) the holder is in compliance with all the terms of this permit. The authorized officer may prescribe new terms and conditions when a new permit is issued.

E. AMENDMENT. This permit may be amended in whole or in part by the Forest Service when, at the discretion of the authorized officer, such action is deemed necessary or desirable to incorporate new terms that may be required by law, regulation, directive, the applicable forest land and resource management plan, or projects and activities implementing a land management plan pursuant to 36 CFR Parts 218 and 220.

F. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. In exercising the rights and privileges granted by this permit, the holder shall comply with all present and future federal laws and regulations and all present and future state, county, and municipal laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that apply to the permit area, to the extent they do not conflict with federal law, regulation, or policy. The Forest Service assumes no responsibility for enforcing laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that fall under the jurisdiction of other governmental entities.

G. NON-EXCLUSIVE USE. The use or occupancy authorized by this permit is not exclusive. The Forest Service reserves the right of access to the permit area, including a continuing right of physical entry to the permit area for inspection, monitoring, or any other purpose consistent with any right or obligation of the United States under any law or regulation. The Forest Service reserves the right to allow others to use the permit area in any way that is not inconsistent with the holder's rights and privileges under this permit, after consultation with all parties involved. Except for any restrictions that the holder and the authorized officer agree are necessary to protect the installation and operation of authorized temporary improvements, the lands and waters covered by this permit shall remain open to the public for all lawful purposes.

H. ASSIGNABILITY. This permit is not assignable or transferable.

I. TRANSFER OF TITLE TO THE IMPROVEMENTS.

1. Notification of Transfer. The holder shall notify the authorized officer when a transfer of title to all or part of the authorized improvements is planned.

2. Transfer of Title. Any transfer of title to the improvements covered by this permit shall result in termination of the permit. The party who acquires title to the improvements must submit an application for a permit. The Forest Service is not obligated to issue a new permit to the party who acquires title to the improvements. The authorized officer shall determine that the applicant meets requirements under applicable federal regulations.

J. CHANGE IN CONTROL OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY.

1. Notification of Change in Control. The holder shall notify the authorized officer when a change in control of the business entity that holds this permit is contemplated.

(a). In the case of a corporation, control is an interest, beneficial or otherwise, of sufficient outstanding voting securities or capital of the business so as to permit the exercise of managerial authority over the actions and operations of the

corporation or election of a majority of the board of directors of the corporation.

(b). In the case of a partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, or individual entrepreneurship, control is a beneficial ownership of or interest in the entity or its capital so as to permit the exercise of managerial authority over the actions and operations of the entity.

(c). In other circumstances, control is any arrangement under which a third party has the ability to exercise management authority over the actions or operations of the business.

2. **Effect of Change in Control.** Any change in control of the business entity as defined in paragraph 1 of this clause shall result in termination of this permit. The party acquiring control must submit an application for a special use permit. The Forest Service is not obligated to issue a new permit to the party who acquires control. The authorized officer shall determine whether the applicant meets the requirements established by applicable federal regulations.

K. CONVEYANCE OF LANDS COVERED BY THIS PERMIT. The authorized officer shall give the holder at least 90 days prior written notice of any pending conveyance of the lands covered by this permit. With the holder's consent, the Forest Service may convey the lands covered by this permit without reserving the right-of-way granted by this permit. If the holder does not consent to conveyance without reservation of the right-of-way, the Forest Service may convey the lands covered by this permit only if the lands are subject to the right-of-way granted by this permit.

II. IMPROVEMENTS

A. LIMITATIONS ON USE. Nothing in this permit gives or implies permission to build or maintain any structure or facility or to conduct any activity, unless specifically authorized by this permit. Any use not specifically authorized by this permit must be proposed in accordance with 36 CFR 251.54. Approval of such a proposal through issuance of a new permit or permit amendment is at the sole discretion of the authorized officer.

B. PLANS. All plans for development, layout, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of improvements in the permit area, as well as revisions to those plans must be prepared by a professional engineer, architect, landscape architect, or other qualified professional based on federal employment standards acceptable to the authorized officer. These plans and plan revisions must have written approval from the authorized officer before they are implemented. The authorized officer may require the holder to furnish as-built plans, maps, or surveys upon completion of the work.

C. CONSTRUCTION. Any construction authorized by this permit may commence by January 2021 and shall be completed by February 2022.

III. OPERATIONS.

A. PERIOD OF USE. Use or occupancy of the permit area shall be exercised at least 365 days each year.

B. CONDITION OF OPERATIONS. The holder shall maintain the authorized improvements and permit area to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the authorized officer and consistent with other provisions of this permit. Standards are subject to periodic change by the authorized officer when deemed necessary to meet statutory, regulatory, or policy requirements or to protect national forest resources. The holder shall comply with inspection requirements deemed appropriate by the authorized officer.

C. OPERATING PLAN. The holder shall prepare and annually revise by the end of each year an operating plan. The operating plan shall be prepared in consultation with the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative and shall cover all operations authorized by this permit. The operating plan shall outline steps the holder will take to protect public health and safety and the environment and shall include sufficient detail and standards to enable the Forest Service to monitor the holder's operations for compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. The operating plan shall be submitted by the holder and approved by the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative prior to commencement of operations and is attached to this permit as Appendix C. The authorized officer may require an annual meeting with the holder to discuss the terms and conditions of the permit or operating plan, annual use reports, or other concerns either party may have.

D. MONITORING BY THE FOREST SERVICE. The Forest Service shall monitor the holder's operations and reserves the right to inspect the permit area and transmission facilities at any time for compliance with the terms of this permit. The holder shall comply with inspection requirements deemed appropriate by the authorized officer. The holder's obligations under this permit are not contingent upon any duty of the Forest Service to inspect the permit area or transmission facilities. A failure by the Forest Service or other governmental officials to inspect is not a justification for noncompliance

with any of the terms and conditions of this permit.

IV. RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

A. LEGAL EFFECT OF THE PERMIT. This permit, which is revocable and terminable, is not a contract or a lease, but rather a federal license. The benefits and requirements conferred by this authorization are reviewable solely under the procedures set forth in 36 CFR 214 and 5 U.S.C. 704. This permit does not constitute a contract for purposes of the Contract Disputes Act, 41 U.S.C. 601. The permit is not real property, does not convey any interest in real property, and may not be used as collateral for a loan.

B. VALID EXISTING RIGHTS. This permit is subject to all valid existing rights. Valid existing rights include those derived under mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States. The United States is not liable to the holder for the exercise of any such right.

C. ABSENCE OF THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY RIGHTS. The parties to this permit do not intend to confer any rights on any third party as a beneficiary under this permit.

D. SERVICES NOT PROVIDED. This permit does not provide for the furnishing of road or trail maintenance, water, fire protection, search and rescue, or any other such service by a government agency, utility, association, or individual.

E. RISK OF LOSS. The holder assumes all risk of loss associated with use or occupancy of the permit area, including but not limited to theft, vandalism, fire and any fire-fighting activities (including prescribed burns), avalanches, rising waters, winds, falling limbs or trees, and other forces of nature. If authorized temporary improvements in the permit area are destroyed or substantially damaged, the authorized officer shall conduct an analysis to determine whether the improvements can be safely occupied in the future and whether rebuilding should be allowed. If rebuilding is not allowed, the permit shall terminate.

F. DAMAGE TO UNITED STATES PROPERTY. The holder has an affirmative duty to protect from damage the land, property, and other interests of the United States. Damage includes but is not limited to fire suppression costs and damage to government-owned improvements covered by this permit.

1. The holder shall be liable for all injury, loss, or damage, including fire suppression, prevention and control of the spread of invasive species, or other costs in connection with rehabilitation or restoration of natural resources resulting from the use or occupancy authorized by this permit. Compensation shall include but not be limited to the value of resources damaged or destroyed, the costs of restoration, cleanup, or other mitigation, fire suppression or other types of abatement costs, and all administrative, legal (including attorney's fees), and other costs. Such costs may be deducted from a performance bond required under clause IV.J.

2. The holder shall be liable for damage caused by use of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees to all roads and trails of the United States to the same extent as provided under clause IV.F.1, except that liability shall not include reasonable and ordinary wear and tear.

G. HEALTH AND SAFETY. The holder shall take all measures necessary to protect the health and safety of all persons affected by the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. The holder shall promptly abate as completely as possible and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations any physical or mechanical procedure, activity, event, or condition existing or occurring in connection with the authorized use and occupancy during the term of this permit that causes or threatens to cause a hazard to the health or safety of the public or the holder's employees or agents. The holder shall as soon as practicable notify the authorized officer of all serious accidents that occur in connection with these procedures, activities, events, or conditions. The Forest Service has no duty under the terms of this permit to inspect the permit area or operations of the holder for hazardous conditions or compliance with health and safety standards.

H. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

1. For purposes of clause IV.H and section V, "hazardous material" shall mean (a) any hazardous substance under section 101(14) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601(14); (b) any pollutant or contaminant under section 101(33) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(33); (c) any petroleum product or its derivative, including fuel oil, and waste oils; and (d) any hazardous substance, extremely hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous waste, ignitable, reactive or corrosive materials, pollutant, contaminant, element, compound, mixture, solution or substance that may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment under any applicable environmental laws.

2. The holder shall avoid damaging or contaminating the environment, including but not limited to the soil, vegetation

(such as trees, shrubs, and grass), surface water, and groundwater, during the holder's use and occupancy of the permit area. Environmental damage includes but is not limited to all costs and damages associated with or resulting from the release or threatened release of a hazardous material occurring during or as a result of activities of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees on, or related to, the lands, property, and other interests covered by this permit. If the environment or any government property covered by this permit becomes damaged in connection with the holder's use and occupancy, the holder shall as soon as practicable repair the damage or replace the damaged items to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the United States.

3. The holder shall as soon as practicable, as completely as possible, and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations abate any physical or mechanical procedure, activity, event, or condition existing or occurring in connection with the authorized use and occupancy during or after the term of this permit that causes or threatens to cause harm to the environment, including areas of vegetation or timber, fish or other wildlife populations, their habitats, or any other natural resources.

I. INDEMNIFICATION OF THE UNITED STATES. The holder shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the United States for any costs, damages, claims, liabilities, and judgments arising from past, present, and future acts or omissions of the holder in connection with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit. This indemnification provision includes but is not limited to acts and omissions of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees in connection with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit which result in (1) violations of any laws and regulations which are now or which may in the future become applicable; (2) judgments, claims, demands, penalties, or fees assessed against the United States; (3) costs, expenses, and damages incurred by the United States; or (4) the release or threatened release of any solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous materials, pollutant, contaminant, oil in any form, or petroleum product into the environment. The authorized officer may prescribe terms that allow the holder to replace, repair, restore, or otherwise undertake necessary curative actions to mitigate damages in addition to or as an alternative to monetary indemnification.

J. BONDING. The authorized officer may require the holder to furnish a surety bond or other security for any of the obligations imposed by the terms and conditions of this permit or any applicable law, regulation, or order.

K. STRICT LIABILITY. The holder shall be strictly liable (liable without proof of negligence) to the United States for \$1,000,000 per occurrence for any injury, loss, or damage arising in tort under this permit. Liability in tort for injury, loss, or damage to the United States exceeding the prescribed amount of strict liability in tort shall be determined under the law of negligence.

L. INSURANCE. The holder shall furnish proof of insurance, such as a certificate of insurance, to the authorized officer prior to issuance of this permit and each year thereafter that this permit is in effect. The Forest Service reserves the right to review the insurance policy and require any changes needed to ensure adequate coverage of the United States in connection with the authorized use and occupancy. The holder shall send an authenticated copy of any insurance policy obtained pursuant to this clause to the authorized officer immediately upon issuance of the policy. Any insurance policies obtained by the holder pursuant to this clause shall name the United States as an additional insured, and the additional insured provision shall provide for insurance coverage for the United States as required under this clause and to the extent of the full limits of insurance available to the holder. The holder shall give 30 days prior written notice to the authorized officer of cancellation of or any modification to the insurance policy. The certificate of insurance, the authenticated copy of the insurance policy, and written notice of cancellation or modification of insurance policies should be sent to United States C/O office address. Minimum amounts of coverage and other insurance requirements are subject to change at the sole discretion of the authorized officer on the anniversary date of this permit.

Insurance covering losses, including those arising from strict liability, associated with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit arising from personal injury or death and third-party property damage shall be in the minimum amount of:

\$1,000,000 for injury or death to one person per occurrence;

\$1,000,000 for injury or death to more than one person per occurrence; and

\$1,000,000 for third-party property damage per occurrence.

V. RESOURCE PROTECTION

A. COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS. The holder shall in connection with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to those established pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et

seq., the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., the Oil Pollution Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 2701 et seq., the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., CERCLA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., the Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq., the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 136 et seq., and the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.

B. VANDALISM. The holder shall take reasonable measures to prevent and discourage vandalism and disorderly conduct and when necessary shall contact the appropriate law enforcement officer.

C. PESTICIDE USE.

1. Authorized Officer Concurrence. Pesticides may not be used outside of buildings in the permit area to control pests, including undesirable woody and herbaceous vegetation (including aquatic plants), insects, birds, rodents, or fish without prior written concurrence of the authorized officer. Only those products registered or otherwise authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and appropriate State authority for the specific purpose planned shall be authorized for use within areas on National Forest System lands.

2. Pesticide-Use Proposal. Requests for concurrence of any planned uses of pesticides shall be provided in advance using the Pesticide-Use Proposal (form FS-2100-2). Annually the holder shall, on the due date established by the authorized officer, submit requests for any new, or continued, pesticide usage. The Pesticide-Use Proposal shall cover a 12-month period of planned use. The Pesticide-Use Proposal shall be submitted at least 60 days in advance of pesticide application. Information essential for review shall be provided in the form specified. Exceptions to this schedule may be allowed, subject to emergency request and approval, only when unexpected outbreaks of pests require control measures which were not anticipated at the time a Pesticide-Use Proposal was submitted.

3. Labeling, Laws, and Regulations. Label instructions and all applicable laws and regulations shall be strictly followed in the application of pesticides and disposal of excess materials and containers. No pesticide waste, excess materials, or containers shall be disposed of in any area administered by the Forest Service.

D. ARCHAEOLOGICAL-PALEONTOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES. The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of all antiquities or other objects of historic or scientific interest, including but not limited to historic or prehistoric ruins, fossils, or artifacts discovered in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. The holder shall follow the applicable inadvertent discovery protocols for the undertaking provided in an agreement executed pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. 306108; if there are no such agreed-upon protocols, the holder shall leave these discoveries intact and in place until consultation has occurred, as informed, if applicable, by any programmatic agreement with tribes. Protective and mitigation measures developed under this clause shall be the responsibility of the holder. However, the holder shall give the authorized officer written notice before implementing these measures and shall coordinate with the authorized officer for proximate and contextual discoveries extending beyond the permit area.

E. NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT (NAGPRA). In accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3002(d) and 43 CFR 10.4, if the holder inadvertently discovers human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony on National Forest System lands, the holder shall immediately cease work in the area of the discovery and shall make a reasonable effort to protect and secure the items. The holder shall follow the applicable NAGPRA protocols for the undertaking provided in the NAGPRA plan of action or the NAGPRA comprehensive agreement; if there are no such agreed-upon protocols, the holder shall as soon as practicable notify the authorized officer of the discovery and shall follow up with written confirmation of the discovery. The activity that resulted in the inadvertent discovery may not resume until 30 days after the forest archaeologist certifies receipt of the written confirmation, if resumption of the activity is otherwise lawful, or at any time if a binding written agreement has been executed between the Forest Service and the affiliated Indian tribes that adopts a recovery plan for the human remains and objects.

F. PROTECTION OF THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES, SENSITIVE SPECIES, AND SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN AND THEIR HABITAT.

1. Threatened and Endangered Species and Their Habitat. The holder shall take any protective and mitigation measures specified by the authorized officer as necessary and appropriate to avoid or reduce effects of the authorized use and occupancy on plants or animals listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., as amended. Discovery by the holder or the Forest Service of other sites within the permit area containing threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat shall be promptly reported to the other party and shall be addressed according to the terms described in the Decision Notice (Appendix F) or other relevant federal or state regulations, or Forest Service policies.

2. Sensitive Species and Species of Conservation Concern and Their Habitat. The holder shall take any protective and mitigation measures specified by the authorized officer as necessary and appropriate to avoid or reduce effects of the authorized use and occupancy on plants or animals designated by the Regional Forester as sensitive species or as species of conservation concern pursuant to FSM 2670. Discovery by the holder or the Forest Service of other sites within the permit area containing sensitive species or species of conservation concern or their habitat shall be promptly reported to the other party and shall be addressed according to the terms described in the Decision Notice (Appendix F) or other relevant federal or state regulations, or Forest Service policies.

