



Florida Native Plant Society
Land Management Partners Management Review
and Evaluation Process
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LMP Members receive FDEP Schedules

- Contact Danny Young or Anne Cox with your interest and your Chapter affiliation.
- Confirm the dates and times and your desire to attend the Reviews with Danny.
- Provide your contact information, including your Chapter affiliation, mailing address and phone # - cell preferred (Copy Danny and Anne on all LMP emails). We will send the information to FDEP.

A week or two before the review you will receive an email from Keith Singleton, FDEP, that includes:

- An itinerary and Map of the meeting location.
- Links to the management plan, previous comments from reviews, other historic data, cultural resources and checklist for the site you will review (see example).
- Be sure to thoroughly read all the information above. If there is any special place on the site that you want to go or have any questions, **Reply to ALL** on the email back to Keith, explaining the special place you want to visit and Keith will make it happen.
- After you have read all the information (it may take 3 or 4 hours to complete), if you want additional information regarding rare species locations and general management issues, please contact Carolyn Kindell, FNAI at 850-224-8207, ext 204 or email ckindell@fnai.org.

The Review:

- Attend site visit with Land Management Review team which includes members from FDEP, the Nature Conservancy, the land owner (sometimes different from FDEP), FDOF, SJRWMD, etc.

Note: The land owners and land managers are often quite different. The purpose of the review is based in Florida statutes and states all lands obtained for management of natural resources shall be reviewed by a land management review team, coordinated by FDEP. So, it is often that you will see a land management reviewer such as FDOF or a local County being the manager of lands that are owned by the State.

- Arrive early, as the review team of 10-15 people leave for the site visit in several 4-WD vehicles.
- Take snack, water, binoculars, field guides, camera and any printed materials from the above links.
- Especially take the **checklist** with you as you will be using it on the Evaluation day (1/2 day)
- You will spend the better part of the day scheduled on the site, stopping at specific locations, asking questions and discussing various aspects of the site.

The Evaluation process:

- Arrive early. The land review team will meet at the headquarters of the park being managed and review the Plan checklist. Be prepared to discuss the site with the checklist in mind. Be sure to bring up other ideas for implementation of the plan.
- You will provide commendations and recommendations for changes and improvements for the site.
- The team then provides a report with comments to the land managers.

Post Management review

- Fill-out the volunteer reporting form (FNPS sub-committee document) and return to Chair or Vice Chair. Please report the findings and the story of your involvement to your local FNPS Chapter, so that they can understand the process and how you, the Chapter and the State benefit from this experience. Take photos and put together a presentation if you are so inclined. OR send in photos to the LMP Chair or Vice Chair.
- Attend the FNPS Annual Conference workshop for the land management partner's sub-committee and provide comments at this open forum.

Note that this evaluation is designed to help the land managers to better manage