G. CONSENT TO STORE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. The holder shall not store any hazardous materials at the site without prior written approval from the authorized officer. This approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the authorized officer provides approval, this permit shall include, or in the case of approval provided after this permit is issued, shall be amended to include specific terms addressing the storage of hazardous materials, including the specific type of materials to be stored, the volume, the type of storage, and a spill plan. Such terms shall be proposed by the holder and are subject to approval by the authorized officer.

H. CLEANUP AND REMEDIATION.

1. The holder shall immediately notify all appropriate response authorities, including the National Response Center and the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative, of any oil discharge or of the release of a hazardous material in the permit area in an amount greater than or equal to its reportable quantity, in accordance with 33 CFR Part 153, Subpart B, and 40 CFR Part 302. For the purposes of this requirement, "oil" is as defined by section 311(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321(a)(1). The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative of any release or threatened release of any hazardous material in or near the permit area which may be harmful to public health or welfare or which may adversely affect natural resources on federal lands.

2. Except with respect to any federally permitted release as that term is defined under Section 101(10) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(10), the holder shall clean up or otherwise remediate any release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials that occurs either in the permit area or in connection with the holder's activities in the permit area, regardless of whether those activities are authorized under this permit. The holder shall perform cleanup or remediation immediately upon discovery of the release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials. The holder shall perform the cleanup or remediation to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the United States. Upon revocation or termination of this permit, the holder shall deliver the site to the Forest Service free and clear of contamination.

VI. LAND USE FEE AND DEBT COLLECTION

A. LAND USE FEES. The holder shall pay an initial annual land use fee of \$11,333.60 for the period from 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021, and thereafter on the first day of every year, shall pay an annual land use fee of \$11,333.60. The annual land use fee shall be adjusted annually using the indexing factor.

B. MODIFICATION OF THE LAND USE FEE. The land use fee may be revised whenever necessary to reflect the market value of the authorized use or occupancy or when the fee system used to calculate the land use fee is modified or replaced.

C. FEE PAYMENT ISSUES.

1. Crediting of Payments. Payments shall be credited on the date received by the deposit facility, except that if a payment is received on a non-workday, the payment shall not be credited until the next workday.

2. Disputed Fees. Fees are due and payable by the due date. Disputed fees must be paid in full. Adjustments will be made if dictated by an administrative appeal decision, a court decision, or settlement terms.

3. Late Payments

(a) Interest. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3717 et seq., interest shall be charged on any fee amount not paid within 30 days from the date it became due. The rate of interest assessed shall be the higher of the Prompt Payment Act rate or the rate of the current value of funds to the United States Treasury (i.e., the Treasury tax and loan account rate), as prescribed and published annually or quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury in the Federal Register and the Treasury Fiscal Requirements Manual Bulletins. Interest on the principal shall accrue from the date the fee amount is due.

(b) Administrative Costs. If the account becomes delinquent, administrative costs to cover processing and handling the delinquency shall be assessed.

(c) Penalties. A penalty of 6% per annum shall be assessed on the total amount that is more than 90 days delinquent and shall accrue from the same date on which interest charges begin to accrue.

(d) Termination for Nonpayment. This permit shall terminate without the necessity of prior notice and opportunity to comply when any permit fee payment is 90 calendar days from the due date in arrears. The holder shall remain responsible for the delinquent fees.

4. Administrative Offset and Credit Reporting. Delinquent fees and other charges associated with the permit shall be subject to all rights and remedies afforded the United States pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3711 et seq. and common law. Delinquencies are subject to any or all of the following:

(a) Administrative offset of payments due the holder from the Forest Service.

(b) If in excess of 60 days, referral to the United States Department of the Treasury for appropriate collection action as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3711(g)(1).

(c) Offset by the Secretary of the Treasury of any amount due the holder, as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3720 et seq.

(d) Disclosure to consumer or commercial credit reporting agencies.

VII. REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION A. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION. The authorized officer may revoke or suspend this permit in whole or in part:

1. For noncompliance with federal, state, or local law.
2. For noncompliance with the terms of this permit.
3. For abandonment or other failure of the holder to exercise the privileges granted.
4. With the consent of the holder.
5. For specific and compelling reasons in the public interest.

Prior to revocation or suspension, other than immediate suspension under clause VII.B, the authorized officer shall give the holder written notice of the grounds for revocation or suspension and a reasonable period, typically not to exceed 90 days, to cure any noncompliance.

B. IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION. The authorized officer may immediately suspend this permit in whole or in part when necessary to protect public health or safety or the environment. The suspension decision shall be in writing. The holder may request an on-site review with the authorized officer's supervisor of the adverse conditions prompting the suspension. The authorized officer's supervisor shall grant this request within 48 hours. Following the on-site review, the authorized officer's supervisor shall promptly affirm, modify, or cancel the suspension.

C. APPEALS AND REMEDIES. Written decisions by the authorized officer relating to administration of this permit are subject to administrative appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 214, as amended. Revocation or suspension of this permit shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service.

D. TERMINATION. This permit shall terminate when by its terms a fixed or agreed upon condition, event, or time occurs without any action by the authorized officer. Examples include but are not limited to expiration of the permit by its terms on a specified date and termination upon change of control of the business entity. Termination of this permit shall not require notice, a decision document, or any environmental analysis or other documentation. Termination of this permit is not subject to administrative appeal and shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service.

E. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON REVOCATION OR TERMINATION WITHOUT ISSUANCE OF A NEW PERMIT. Upon revocation or termination of this permit without issuance of a new permit, the holder shall remove all structures and improvements, except those owned by the United States, within a reasonable period prescribed by the

authorized officer and shall restore the site to the satisfaction of the authorized officer. If the holder fails to remove all structures and improvements within the prescribed period, they shall become the property of the United States and may be sold, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of without any liability to the United States. However, the holder shall remain liable for all costs associated with their removal, including costs of sale and impoundment, cleanup, and restoration of the site. **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

A. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. No member of or delegate to Congress or resident commissioner shall benefit from this permit either directly or indirectly, except to the extent the authorized use provides a general benefit to a corporation.

B. CURRENT ADDRESSES. The holder and the Forest Service shall keep each other informed of current mailing addresses, including those necessary for billing and payment of land use fees.

C. SUPERIOR CLAUSES. If there is a conflict between any of the preceding printed clauses and any of the following clauses, the preceding printed clauses shall control.

D. Surveys, Land Corners.

The holder shall protect, in place, all public land survey monuments, private property corners, and Forest boundary markers. In the event that any such land markers or monuments are destroyed in the exercise of the privileges permitted by this authorization, depending on the type of monument destroyed, the holder shall see that they are reestablished or referenced in accordance with (1) the procedures outlined in the "Manual of Instructions for the Survey of the Public Land of the United States," (2) the specifications of the county surveyor, or (3) the specifications of the Forest Service.

Further, the holder shall cause such official survey records as are affected to be amended as provided by law. Nothing in this clause shall relieve the holder's liability for the willful destruction or modification of any Government survey marker as provided at 18 U.S.C. 1858.

E. Right-of-Way Clearing, Powerline.

REMOVAL AND PLANTING OF VEGETATION

1. **Removal of Non-Hazardous Vegetation and Planting of Vegetation.** Except as provided in emergencies pursuant to paragraph 2, trees, shrubs, grasses, and other plants may be removed, destroyed, or trimmed only in accordance with the vegetation management plan in Appendix C and only after the Authorized Officer's designated representative has marked or otherwise identified what may be removed, destroyed, or trimmed. Timber cut or destroyed shall be paid for at current stumpage rates for similar timber in the name National Forest. The Forest Service reserves the right to dispose of the merchantable timber to those other than the holder at no stumpage cost to the holder. Unmerchantable material shall be disposed of as directed by the Authorized Officer. Planting of trees, shrubs, and other plants in the permit area must have prior written approval from the Authorized Officer.

2. **Removal of Hazardous Vegetation.** The holder may remove, destroy, or trim hazardous vegetation in accordance with the vegetation management plan in Appendix C without the hazardous vegetation being marked or otherwise identified by the Authorized Officer or the Authorized Officer's designated representative. The holder shall notify the Authorized Officer as soon as possible of any removal of hazardous vegetation under this clause. For purposes of this clause, "hazardous vegetation" is defined as "a live or dead standing tree or other vegetation having a defect, singly or combined, in the roots, butt, bole, or limbs or with unreasonable arcing potential and so situated that the tree or other vegetation poses the risk of imminent mechanical failure to all or part of a power line, pole, or tower," "defect" is defined as "an injury or disease that seriously weakens the stems, roots, or branches of a tree or vegetation, predisposing all or part of it to fall;" "arcing" is defined as "the flow of electricity across a gap through the air from one conductor to another or to a grounded object;" and "imminent mechanical failure" is defined as "damage to a power line, pole, or tower from hazardous vegetation that could occur at any time."

F. Powerline Change Application.

The holder agrees that no substantial change or alteration shall be made in the design, location, construction, voltage, or capacity of this line until application for such change shall have been submitted to and approved by the Authorized Officer.

G. Improvement Relocation.

This authorization is granted with the express understanding that should future location of United States Government-owned improvements or road rights-of-way require the relocation of the holder's improvements, such relocation will be done by, and at the expense of, the holder within a reasonable time as specified by the authorized officer.

THIS PERMIT IS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO ALL ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

BEFORE ANY PERMIT IS ISSUED TO AN ENTITY, DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE SIGNATORY FOR THE ENTITY TO BIND IT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT.

ACCEPTED:

Mike Spoor
Vice-President, Power Delivery
Gulf Power Company



12/21/2020

HOLDER NAME, PRECEDED BY NAME AND TITLE
OF PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF HOLDER,
IF HOLDER IS AN ENTITY

SIGNATURE

DATE

APPROVED:

Kelly Russell
Forest Supervisor
National Forest's in Florida



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NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER

SIGNATURE

DATE

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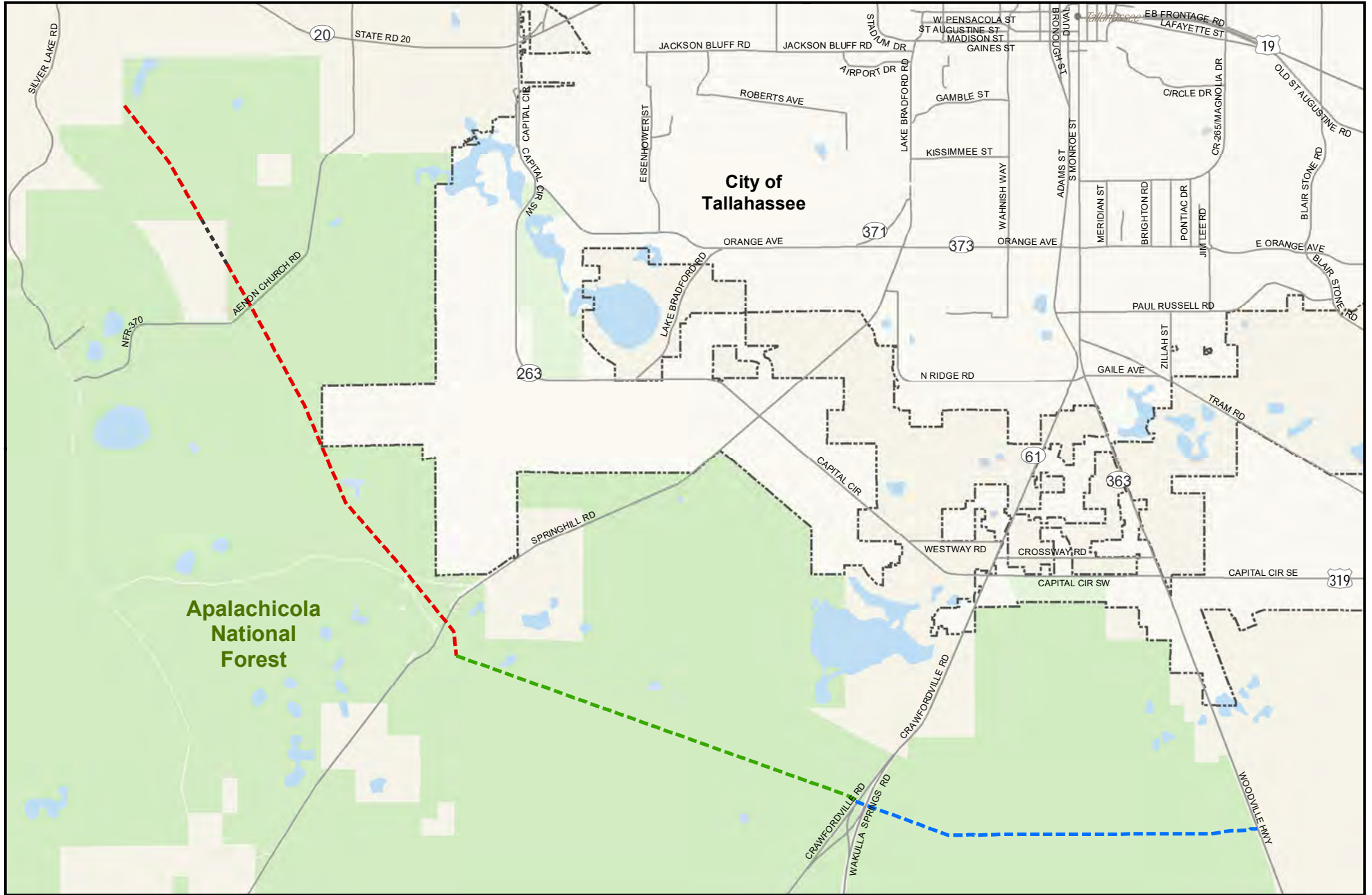
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APPENDIX A

Maps, Surveys Plats, Site Plans, and Engineer Drawings of the Permitted Area

Gulf Power Company Powerline Project

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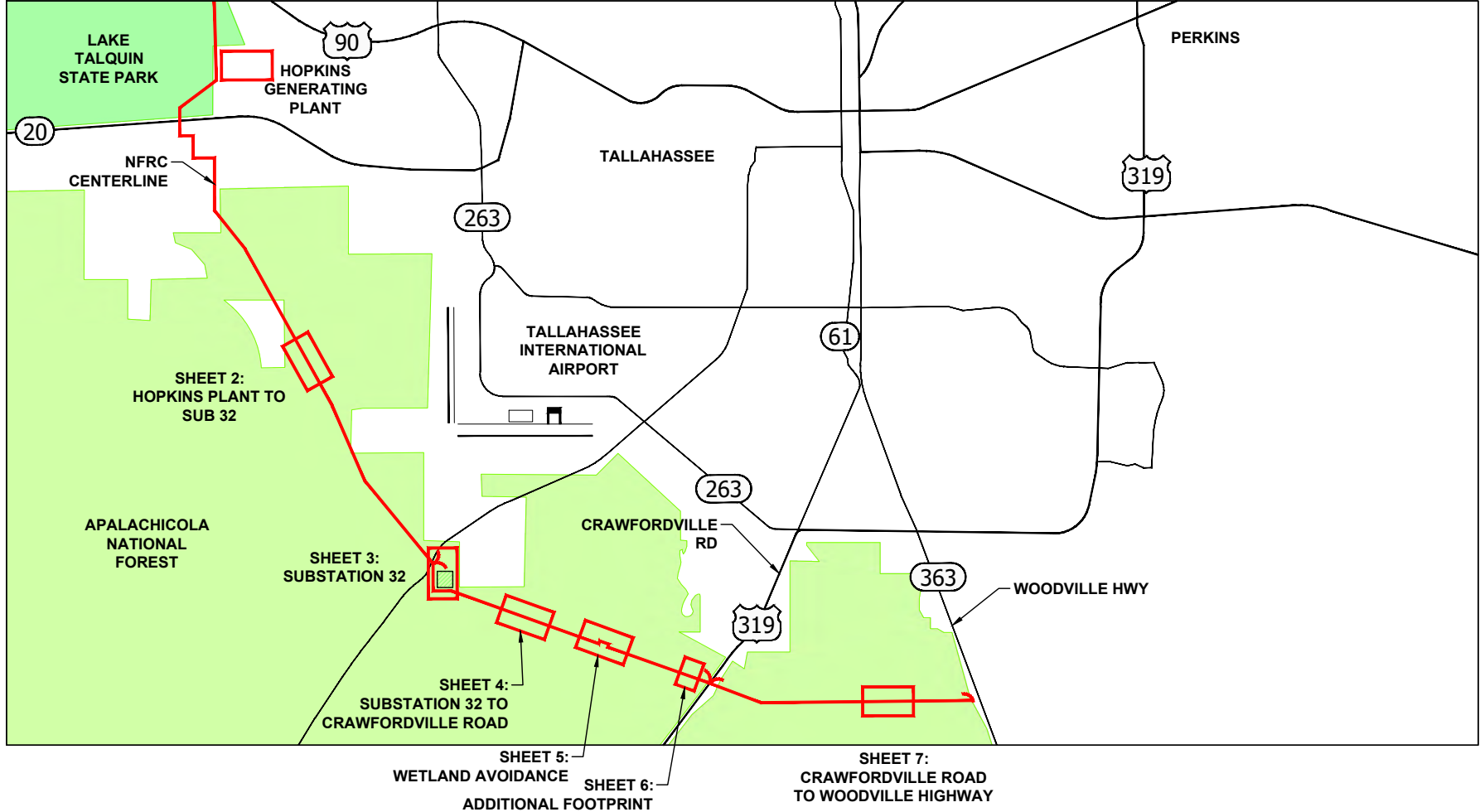
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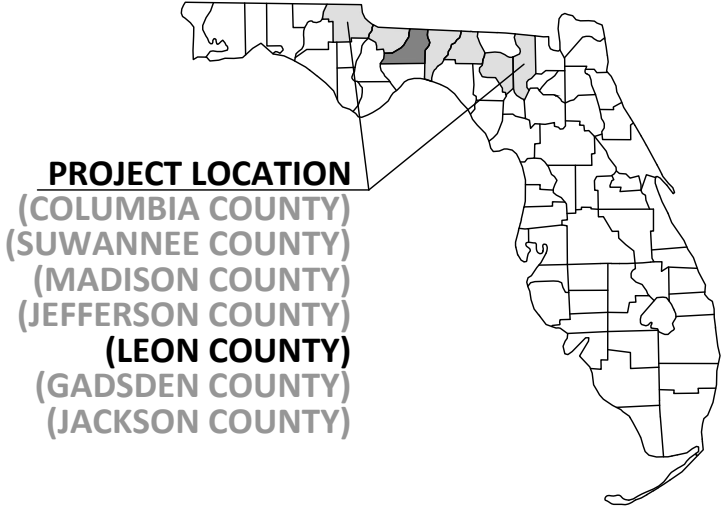
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NORTH FLORIDA RESILIENCY CONNECTION 161kV TRANSMISSION LINE BUILD APALACHICOLA NATIONAL FOREST




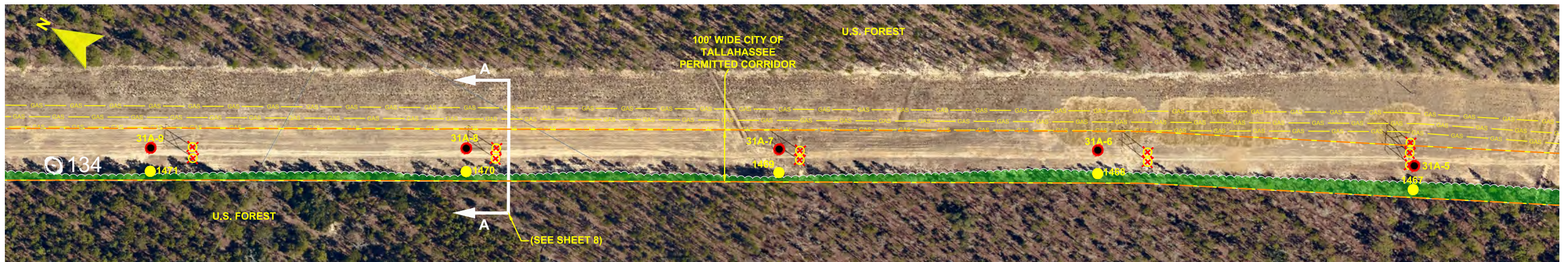
APALACHICOLA NATIONAL FOREST KEY MAP



PROJECT LOCATION
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 (MADISON COUNTY)
 (JEFFERSON COUNTY)
(LEON COUNTY)
 (GADSDEN COUNTY)
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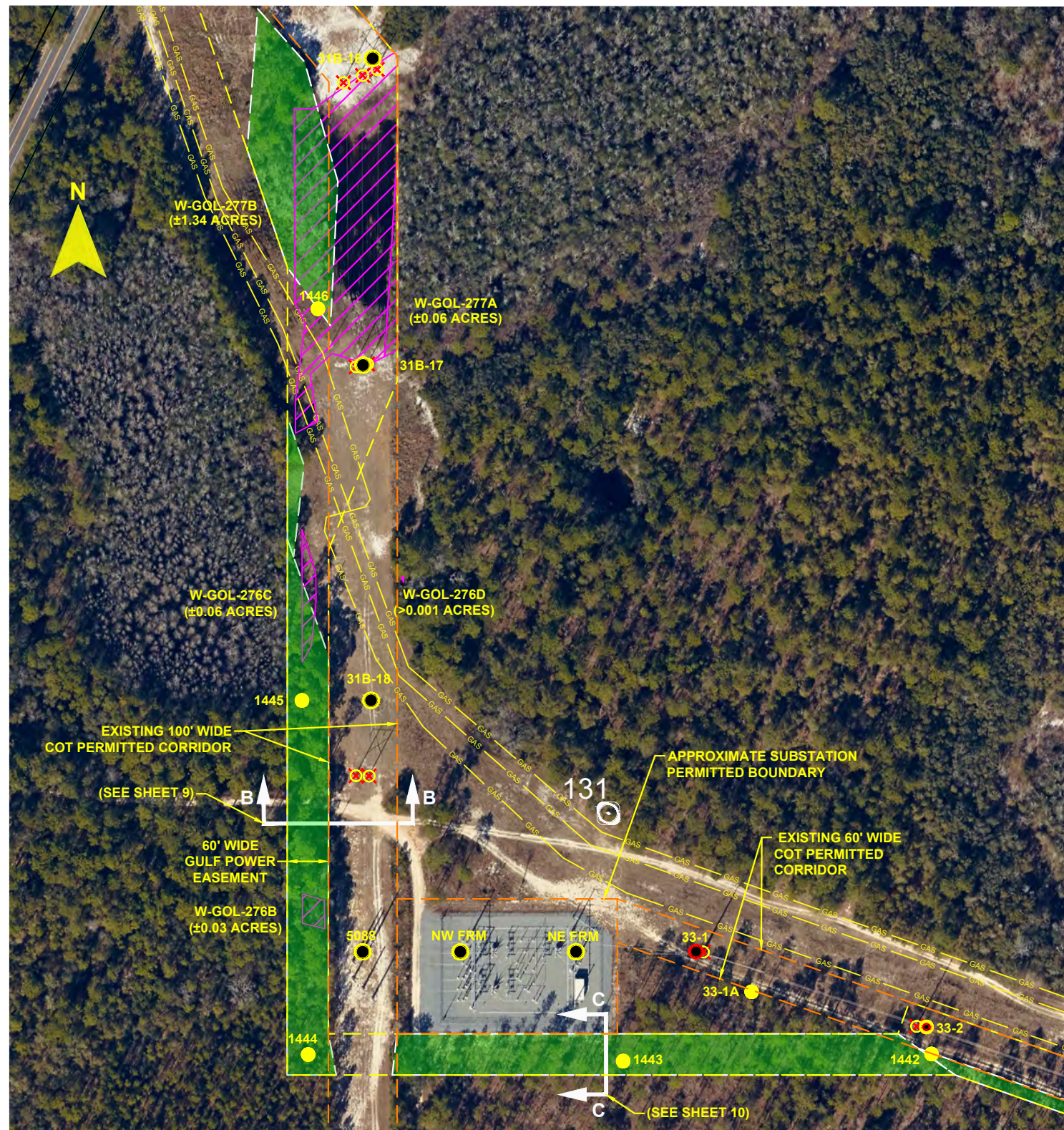
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	PROJECT MILE MARKER

NOTE:
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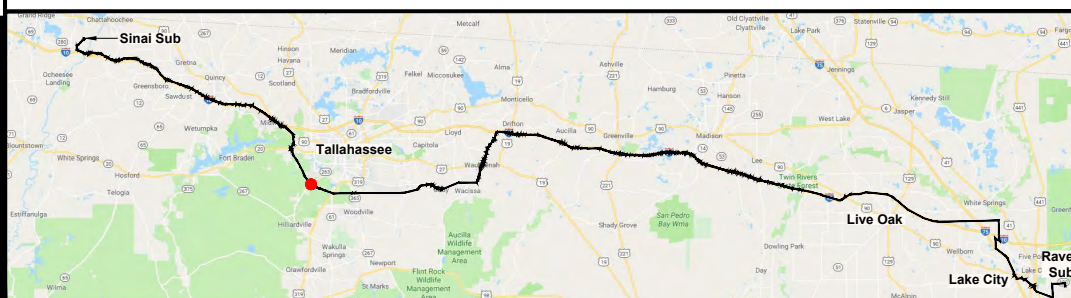
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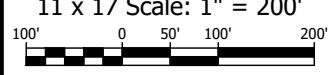
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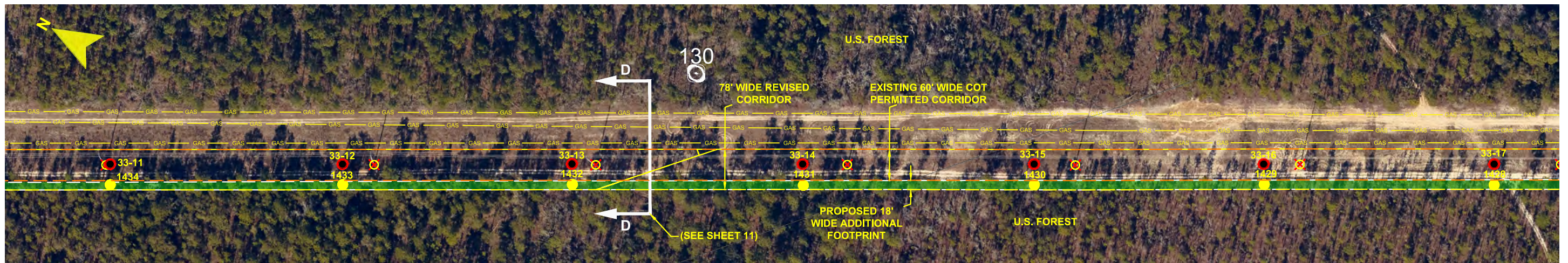


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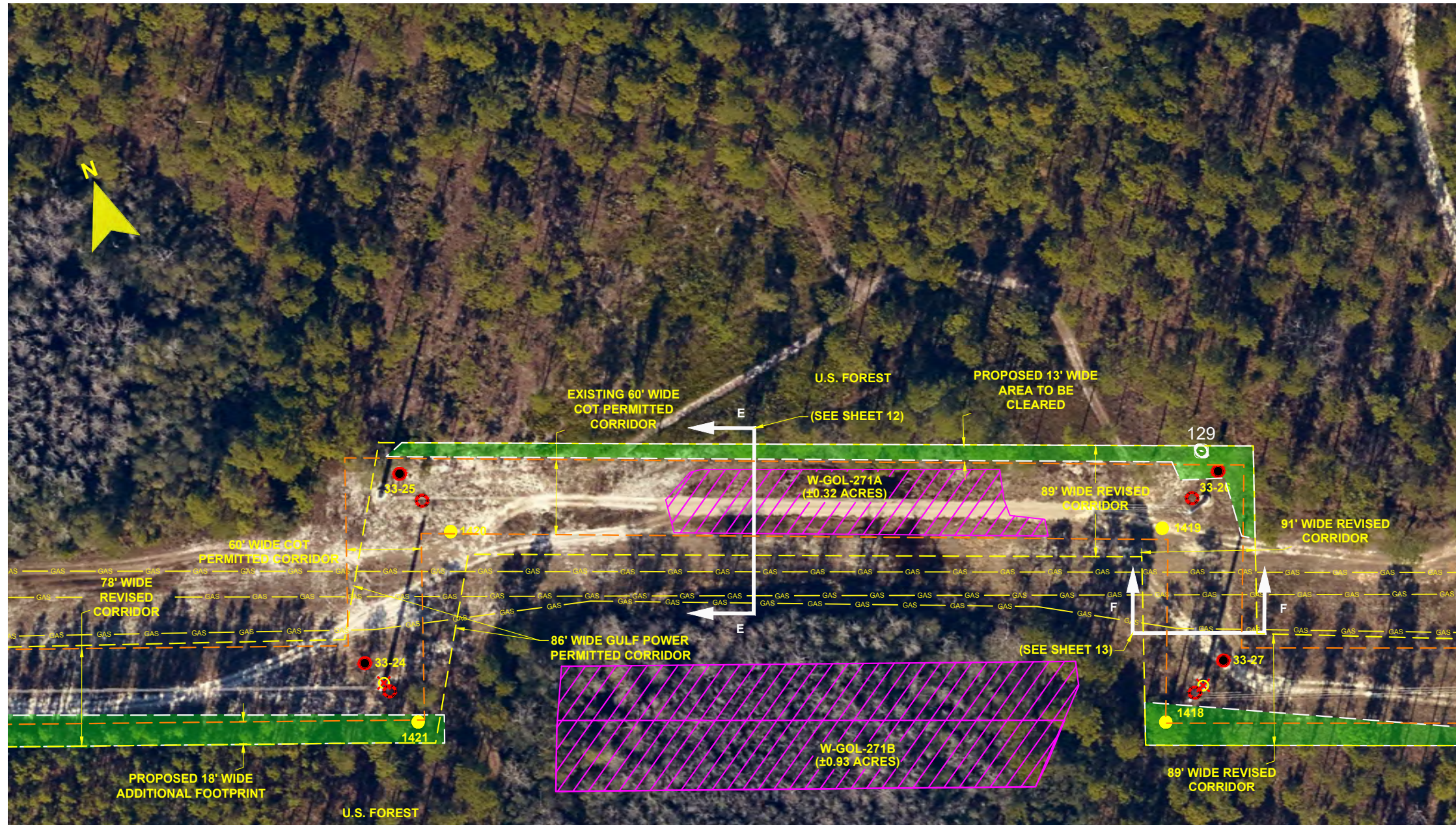
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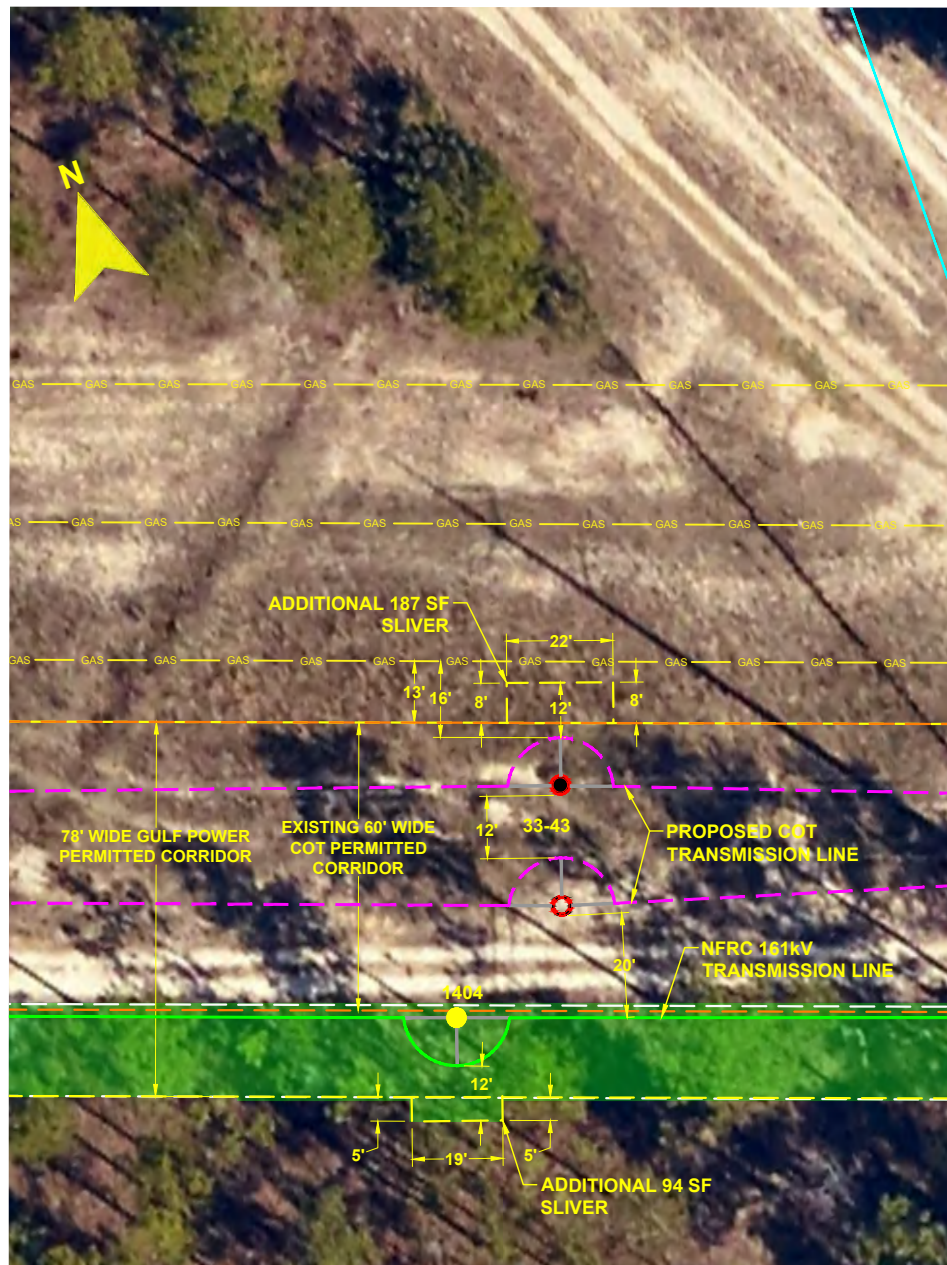
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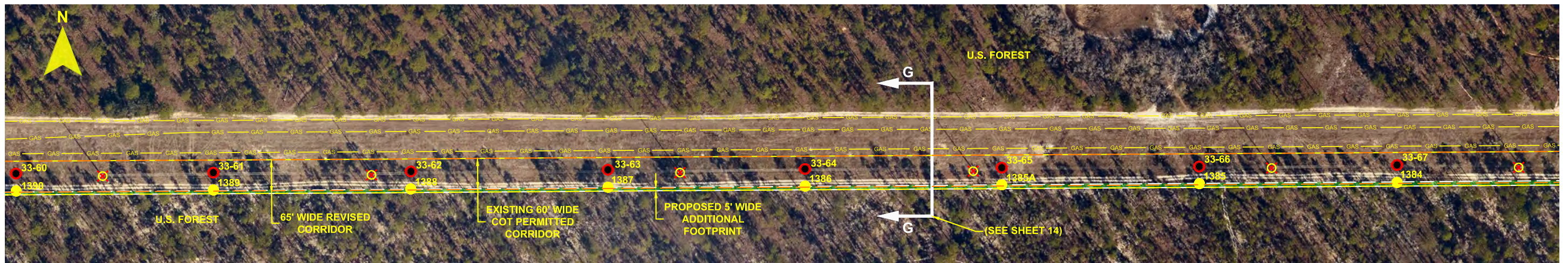
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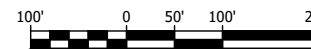
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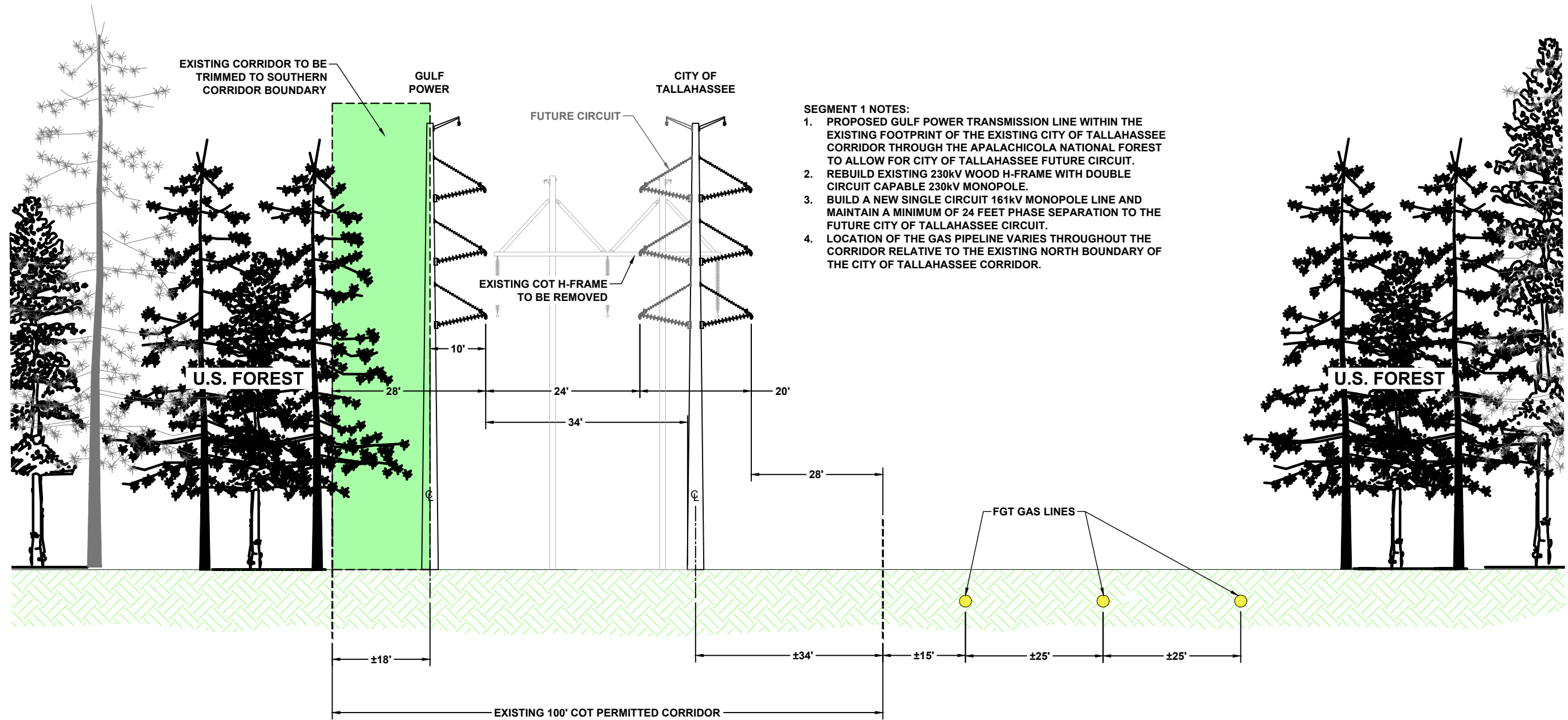
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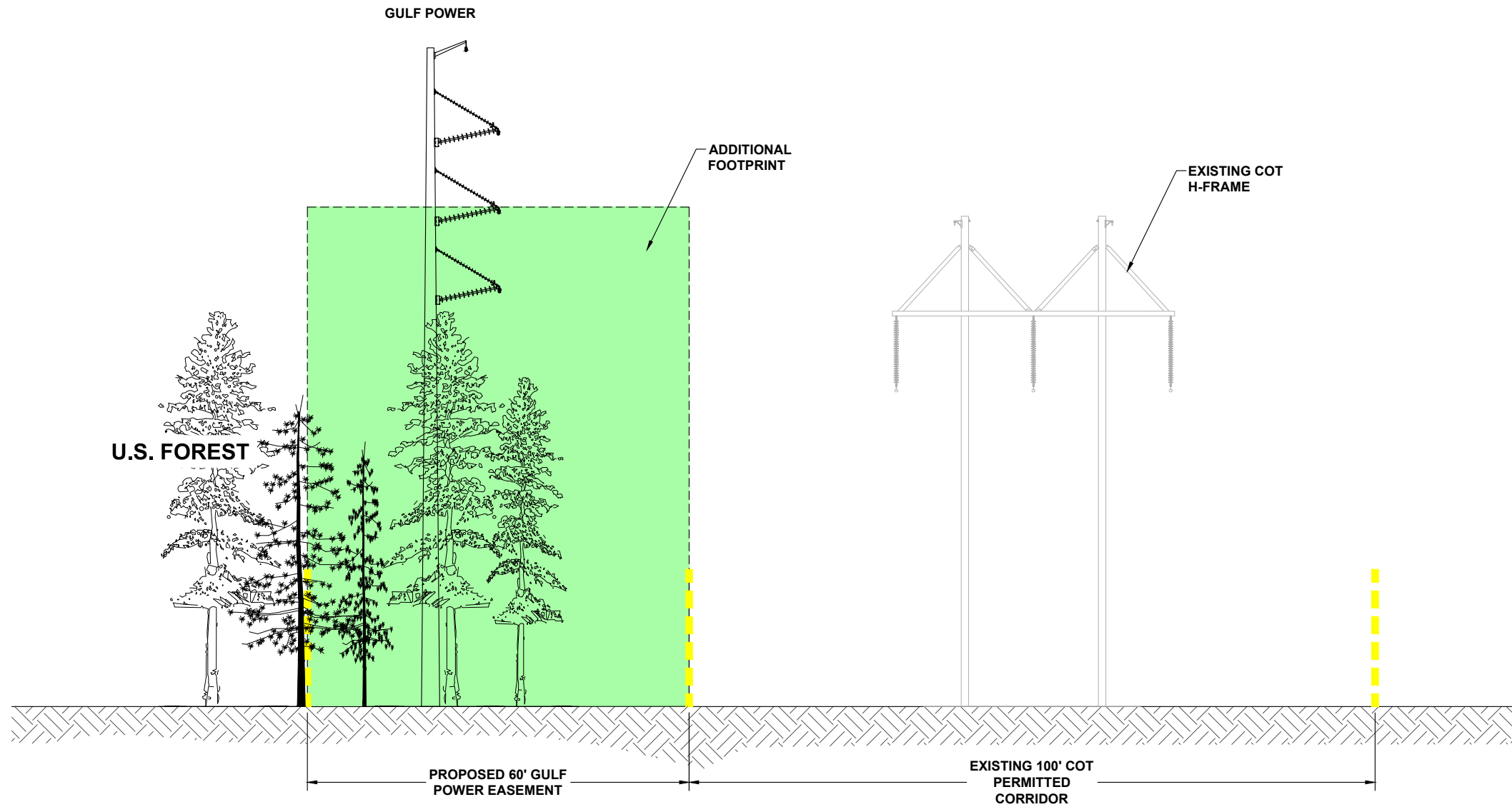
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2. REBUILD EXISTING 230KV WOOD H-FRAME WITH DOUBLE CIRCUIT CAPABLE 230KV MONOPOLE.
3. BUILD A NEW SINGLE CIRCUIT 161KV MONOPOLE LINE AND MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF 24 FEET PHASE SEPARATION TO THE FUTURE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE CIRCUIT.
4. LOCATION OF THE GAS PIPELINE VARIES THROUGHOUT THE CORRIDOR RELATIVE TO THE EXISTING NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE CORRIDOR.

SECTION A-A - SEGMENT 1 - HOPKINS PLANT TO SUB 32
LOOKING NORTHWEST

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GULF POWER

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EXISTING COT H-FRAME


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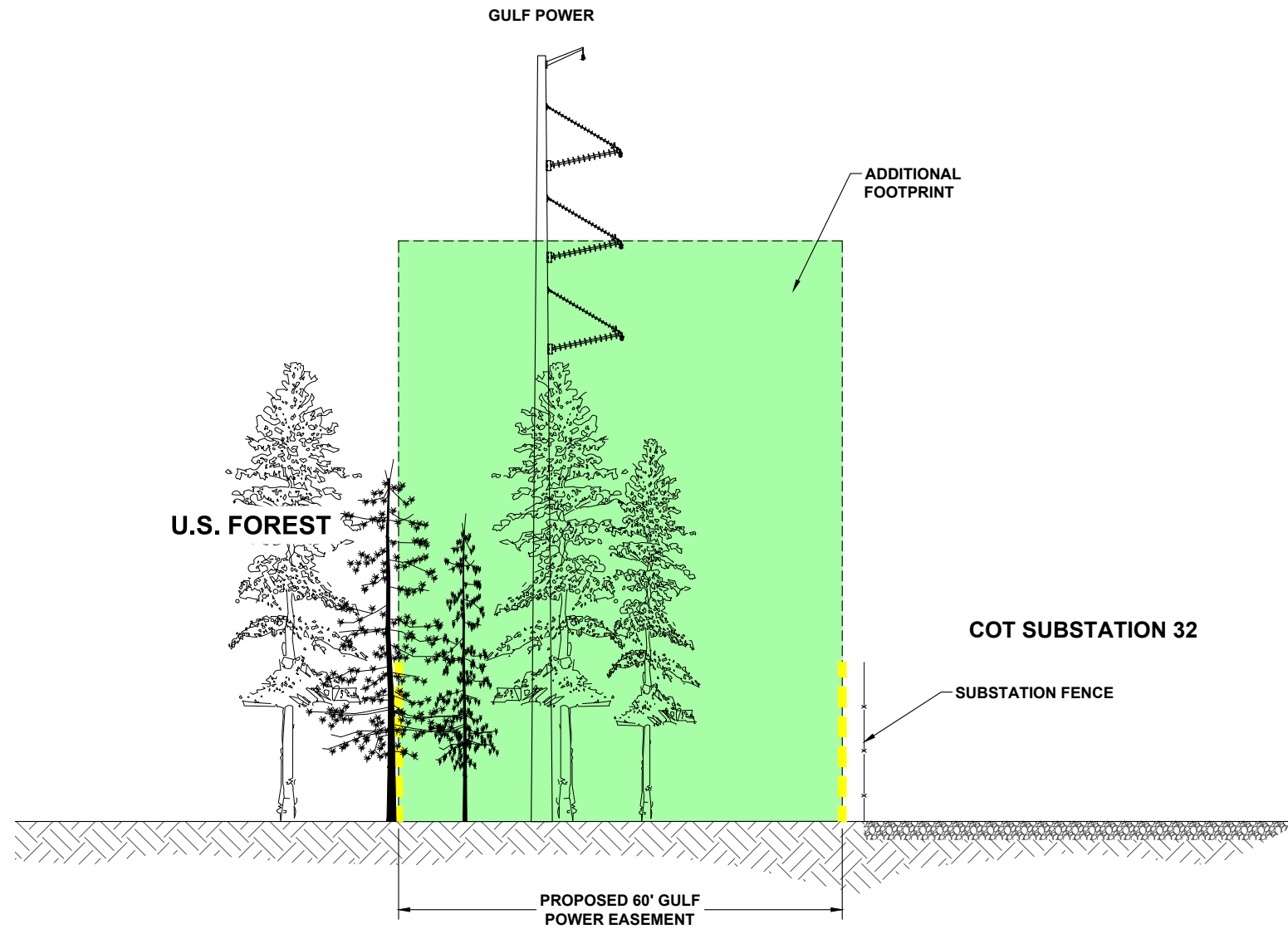
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SECTION B-B - SUBSTATION 32
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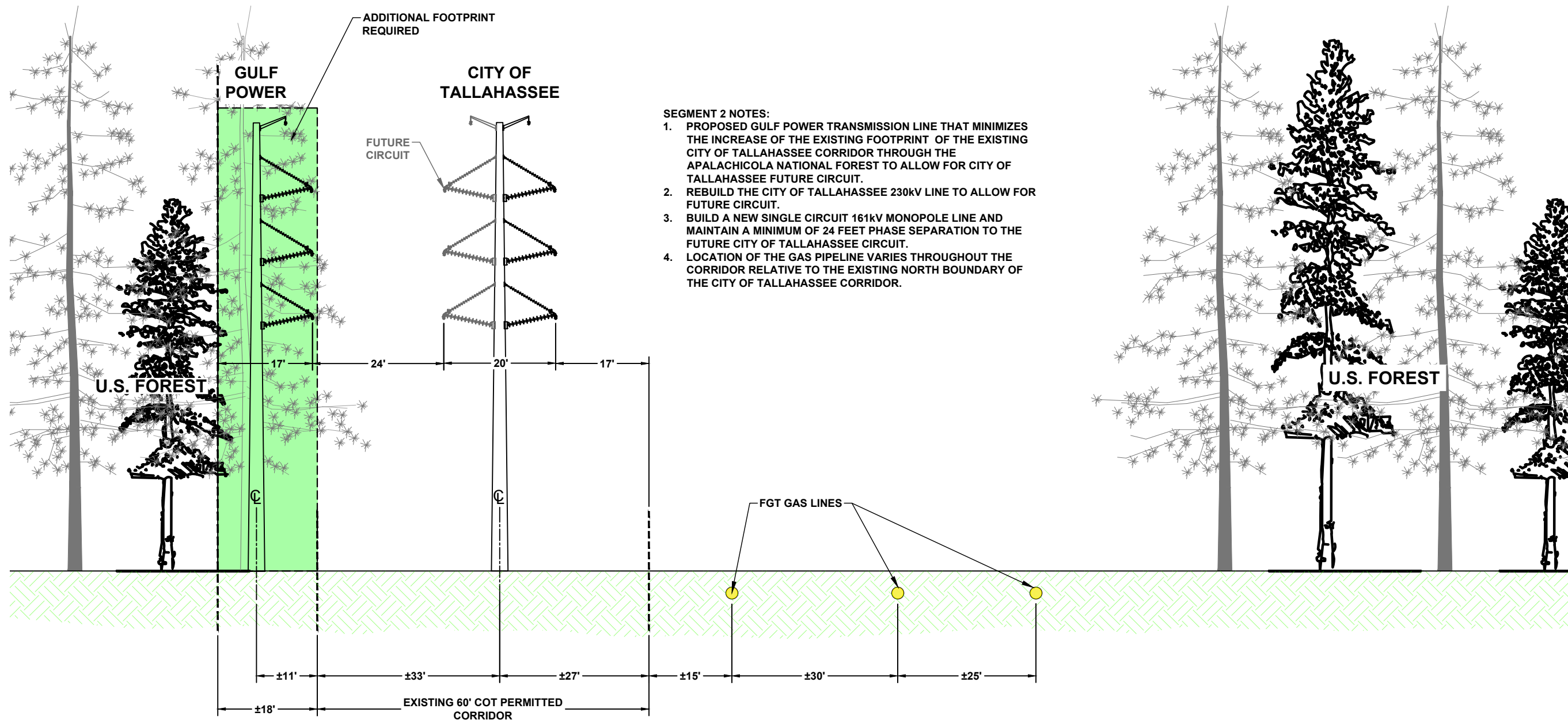


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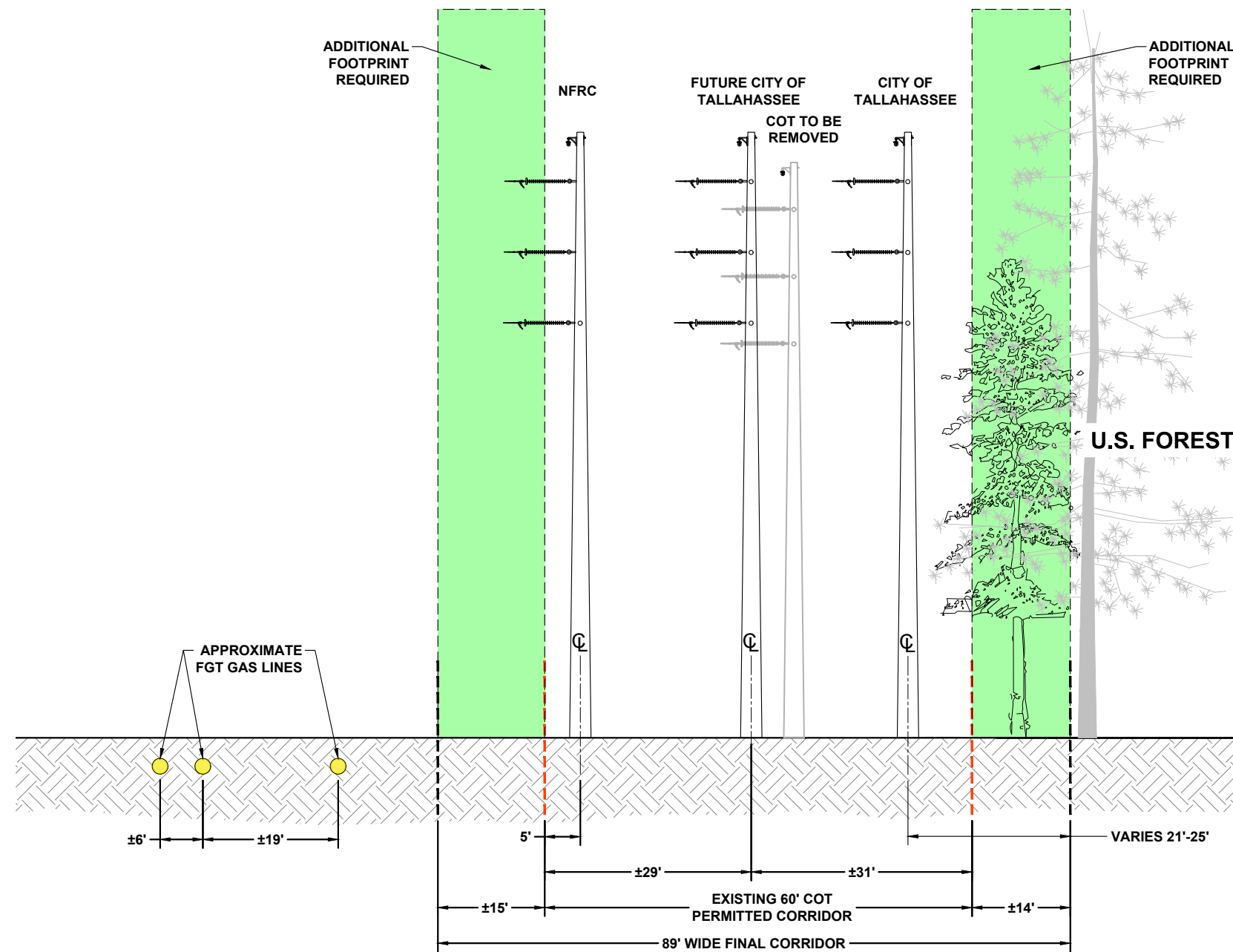
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2. REBUILD THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE 230KV LINE TO ALLOW FOR FUTURE CIRCUIT.
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4. LOCATION OF THE GAS PIPELINE VARIES THROUGHOUT THE CORRIDOR RELATIVE TO THE EXISTING NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE CORRIDOR.

**SECTION D-D - SEGMENT 2 - SUB 32 TO CRAWFORDVILLE ROAD
LOOKING NORTHWEST**

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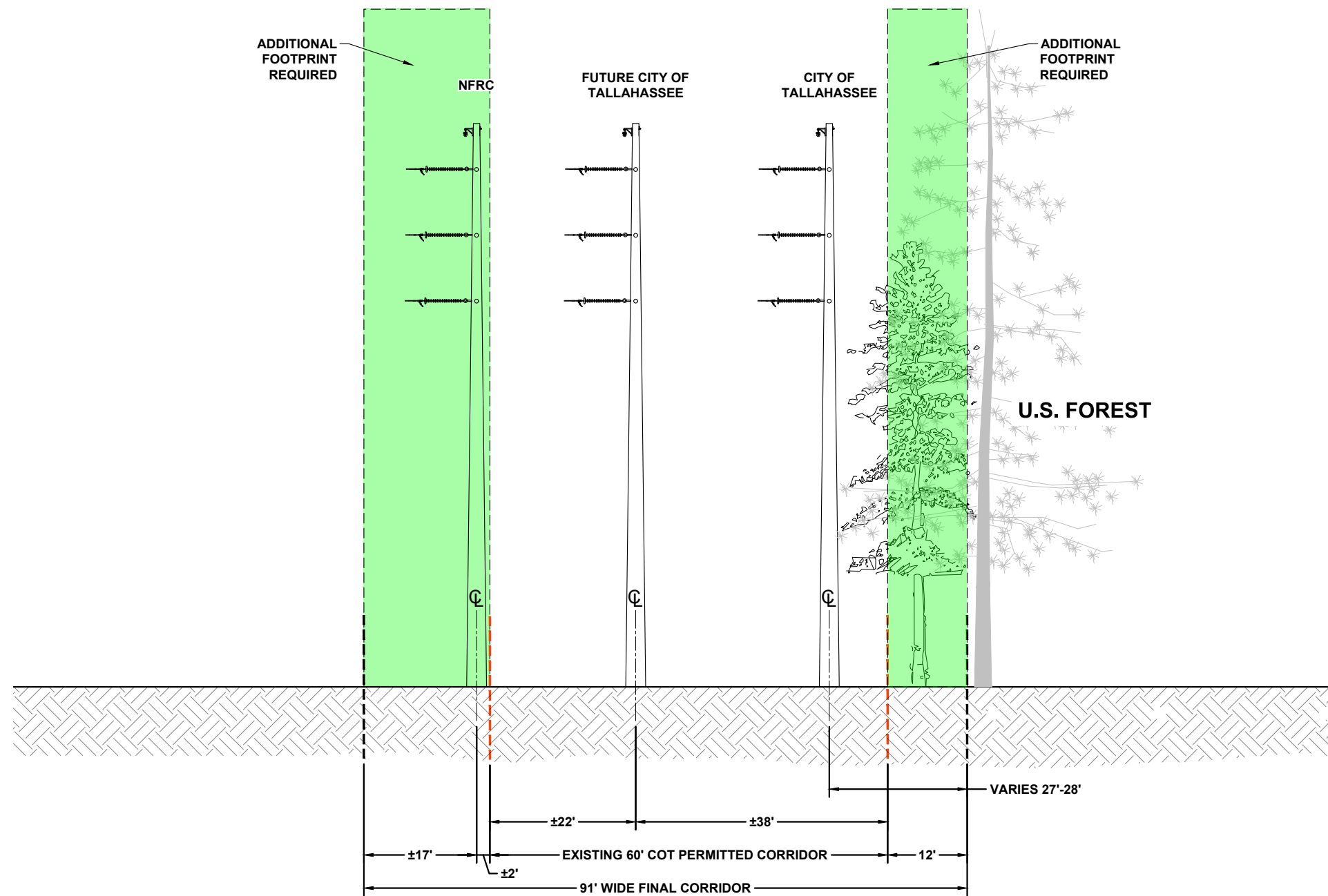


SECTION E-E - WETLAND AVOIDANCE
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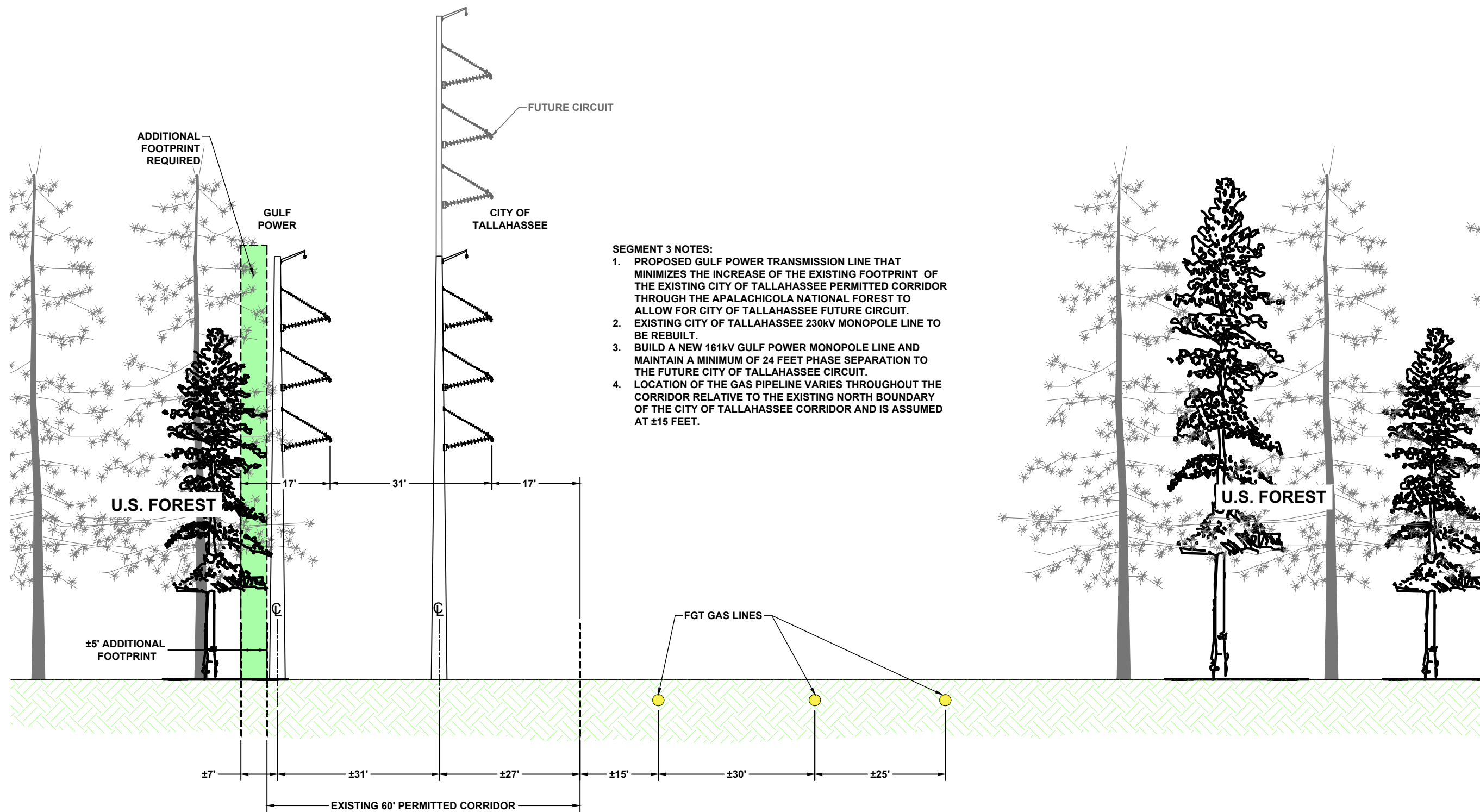


SECTION F-F - WETLAND AVOIDANCE
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 2. EXISTING CITY OF TALLAHASSEE 230kV MONOPOLE LINE TO BE REBUILT.
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 4. LOCATION OF THE GAS PIPELINE VARIES THROUGHOUT THE CORRIDOR RELATIVE TO THE EXISTING NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE CORRIDOR AND IS ASSUMED AT ±15 FEET.

**SECTION G-G - SEGMENT 3 - CRAWFORVILLE ROAD TO WOODVILLE HIGHWAY
LOOKING WEST**

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APPENDIX B

**List and Location of Access
Roads and Trails**

**Gulf Power Company
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APPENDIX B: List and Location of Access Roads and Trails

The Following Roads are accessible to the General Public according to the Motorized Vehicle Use Map Provided by the Forest Service. These roads will be used as means of egress and ingress to the permitted area:

1. Woodville Road
2. Crawfordville Road
3. Springhill Road
4. Aenon Church Road
5. Creek Stable Road
6. Dog Lake Tower Road
7. Bice Road

APPENDIX C
Operating Plan

Gulf Power Company
Powerline Project

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OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Gulf Power Company

Power Line Rights-of-Way

Apalachicola National Forest

12/17/2020

I. INTRODUCTION

Special use permits (Permit) granted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service (FS) authorize various rights-of-way (ROW) to **Gulf Power Company** (Holder) for the operation and maintenance of power line facilities on National Forest System lands (NFS) in the State of Florida as described in the permit’s maps with location, lengths, and widths.

This Operation and Management Plan (Plan) was prepared in accordance with provision mandatory terms and condition clauses of the permit and shall become part of the permit. The provisions of this Plan are considered binding terms and conditions of the Permit and may be amended as conditions change.

II. COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

The following communication protocol is designed to promote clear and consistent communication between the Holder and the FS, help ensure issues are addressed quickly and satisfactorily, and make certain the Holder’s Permit is updated as needed.

A. USDA Forest Service, Florida National Forest Contact Information

The Florida National Forest Special Use Manager shall serve as the FS designated contact for all of the Holder’s operation and maintenance activities on NFS lands. Before initiating any activities on NFS lands, the Holder’s representative shall contact the Special Use Program Manager in accordance with terms and condition clauses of the permit (permit clauses) and with provisions described in this Plan. The Special Use Manager will coordinate any necessary approvals from the FS Responsible Official or the FS Authorized Officer; and/or, if necessary, put the Holder in contact with a designated representative for each affected Ranger District.

If emergencies arising from flood, fire, storms, vandalism, or other factors cause or require a power outage during FS office hours and the Special Use Manager cannot be reached, the Holder shall contact the District Ranger responsible for the area where the emergency exists (see Table 1). If neither can be reach, or if an emergency occurs after hours or on weekends, the Holder may take action to address the emergency and shall contact the Special Use Program Manager the next normal workday. The Holder shall, at a minimum, provide the location of the outage, extent of damage, equipment required for repairs, and whether surface disturbance and overland travel outside approved roads is/was necessary.

Table 1. FS Contact Information.

FS Office	Contact	Address	Phone Number	Email
Florida National Forest	Special Use Program Manager	325 John Knox Road Suite F-100 Tallahassee FL 32303	850-631-0748	pablo.juarbemartinez@usda.gov
Apalachicola National Forest	District Ranger	57 Taff Drive Crawfordville, FL 32327	850-363-7214	birk.roseman@usda.gov

B. Holder Contact Information

Franck Leblanc, Director of Environmental Services for Florida Power and Light Company serves as the Holder’s primary contact for all activities on NFS lands. Other contacts for the Holder are listed in Table 2.

Table 2. **Holder Contact Information.**

Contact Name	Contact Title	Address	Phone Number	Email
Franck Leblanc	Director of Environmental Services	Director, Environmental Services Florida Power and Light Company 15430 Endeavor Drive DO1/JW Jupiter, FL 33478	561-301-1511	Franck.L.Lebblanc@fpl.com

If Holder facilities are involved in a catastrophic event such as a wildfire, washout, or other detrimental occurrence, the FS is to notify one or all of the above mentioned Holder representatives as soon as plausible.

C. Submitting Annual, Site-Specific Information about Operations

On or before January 1 of each year, the Holder shall provide the Special Use Manager a written list of anticipated maintenance and/or reconstruction projects for the calendar year.

It is recommended that the Holder submit applicable maps from the permit and highlighted sections from land lists of the permit to provide this annual information. However, whatever format is used, the Holder shall ensure the following minimum information is provided prior to conducting activities within or outside the authorized ROW:

1. Line/facility identifier(s)
2. The line/facility location(s)
3. Permit map number(s)
4. The amount and type of work to be completed
5. Equipment to be used
6. What road or cross-country access the Holder desires to accomplish the work
7. The desired date for beginning and ending work.

The Holder shall provide sufficient detail for each project so the FS may ascertain the potential impacts of the proposed activities and work with the Holder, if necessary, to develop appropriate design or mitigation measures for the project in accordance permit clauses.

If the Holder’s proposed work meets the FS definition of routine maintenance (see permit clause) and no mitigation measures need to be developed, the FS will notify the Holder of their concurrence with proposed activities and work may begin.

If the Holder's anticipated work does not meet the FS definition of routine maintenance, and/or mitigation measures need to be developed, the Holder shall submit an SF-299 application, the proposal will be reviewed, and a decision made as to whether the desired activities will be authorized.

III. EXISTING LAND USES

A. Protection of Improvements

The Holder is responsible for protecting all existing improvements on NFS lands. The Holder shall restore to pre-damaged conditions, and to the satisfaction of the owner, any structure or utilities damaged by the Holder, its agents, or contractors. The Holder shall obtain information, if needed, from the FS and shall notify other Permit holders and regular users of NFS lands in advance of any construction and/or maintenance activity that might affect their businesses or operations. Notification will include, but not be limited to, posting signs for work on or adjacent to roadways and contacting affected parties about removal and/or cutting of fences, disturbances to improvements or other land use related structures, etc.

B. Public Access

The Holder will permit free and unrestricted public access to and upon the authorized ROWs for all lawful purposes, unless otherwise designated as restricted by the FS.

Because National Forest access roads and trails receive considerable recreational traffic throughout the year, the Holder shall not block roads and trails for greater than 15 minutes, except with FS written approval or in an emergency. When affecting traffic flow on roads open to public motorized vehicle use, the Holder shall develop and submit a traffic plan for FS approval prior to initiating activities on NFS lands.

C. Holder Motorized Access

The Permit does not authorize motorized vehicle use or use of motorized equipment on NFS lands outside the Holder's utility ROW or on roads closed to public motorized vehicle use. At any time, the Holder may drive to authorized power line ROWs from roads open to public motorized vehicle use. The Holder shall contact the Special Use Manager in advance of all other motorized operations, unless it is an emergency, outside the Holder's ROWs and obtain written FS approval.

Because access is important to the integrity of the Holder's facilities, the Holder's access will be granted as part of the Permit whenever reasonable.

Transport or use of tracked vehicles and equipment is prohibited on NFS lands, roads, and within the Holder's ROWs unless expressly authorized in writing by the FS. Heavy equipment is required to be hauled to the appropriate sites and then hauled out after activities are completed.

Use of off-highway vehicles (ATV/UTV) is prohibited on NFS lands and roads. The use of ATV/UTV is authorized within the Holder's ROWs for routine maintenance. Use should be limited to minimize rutting, erosion, and ground disturbance. Any damage caused shall be repaired immediately. Actions shall be taken by the Holder to prevent public ATV/UTV access of the utility ROWs.

D. Road and Area Closures

Road and/or Area Closures will be in accordance with the current Motor Vehicle Use Map for the Apalachicola National Forest. FS locks or locks provided by other authorized

agencies/cooperators/permit holders will be used at each applicable closure to facilitate entry for administrative use. During the closure, the Holder must contact the FS and obtain written FS approval to use the road or area.

IV. HEALTH AND SAFETY

A. Safety

The Holder is responsible for the safety of all personnel employed by itself or others in the performance of operation and maintenance activities. In the event of an accident, the Holder shall be responsible for providing proper first-aid and procuring evacuation assistance, if needed. Requests for medical evacuation, search and rescue, or law enforcement assistance will be made through the appropriate local Sheriff's Department.

B. Incident Notification Procedures

1. During FS office hours, the Holder shall notify the FS as soon as practicable (at least within 24 hours) of an accident occurring during the performance of operation and maintenance activities; this applies to the Holder's employees or contractors, a member of the public, or the environment. After hours and on weekends, the appropriate Sheriff's Office will be notified; the FS will be notified the next workday.
2. The Holder shall contact the FS Authorized Officer after the following incidents occur on NFS lands:
 - a. Any incident resulting in death, permanent disability, or personal injuries that are life threatening or that are likely to cause permanent disability;
 - b. Any failure of a structural, mechanical, electrical component and its primary connection, or operator error, which impairs the operation or function of a passenger ropeway in a way that could affect public safety, or any ropeway incident that requires reporting to State authorities;
 - c. A search and rescue operation to locate a person; or
 - d. Any incident that had or has high potential for serious personal injury, significant property damage, or significant environmental or other natural resource damage, including but not limited to avalanches, landslides, flooding, fire, structural failures or release of hazardous substances.
3. The Holder will provide a copy of the accident report to the FS Law Enforcement Officer as soon as it is completed.

C. Waste Disposal

The Holder shall remove all refuse and waste from NFS lands and dispose of it in a designated landfill or appropriate waste disposal site. Disposal sites on NFS lands will only be used with prior designation and written approval of the FS. Refuse and waste is defined as any discarded material, trash, garbage, packing material, containers, waste petroleum products, broken equipment (poles, cross arms, wire, other hardware), used parts, excess construction materials including waste rock and excess excavation, or human waste.

V. HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

A. Fuels and Lubricants

Maintenance and construction equipment will not be refueled or maintained within stream or drainage channels, wetlands, or floodplains, or upon or adjacent to agricultural lands. No equipment will be re-fueled within 300 feet of any wetland or waterway unless prior written approval of the FS is obtained.

All equipment will be regularly inspected for leaks. Any significant leaks detected will be promptly corrected. During fueling operations, personnel will prevent overflow of equipment. Absorbent materials will be kept at the work site to clean up and contain spills. Vehicles and equipment with leaks will have drip pans, heavy plastic sheeting or other containment devices placed on the ground beneath them as a preventative measure to contain any potential spills, and the vehicle or equipment will not be used until the leak is corrected.

B. Prevention of Oil Spills and Contamination

The Holder shall not dispose of any oil, oil products, or petroleum containers on NFS lands. Appropriate preventive measures shall be taken to insure that any such spill of oil or oil products does not enter any stream or other waters of the United States. The Holder shall notify the FS when a spill does occur, and cleanup will be in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations and all applicable state environmental laws. When applicable, the Holder shall prepare a Spill Prevention Control and Counter Measure Plan and provide a copy to the FS prior to work commencement.

C. Hazardous Materials

The Holder will be responsible for any hazmat associated with their facilities and as stated in the permit clauses.

VI. FIRE PROTECTION PLAN

The Holder will take appropriate fire prevention and suppression measures in conjunction with its operations and maintenance on the ROWs. The Holder shall comply with Florida Forest Service fire regulations and guidelines. The FS may make periodic inspections. Failure to comply shall result in a temporary shutdown of all non-compliant maintenance activities until compliance is met.

VII. OPERATIONS

A. Permit Requirements

The Holder shall obtain all necessary local, State, and federal permits and develop detailed plans before the start of a project.

B. Workforce and Living Facilities

No camps (living facilities) will be developed on public lands unless specifically authorized in writing by the FS.

C. Routine Maintenance Activities

Best Management Practices will be followed during the performance of all activities to ensure the protection of streams, wetlands, soils, and vegetation and prevent the spread of non-native, invasive species.

Routine maintenance is considered to include the following activities:

1. Ground-based cutting or mowing of vegetation that is less than or equal to 5 inches at diameter breast height within the authorized width of the ROWs and that is not within a floodplain, flood prone area, riparian area, wetland, or area of visual concern.
2. Aerial cutting/trimming of vegetation within the authorized ROWs.
3. Ground-based, hand trimming to remove overhanging limbs from the ROW.
4. Repairing lines or other authorized structures when such repairs would not result in any earth disturbing activities (such as digging, excavation, etc.).
5. Using motorized vehicles (passenger vehicles and utility trucks, but not ATV/UTV) on roads open to public motorized vehicle use or on roads specifically listed and authorized in writing by the FS. Use of ATV/UTV authorized on the authorized ROWs only.

D. Activities Other Than Routine Maintenance

The following activities are **NOT** defined as routine maintenance:

1. Ground-based cutting or mowing of vegetation greater than 5 inches at diameter breast height within the authorized ROWs when such use is not already authorized in the Holder's Permit.
2. Any ground-based cutting or mowing of vegetation outside the authorized ROWs.
3. Performing activities that require earth disturbance (such as digging, excavating, etc.).
4. Any ground-based cutting or mowing within floodplains, floodprone areas, riparian areas, wetland, and areas of visual concern (such as along a road open to public motorized vehicle use or adjacent to or near a Forest System trail).
5. Use of motorized vehicles and equipment on NFS lands outside of the ROWs, cross country, or on roads not open to public motorized travel (gated roads, old woods roads, etc.) when such use is not already authorized specifically by the Holder's Permit.
6. Burning.

If any of the above activities need to be performed, the Holder shall notify the FS well in advance (**preferably at least six months in advance**) of the desired project initiation date. The FS shall complete any necessary cost recovery, environmental analysis; identify any special design measures or conditions that may need to be followed to protect natural resources and/or the public; and, if needed, modify the Holder's Permit.

E. Vegetation Management

1. Slash Disposal - The Holder shall be responsible for disposing of slash (branches) and other debris created because of vegetation clearing, logging, or other activities. Slash shall be treated to meet applicable FS and State standards for hazard reduction. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the FS, the following standards shall apply:
 - a. Slash shall be lopped and scattered to lie within three feet of the ground, in lengths not to exceed eight feet when individual pieces exceed four inches in diameter at any point.
 - b. Trails, roads, road shoulders, road prisms, culverts, ditches, and other drainage structures shall be cleared of all slash and debris resulting from the Holder's or their contractor's activities.
 - c. No vegetation will be cut within 25 feet of Forest Service trails or Forest Service roads that

are open to public motorized vehicle use.

2. Disposition of Merchantable Timber – Before cutting of merchantable timber, the Holder shall compensate the FS for the value of timber that may be damaged, destroyed, or removed from NFS lands.
 - a. The following are the FS minimum merchantability standards for live and recently dead timber:
 - Hardwood Sawtimber: 12.0 inches diameter breast height (dbh, 4.5 feet above ground on the uphill side)
 - Southern Yellow Pine Sawtimber: 11.0 inches diameter breast height (dbh, 4.5 feet above ground on the uphill side)
 - Hardwood Pulpwood: 6.0 inches diameter breast height (dbh, 4.5 feet above ground on the uphill side)
 - Softwood-other: 5.0 inches diameter breast height (dbh, 4.5 feet above ground on the uphill side)
 - b. After payment is made and the FS has approved the Holder’s proposed harvest plan, the Holder shall be responsible for removing all merchantable volume and rehabilitating any site disturbed by the Holder’s removal operations.
 - c. Individual trees or groups of trees the Holder and the FS mutually agree are cost prohibitive, infeasible, impractical, unreasonable, or unsafe to remove may be left on site after payment; provided that the FS shall retain authority to specify disposition measures (lopping, bucking, etc.) for such trees or groups of trees.
 - d. When the measuring of merchantable timber is not justified because of the quantity involved, the FS, at its sole discretion, may waive payment for such merchantable products; provided that the FS shall retain authority to specify disposition measures to prevent any commercial use.

F. Removal of Bird Nests

The Holder shall obtain necessary permits prior to moving any osprey, eagle, tortoises federally protected species and/or any other threatened or endangered species and their nests from their facilities. In concert with obtaining the permit(s), the Holder shall notify and coordinate with the FS and their designated District Wildlife Biologist. In emergencies, where a threat of damage or harm to life or property exists, the FS will be notified on the next normal workday.

G. Erosion Control

1. The Holder shall seed all exposed areas of bare soil following any ground disturbing activities. Disturbed soils shall not remain bare more than 14 days. The Holder shall monitor seeded areas to ensure ground cover is successfully established. The Holder shall obtain recommendations from the Apalachicola National Forest regarding seed type material to be used.
2. Disturbed soils shall be rehabilitated by fertilizing, liming, seeding, mulching, and/or constructing structural measures as soon as possible, but generally within two weeks after

project completion or prior to periods of inactivity.

3. FS approved erosion control measures (e.g. waterbars, drain-dip, filter fence, straw bales, slash filter windrow, slash mats, etc.) shall be used prior to seeding to control erosion and minimize the deposit of sediment in streams.
4. Water bars shall be installed at intervals not to exceed the following:
 - a. Slope of 5-10%, water bar spacing is every 100-200 ft
 - b. Slope of 10-15%, water bar spacing is every 67-100 ft
 - c. Slope of 15-20%, water bar spacing is every 67-50 ft
 - d. Slope greater than 20%, water bar spacing is every 50 ft
5. Water bars must extend off the ROW to outlet flow on natural ground and be free draining – no pooling of water. Under certain conditions, silt fencing may be added to water bars during early water bar installation to achieve the best erosion control efforts for loose soils.
6. The soil on areas to be seeded shall be left in a roughened condition favorable to the retention and germination of the seed; usually ½ inch of surface soil shall be in a loose condition. The FS, depending upon the disturbed area, may also prescribe scarification, fertilizing, and/or mulching.
7. Topsoil should be retained to improve the soil medium for plant growth on areas to be disturbed by construction. Topsoil should be salvaged from an area during construction and stockpiled for use during subsequent reclamation, or obtained from an alternate site. On some areas, soil material may have to be added to obtain vigorous plant growth. Soil to be used for this purpose should have chemical tests made to determine its desirability for use.
8. Topsoil or substitute materials used in reclamation should consist of friable soil reasonably free of grass, roots, weeds, sticks, stones, or other foreign material.
9. Activities that may result in accelerated erosion and loss of organic matter should have one or more of the following practices applied to mitigate potential effects:
 - a. Limiting mineral soil exposure,
 - b. Appropriately dispersing excess water,
 - c. Ensuring sufficient effective groundcover,
 - d. Stabilizing disturbed soils through revegetation, mulching, or other appropriate means,
 - e. Preventing or minimizing excessive compaction, displacement, puddling, erosion, or burning of soils,
 - f. Preventing or minimizing the initiation or acceleration of mass soil movement (e.g. slumps, debris flows, or landslides).

H. Removal of Equipment

All cable, hardware, materials, equipment, tools, etc. shall be removed from NFS lands once no longer needed. Also all poles and cross-members will be removed unless approved in writing by the FS.

I. Noxious Weed Control

The Holder shall be responsible for preventing and controlling noxious weeds and/or exotic plants

of concern on the area authorized by the permit clauses. The Holder shall adhere to all prevention and control measures prescribed by the FS:

1. All equipment (mechanized and non-mechanized equipment) and materials shall be free from soil, seeds, plant parts, or other material that could contain or hold seeds when such equipment arrives onto NFS lands. Equipment and materials shall not be cleaned on NFS lands.
2. When leaving one area of NFS lands, all equipment (mechanized and non-mechanized equipment) must be cleaned to the above standard prior to entering another area of NFS land.
3. If any seeding is necessary, the seed mix shall not contain any invasive plants. Seeding proposals shall identify the scientific names of all species to be planted and shall be submitted to the FS for review and approval prior to implementation. Seed shall be accompanied by the vendor's test results, which must demonstrate that the seed is substantially free of noxious weeds.
4. Hay or fescue shall not be used on NFS lands. Instead, use clean wheat straw mulch, other FS approved material that is not likely to contain seeds or viable parts of invasive plants.

J. Pesticide (Herbicide) Use

Use of pesticides is specifically prohibited unless otherwise approved in writing by the FS Authorized Officer. If the use of either is desired, the Holder shall submit an SF-299 Application form that clearly describes the reason such use is needed, the area to be affected, the type and strength of the pesticide proposed for use, and any other information needed for the FS to assess the environmental consequences and make an informed decision.

K. Relocation of Existing Facilities

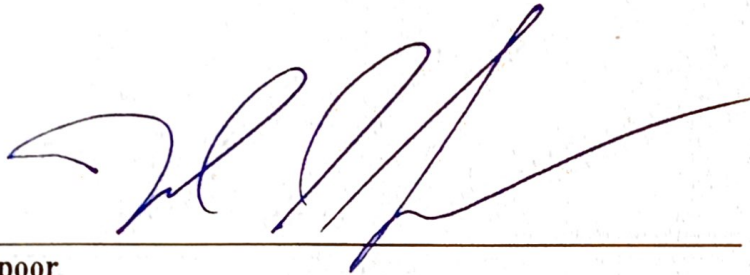
If the relocation of an existing facility becomes necessary, the Holder will submit a relocation plan with alternative sites for evaluation. The FS will approve of a new location adhering to Forest resource management plans and in conformance with the National Environmental Planning Act process.

L. Facility and Sign Maintenance and Replacement

The Holder shall follow Federal, State, and local laws and regulations when maintaining and replacing facilities and signs. When not in conflict with such laws and regulations, the Holder shall install and maintain facilities that are green or brown to blend with surrounding vegetation.

Identification markers shall be installed along all buried lines. These markers shall be installed at intervals adequate to inform the public of their location.

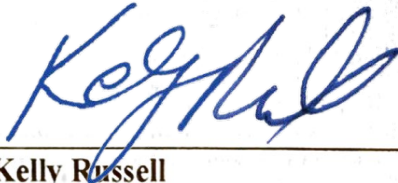
VIII. ACCEPTANCE



12/18/2020

Mike Spoor
Gulf Power Company
Vice-President, Power Delivery

(Date)



12/22/2020

Kelly Russell
National Forest's in Florida
Forest Supervisor

(Date)

NOTE: All electrical powerline special use permits require an operation and maintenance plan (Plan) to be part of the permit. This Plan shall be used for all special use permits issued to Gulf Power Company. The Plan shall be in effect with or without Gulf Power Company acceptance signature. The Plan shall be reviewed annually and updated only when operating procedures change.

APPENDIX D
Timber Removal
Specifications

Gulf Power Company
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Timber Removal Specifications

Timber designated for cutting shall be confined to the right-of-way that was agreed upon in this permit. Timber 4.9 inches in diameter or less and 12 feet in minimum length will be cut, chipped, and scattered or hauled off site depending on quantity. Timber 5.0 inches in diameter and 12 feet in minimum length and above shall be cut, delimbed, and decked as directed by the Forest Service sale administration team. Once the timber is decked, Forest Service personnel will measure the decks and calculate an estimated volume. The Forest Service will then issue a permit to the purchaser and the decked timber can then be hauled off site.

The rates used to value the timber to be removed will be the current Non-Sawtimber base rates for the fiscal year during which the timber is cut. At the time of permit issuance (first quarter of fiscal year 2021), these rates were \$3.00 per CCF (Centum Cubic Foot = 100 ft³).

For additional information on timber removal specifications, the Holder shall contact the following:

Cory Haas
Supervisory Forester / TMA
Forest Service
National Forests in Florida,
Apalachicola National Forest

p: 850-926-3561 x6541
cory.j.haas@usda.gov

APPENDIX E

**Accord Certificate of Liability
Insurance**

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

12/4/2020

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IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Beecher Carlson Insurance Services 6 Concourse Parkway, Suite 2300 Atlanta, GA 30328 www.beechercarlson.com	CONTACT NAME: Max Boggini PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 617-532-9459 E-MAIL ADDRESS: mboggini@beechercarlson.com	FAX (A/C, No):
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	
INSURED Gulf Power Company NextEra Energy, Inc. 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach FL 33408	INSURER A: Indemnity Insurance Co of North America NAIC # 43575	
	INSURER B: ACE Property and Casualty Insurance Co 20699	
	INSURER C: Liberty Insurance Corporation 42404	
	INSURER D:	
	INSURER E:	
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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							MED EXP (Any one person)	\$ 10,000				
							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	\$ 1,000,000				
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							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	\$ 1,000,000				

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

USDA Forest Service is included as an additional insured as required by written contract. (excluding Workers' Compensation) and Waiver of Subrogation applies except where not permissible by law if required by written contract subject to policy terms, conditions and exclusions. Coverage primary and non-contributory with any other collectible insurance if required by written contract subject to policy terms, conditions and exclusions

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

USDA Forest Service
 National Forests in Florida
 325 John Knox Road, Suite F-100
 Tallahassee FL 32303

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE *Beecher Carlson Insurance Services, LLC*

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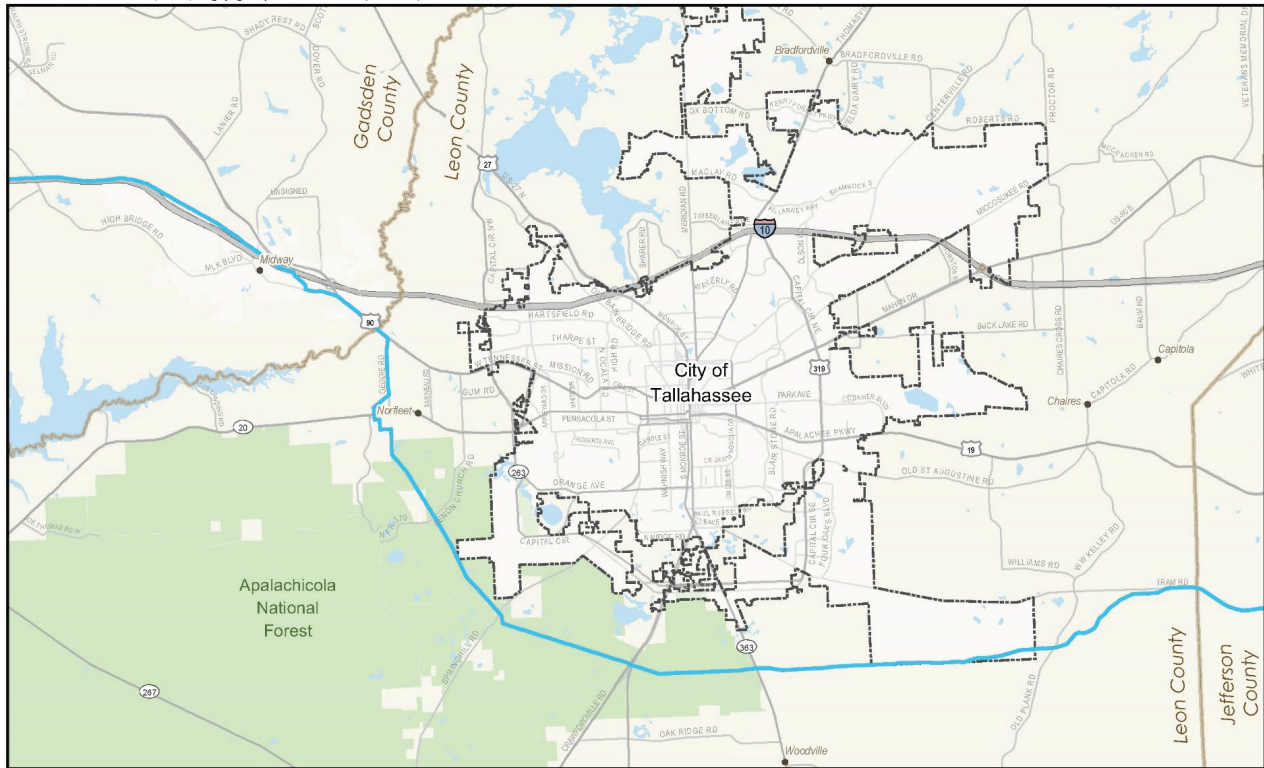
**Proposed Special Use Permit for a Gulf Power Company Transmission Line
United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service
Apalachicola National Forest
Leon County, Florida**

DECISION

Based on my review of the Environmental Assessment (EA), consideration of public comments, internal discussions, and consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), I have decided to grant a Special Use Permit (SUP) application for the construction, occupancy, and use of National Forest System (NFS) land for an electric transmission line to traverse the Apalachicola National Forest (ANF) on approximately 11 miles. This decision notice describes the activities authorized by the permit, including measures to avoid or reduce environmental effects, and documents my rationale for approving the proposed project. My decision is based on and supported by the October 2020 EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Special Use Permit for a Gulf Power Company Transmission Line, Leon County, Florida, and those documents are incorporated by reference into this draft decision notice. The EA was prepared in compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), as well as the USDA Forest Service NEPA Regulations (36 CFR 220).

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION

Gulf Power Company (GPC) proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a 161-kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting the existing GPC Sinai Cemetery Substation in Jackson County, Florida, to Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL) Raven Substation in Columbia County, Florida. The total transmission line is approximately 176 miles and would provide the first direct interconnection between the GPC transmission system and the FPL transmission system. This larger project is known as the NFRC Project. GPC applied to the USDA Forest Service for a SUP authorizing GPC to construct, operate, and maintain an electric power transmission line easement that would traverse the ANF from south of Blountstown Highway (State Road [SR] 20) southeast around Tallahassee to Woodville Highway (Figure 1). The proposed route would collocate the transmission line with the existing City of Tallahassee (COT) transmission corridor and be adjacent to the existing Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) Company, LLC's natural gas corridor through the ANF.





ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Proposed Action was the only alternative analyzed in detail in the EA, including an analysis of the No Action Alternative. Early in the NEPA process, numerous alternatives were considered by GPC. However, these alternatives were not carried forward into detailed analysis (refer to Section 2.3 of the EA).

DECISION RATIONALE

NEPA requires federal agencies to integrate environmental values in their decision-making processes by considering the environmental impacts of, and reasonable alternatives to, their proposed activities. For actions occurring on federal land, NEPA requires the lead agency to analyze the potential for adverse impacts on the environment. NFS land would be utilized and potentially impacted if the proposed transmission line is authorized; therefore, the USDA Forest Service is the lead agency for this EA. However, the USDA Forest Service is not the decision-making authority for the entire project and, therefore, the scope of this analysis is limited to the 11-mile segment of the transmission line that would directly affect NFS land and not the entire 176-mile NFRC Project.

In reaching my decision I relied heavily upon the USDA Forest Service's interdisciplinary team of resource specialists who analyzed or reviewed the effects of the Proposed Action documented in the EA. I considered potential impacts, issues, and concerns on the following resources: recreation; transportation, utilities, and infrastructure; aesthetics and visual quality; biological resources; soils; water resources; and socioeconomics and environmental justice. Additionally, certain resources were not carried forward for detailed analysis in the EA; however, those resources were considered by the USDA Forest Service and determined to be eliminated from detailed analysis with rationale. I also reviewed the Proposed Action included in the EA, as well as public comments received during the scoping and 30-day public comment periods and considered how the Proposed Action would respond to the stated purpose and need.

In reviewing the qualitative and quantitative effects on the human and biological environment presented in the EA, I find they have been adequately addressed and disclosed. I considered impacts to the full range of resources affecting the human, biological, and physical environments. I have reviewed the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts, and I feel confident that potential impacts have been thoroughly evaluated. Through the application of appropriate best practices and mitigation measures identified to minimize impacts to the resources of concern, impacts will be reduced or avoided for many resources.

Based on the FONSI and EA, I determined these actions will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, and an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

This project was originally scoped from December 9, 2019, to January 7, 2020, to identify community interests and local issues to be addressed in the EA. The scoping process also provided opportunity for the public and agencies to learn about and comment on the Proposed Action and alternatives. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested persons were encouraged to provide comments to help identify specific issues or topics of environmental concern. The USDA Forest Service compiled a mailing list of government officials; federal and state agencies; Native American tribes; utility providers; non-governmental organizations, corporations, and citizen groups; and potentially impacted property



owners. On December 2, 2019, the USDA Forest Service mailed a notification letter announcing the scoping period, as well as the date, time, location, and purpose of the scoping meeting; methods to comment; general project information; and instruction on how to obtain additional information. A 30-day notice and comment period was initiated December 8, 2019, with the publication of a legal notice in the *Tallahassee Democrat*. On December 10, 2019, the USDA Forest Service conducted a scoping meeting and provided the public the opportunity to submit comments via several methods, including submitting a comment form at the scoping meeting, email, mail, and through the public website.

The USDA Forest Service also provided a 30-day opportunity for public comments on the draft EA pursuant to agency regulations (36 CFR 218 subparts A and B). The comment period was initiated on September 2, 2020, with the publication of a legal notice in the *Tallahassee Democrat*. A notification with comment period information was also sent to interested parties on the project mailing list. The USDA Forest Service requested specific written comments that were within the scope of the project and addressed project procedures or analysis in the draft EA. One comment was received. An additional comment was received after the comment period had closed, but the letter was postmarked by the end of the comment period and has been considered and incorporated in the project record. Neither comment raised concerns that required substantial edits to the EA.

The final EA and FONSI and draft decision notice were made available pursuant to 36 CFR 218. A legal notice published in the *Tallahassee Democrat* on October 11, 2020, initiated the 45-day objection period. No objections were filed.

FINDINGS REQUIRED BY OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The decision to implement the Proposed Action is consistent with the standards of the Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). Compliance with the LRMP was used as an initial filter for determining if it should be considered through the USDA Forest Service special uses and NEPA procedures. Project consistency with the LRMP is discussed in Sections 1.3.2 and 3.1 of the EA.

Pursuant to Section 7 policies for interagency consultation under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, a Biological Assessment was prepared, and consultation was initiated with USFWS in August 2020. We received concurrence from the agency on September 9, 2020. Additionally, as discussed in Section 3.5.2 of the EA, per the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC's) Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines, appropriate gopher tortoise permits would be obtained from the FWC prior to the start of construction.

Pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act and other federal laws protecting cultural resources, consultation was initiated with the State Historic Preservation Office and applicable Tribal Governments in May 2020, with concurrence received in July 2020. The consultation process and results are discussed in Section 3.1.2 of the EA.

Pursuant to the Clean Water Act impacts to and/or certain activities occurring within or near water resources, such as streams and wetlands, require permits from the State of Florida or the federal government. As described in Section 3.7 of the EA, utility pole placement within a wetland requires a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) individual permit and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Permit 12. Efforts to maintain water quality also require developers to obtain



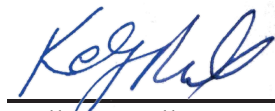
appropriate permits (e.g., Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharge from Construction Activities, USACE Nationwide Permit 12, or FDEP Environmental Resource Program permits). Compliance with the conditions and requirements of the permits, as well as implementation of best management practices would decrease the magnitude of impacts on water quality from stormwater runoff and erosion, and would mitigate any direct stream or wetland habitat loss.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

Approval of the decision is effective from the signature date of this decision notice.

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12/07/2020

Date



Appendix A

Project Mitigation Measures by Resource Area



LAND USE AND RECREATION

- Utilize previously disturbed lands within the existing rights-of-way (ROWs) to support construction and maintenance of the transmission line.
- Temporarily close/detour roadways or trails in the interest of public safety.
- Maintain ROW restriction measures, such as fences and gates, where appropriate.
- Utilize construction matting to limit the formation of deep sand along recreational trails.
- Following completion of construction activities, the two sections of the Munson Hills Mountain Bike Trail System that cross the ROW will be reconstructed with standard methods and materials used for building safe, long-term trail beds for bike trails that cross deep sand. This would most likely consist of excavating four short sections where the access roads cross the trail, followed by placement of matting or geotextile and sufficient fill to stabilize the surface (see Appendix B).
- Relocate the 0.25-mile segment of the Munson Hills Mountain Bike Trail System that is within the area proposed to be cleared.
- Utilize signage to notify trails users, including horseback riders, of construction near trails.

TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Utilize existing utility line corridors within existing easements ROWs.
- Disseminate public information about potential outages and/or road closures.

AESTHETICS AND VISUAL QUALITY

- Shield or downcast construction lighting to reduce glare during any necessary nighttime construction activities.
- Minimize clearing and ground disturbance and restore all disturbed areas to pre-project conditions.
- Maintain clean work areas during construction by keeping all construction activities as clean and inconspicuous as practical.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- Ensure that ROW boundaries are clearly located and marked prior to construction to minimize the potential for inadvertent off-ROW impacts by clearing or grading crews.
- Install temporary construction fencing to ensure minimal disturbance of vegetation within ecologically sensitive areas.
- Educate all construction personnel on the methodology used (e.g., colored flags or stakes) for identifying the boundaries of all work areas and the ROW boundary.



- Fell all timber requiring clearing onto the ROW to minimize damaging adjacent trees and to avoid off-ROW impacts.
- Comply with the upland clearing, erosion control, restoration, and maintenance methods per USDA Forest Service regulations; and local, state, and federal regulations and permit requirements.
- Appropriately dispose of cut or downed vegetation. If burning is selected as the proposed vegetation disposal method, burning will occur only after the appropriate burn permit or authorizations are obtained from local or state agencies and the USDA Forest Service. In addition, all burning activities will be conducted in conformance with all appropriate regulations and in accordance with obtained authorizations. Burning will be contained to the permitted ROW width or on private property with landowner permission. Burn piles will also be located at appropriate distances from live vegetation so as not to cause damage to off-ROW vegetation.
- To further minimize occurrences of inadvertent fires caused by construction-related activities, all lit materials will be properly disposed of, and fire hazard and weather patterns will be monitored and considered in determining what acceptable activities may occur during specific construction periods. When conditions indicate a high fire hazard, construction activities may be temporarily suspended until conditions are deemed suitable and safe to continue.
- Minimize grading activities to only those locations where a safe, stable ROW surface must be created.
- Install and maintain erosion control barriers (e.g., silt fencing and/or straw bales) where exposed soils have the potential to contribute to sedimentation of wetland and waterbodies or other sensitive features within or adjacent to the ROW. The use of hay for erosion control barriers is not allowed by the USDA Forest Service on National Forest System (NFS) lands.
- Restore pre-construction contours to the extent practicable.
- Break up compacted upland soils, if necessary, by ripping, tilling, or scarifying before reseeding.
- Seed all disturbed areas as soon as possible with certified noxious-weed-free seed (as certified by the state) to stabilize the disturbed ROW.
- Observe the ROW post-construction for revegetation success during periodic ground inspections and implement contingency measures, as necessary, to avoid long-term erosion and sedimentation problems associated with exposed soils in unvegetated areas.
- Prepare and implement a Noxious Weed Management Plan for the project.
- Visually inspect construction equipment and personal vehicles, if necessary, prior to entering the construction ROW or before leaving known infested areas. Equipment will be considered free of soil, seeds, vegetative matter, and other debris when a visual inspection does not disclose such material. If necessary, equipment will be manually brushed or wiped free of indicated material. Neither disassembly of equipment



components nor specialized cleaning methods are anticipated to be necessary for this project.

- Use weed-free materials such as weed-free straw bales for erosion control practices. The use of hay for erosion control barriers is not allowed by the USDA Forest Service on NFS lands.
- Seed all disturbed areas as soon as possible with certified noxious-weed-free seed (as certified by the state) to stabilize the disturbed ROW.
- Observe the ROW, post-construction, for revegetation success during periodic ground inspections and implement contingency measures, as necessary, to eradicate noxious weed problems as necessary.
- Provide “avian-safe” transmission structures, which are defined as structures that provide adequate clearances between energized and grounded parts to accommodate large birds.
- Reseed any temporarily disturbed areas with a native seed mix acclimated to the project elevation and climate to avoid habitat alterations that could adversely affect prey availability.
- Install temporary construction fencing to ensure minimal disturbance to wildlife in ecologically sensitive areas.
- Ensure that biological oversight is provided by experienced biological personnel during construction.
- Avoid intentional harm to and professionally remove (using experienced biological personnel) individual wildlife species that are encountered during construction, if necessary. If required for a particular species, the project biologist will possess the required handling permits or authorizations to handle said species.
- Implement a “no-kill” policy, especially with regard to snakes, to avoid the inadvertent take of the Florida pine snake (*Pituophis melanoleucus*).
- Acquire lands with a vegetative community similar to those impacted, to be added to the Apalachicola National Forest (ANF) to compensate for the long-term impact of removing 10.14 acres of various cover types from the ANF which could be used by general wildlife.

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) Mitigation

- Make every attempt to schedule construction outside the primary nesting season, which occurs from October 1 to May 15. If construction must occur during this timeframe, a Bald Eagle Disturbance Permit from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) must be obtained prior to the start of any construction activities.
- Work from the outer edge of the 660-foot buffer of an active nest, first on the approach side, and continue inward toward the closer areas and then out the other side of the buffer.



- Conduct no work within the 330-foot buffer of an active nest during the nesting season, although equipment may travel through this buffer (without stopping) to reach the other side of the proposed linear corridor and resume work outside the 330-foot buffer.
- Minimize, to the extent possible, equipment residence time within the 660-foot buffer zone of an active nest.
- Limit personnel on the ground outside vehicles within the 660-foot buffer zone of an active nest to those personnel and activities that require work outside a vehicle.
- Report nest abandonment to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and/or FWC Regional Biologist in a timely manner to allow rescue/salvage of eggs or eaglets for use in captive/release programs, as appropriate.
- Use only existing roadways so that the potential of direct mortality of bald eagles from vehicular traffic will be minimal.

Gopher Tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) Mitigation

- Conduct gopher tortoise surveys prior to the start of construction to identify all gopher tortoise burrows that may be impacted by the project. Survey methodology will be in accordance with the FWC's Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines (June 2017) and conducted by an Authorized Agent.
- Wherever possible, avoid construction-related activity within 25 feet of the mouth of active gopher tortoise burrows.
- Where avoidance of gopher tortoise burrows is not possible, obtain the appropriate gopher tortoise permits from the FWC prior to the start of construction. Follow FWC's guidelines for excavating and relocating gopher tortoise individuals, and vertebrate commensal species, that may be impacted during construction to suitable adjacent habitat. This work will be completed using an FWC-approved Authorized Agent. Excavated burrows will be collapsed and/or filled subsequent to the capture of individuals. Gopher tortoises relocated to adjacent areas shall be precluded from returning to the ROW during construction by the use of temporary fencing in the relocation area which will be removed upon the completion of construction and after the ROW has been restored.
- Record all mortality of gopher tortoises during construction and relocation activities and submit monthly reports to the appropriate FWC and/or USDA Forest Service offices during the relocation and construction period.
- Prepare and submit a final project report to the USDA Forest Service and the FWC after all gopher tortoise activities during the construction period are complete.
- Use only existing roadways so that the potential of direct mortality of gopher tortoises from vehicular traffic will be minimal.



Bachman's Sparrow (*Peucaea aestivalis*) Mitigation

- Make every attempt to schedule construction outside the primary nesting season, which occurs from May to June.
- Minimize, to the extent possible, proximity of work areas within an active nest.
- Use only existing roadways so that the potential of direct mortality from vehicular traffic will be minimal.

Striped Newt (*Notophthalmus perstriatus*) Mitigation

- Use only existing roadways so that the potential of direct mortality of striped newts from vehicular traffic will be minimal.
- Limit personnel on the ground outside vehicles within the 500-meter buffer zone of Pond 18 to those personnel and activities that require work outside a vehicle.
- Install temporary construction fencing along the edges of the Proposed Action ROW.
- Ensure a biologist is present to provide oversight during all construction activities.
- Limit any clearing conducted along Segment 3 of the Proposed Action ROW (between Woodville Highway and Crawfordville Road) to the tree canopy only and ensure no ground clearing will occur whenever possible.
- Aid in the funding of installing additional rubber liners to modify isolated wetlands used by breeding amphibians, including the striped newt, in order to extend the hydroperiod, making the wetlands suitable for repatriation.
- Prior to construction, complete consultation with the USFWS and the ANF regarding any further mitigating measures that may be required to avoid/minimize impacts to the striped newt.

Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake (*Crotalus adamanteus*), Florida Gopher Frog (*Lithobates capito*), and Southern Hognose Snake (*Heterodon simus*) Mitigation

- Conduct pre-construction surveys for gopher tortoise burrows (see first bullet under gopher tortoise above) to identify the potential location of commensal burrow species.
- Wherever possible, avoid disturbing active gopher tortoise burrows.
- Specify in the bid documents that equipment refueling and fuel storage is prohibited on the construction ROW.

Frosted Elfin Butterfly (*Callophrys irus*) Mitigation

- Use only existing roadways so that the potential of damaging host plant populations and the direct mortality of frosted elfin butterflies from vehicular traffic will be minimal.
- Limit foot traffic to only personnel conducting activities that require work outside a vehicle.



- Limit any clearing conducted along Segment 3 of the Proposed Action ROW (between Woodville Road and Crawfordville Highway) to the tree canopy only and ensure no ground clearing will occur whenever possible.
- Aid in the funding of sundial lupine surveys within the ANF.
- Aid in the funding of research projects and studies that will help ensure the stability of frosted elfin populations and important habitat.

Southern Milkweed (*Asclepias viridula*), Chapman's Sedge (*Carex chapmanii*), Wiregrass Gentian (*Gentiana pennelliana*), West's Flax (*Linum westii*), Pondspice (*Litsea aestivalis*), Curtiss' Loosestrife (*Lythrum curtissii*), Ashe's Magnolia (*Magnolia ashei*), Florida Beargrass (*Nolina atopocarpa*), Apalachicola Dragon-Head (*Physostegia godfreyi*), Zigzag Silkgrass (*Pityopsis flexuosa*), Yellow Fringeless Orchid (*Platanthera integra*), Small-Flowered Meadowbeauty (*Rhexia parviflora*), Panhandle Meadowbeauty (*Rhexia salicifolia*), Florida Flame Azalea (*Rhododendron austrinum*), Nightflowering Wild Petunia (*Ruellia noctiflora*), Kral's Yellow-Eyed Grass (*Xyris longisepala*), and Harper's Yellow-Eyed Grass (*Xyris scabrifolia*) Mitigation

- Conduct pre-construction surveys for threatened and endangered (T&E) species to identify any occurrences that could be affected by the project.
- Wherever possible, avoid disturbing areas that have confirmed species' presence.
- Use fencing or staking the habitat area to prevent accidental intrusion to the site.
- Conduct restoration to mitigate impacts to desirable T&E habitats.
- Consider off-site compensation to mitigate unavoidable impacts.

SOILS

- Prepare and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.
- Follow all applicable soil conservation measures listed in the relevant USDA Forest Service Handbook on NFS land.
- Save topsoil removed for structure construction and use on site for restoration activities to promote regrowth from the native seed bank in the topsoil.
- Bentonite slurry will be used during the structure foundation installation process, which effectively seals the augered hole and, used in combination with water and proper drilling technique, keeps the hole open and prevents sloughing of the surrounding ground.
- Cover any exposed piles of soil (or use other erosion control measures) to reduce erosion potential when there is a threat of rain.
- Install sediment barriers and other suitable erosion and runoff control devices prior to ground-disturbing activities at construction sites, as necessary, to minimize off-site sediment movement.



- Revegetate or seed all disturbed areas as soon as possible after construction is completed to promote revegetation that would hold soil in place. All revegetation within USDA Forest Service lands would follow the Operating Plan of the Special Use Permit (SUP) and with the applicable provisions of the established codes, standards, and/or organizations, such as Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumers Service and Florida Turfgrass Association.
- Appointing a professional geologist to oversee all Geotech work during construction.
- Monitor erosion control best management practices during construction to ensure proper function and nominal erosion levels.
- Monitor reseeded efforts for adequate growth and implement contingency measures, as necessary.
- Develop and implement spill prevention and response procedures.

WATER RESOURCES

- Locate poles and ground disturbance outside of waterbodies and wetlands to the extent practicable. (Note: it is likely that an FDEP permit and United States Army Corps of Engineers permit would be required in areas where a pole is going to be placed.)
- Minimize ground disturbance associated with the project to the extent possible.
- Site any necessary work space areas outside of, and a minimum of 100 feet from, any wetlands or streams.
- Designate 100-foot buffer zones on all sides of waterbodies and wetlands and install signage, fencing, tape, or other appropriate notification methods to clearly identify the locations and limits of buffer zones to construction crews prior to construction.
- Construction within buffer zones would be the minimum necessary to cut trees to ground level and remove downed vegetation from the construction ROW.
- Install and maintain appropriate erosion control barriers (e.g., matting, silt fencing and/or straw bales) across the ROW if any ground-disturbing activity will occur near the 100-foot buffer zone of all wetlands and waterways. In addition, erosion control measures would be installed and maintained throughout construction, in sloped or disturbed areas or in any other circumstances where construction related activities have the potential to cause sedimentation of wetlands and/or waterbodies located adjacent to the proposed ROW. The use of hay for erosion control barriers is not allowed by the USDA Forest Service on NFS land.
- Where use of access roads in upland areas cannot provide appropriate access to the construction ROW, all construction equipment may pass through the wetlands once. In areas of high soil saturation where rutting is likely to occur, use temporary matting on the travel lane within the wetland. Where matting is deemed necessary, all construction equipment would operate off the matting.



- Minimize grading activities to non-saturated wetland areas and only in those locations where a safe, stable ROW surface must be created. In areas where grading will be required, the wetland topsoil should be stripped and segregated from the underlying subsoil. Topsoil will be returned after grading activities have been completed, promoting quick reestablishment of wetland species by preserving the vegetative propagules (e.g., seeds, tubers, rhizomes, bulbs) in the topsoil. In wetlands where grading is not required, disturbance to the topsoil will be minimized to ensure quick revegetation of wetlands after construction is completed.
- Seed all disturbed upland areas as soon as possible with appropriate certified noxious weed-free seed in accordance with USDA Forest Service direction (as certified by the state) to stabilize upland areas and avoid sedimentation and erosion into nearby wetlands and waterbodies.
- Monitor post-construction re-vegetation success in wetlands during periodic ground inspections. Contingency measures would be implemented, as necessary.
- Specify in the bid documents that the storage of hazardous materials, chemicals, fuels, and lubricating oils is prohibited on the construction ROW. Specify in the bid documents that refueling of personal vehicles or construction equipment is prohibited on the construction ROW. Specify in the bid documents that overnight parking of personal vehicles or construction equipment within 100 feet of any waterbody or wetland is prohibited.
- Restore pre-construction contours as close to original grade as possible.
- Comply with the conditions of applicable authorizations relating to any work within wetlands, including the Environmental Management Permit issued by the Leon County Department of Development Support and Environmental Management.

SOCIOECONOMICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Utilize existing utility line corridors within existing easements ROWs.



Appendix B

Specific Mitigation to be Completed by Gulf Power Company



Gulf Power Company (GPC) shall provide financial support for several projects to further compensate for or offset potential environmental impacts and increase our understanding of the effects of this project on specific resources. Payments will be made subject to written agreement between the payees and the USDA Forest Service on the amount and use of the funds. Such payments must be provided no later than 60 days following the finalization of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 process or issuance of the Special Use Permit, whichever occurs later. GPC’s obligations are limited to the payment of the funds and has no responsibility for the work performed by the third-party payees.

- Financial support for the Tall Timbers Research Station for research related to the frosted elfin butterfly (*Callophrys irus*) and its habitat. Any activities would be subject to NEPA procedures and would be conducted under a special use permit.
- Financial support to the Coastal Plains Institute for research related and habitat improvement to the striped newt (*Notophthalmus perstriatus*). Any activities would be subject to NEPA procedures and would be conducted under a special use permit.
- Financial support provided to a third party for future land acquisition and associated administrative costs.

Additionally, GPC will install an interconnected honeycomb-like network of 3D geocells to confine and stabilize soils that would otherwise be unstable under loading. The geocells will be installed at trail crossings to prevent erosion, channeling, and the breakdown of aggregate and soil. Geocells are a reliable, low-maintenance system capable of supporting extremely heavy construction equipment. The cells will be filled with a combination of crushed lime rock and sand to blend in with the natural setting.

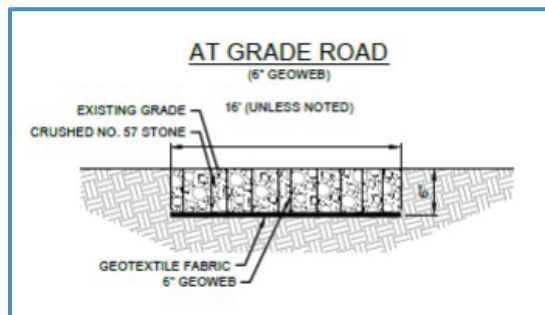


Figure 1: Typical Profile View



Figure 2: Typical Installation



Figure 3: Cells with Crushed Lime Rock

APPENDIX G
Construction Plan

Gulf Power Company
Powerline Project

Permit Authorization:
WAK372019

CONSTRUCTION PLAN
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

The preliminary schedule is dependent upon NEPA issuance in December and COT outages to complete the conductor work.

Route Section	Mobilization	Foundation Work	Conductor Work
Jefferson Line to Woodville Hwy	December 2020	March 2021	September 2021
Woodville Hwy to Sub 32 (Line 33) ⁽¹⁾	December 2020	May 2021	June/July 2021
Sub 32 north (L31N) ⁽²⁾	December 2020	Sept-Nov 2021	Dec 2021 – Jan 2022

- (1) Most likely set Gulf poles in this section after clearance has ended and the COT line has been moved over (June/July 2021)
- (2) Most likely set Gulf poles in this section after clearance has ended and the COT line has been moved over (December 21 & January 22)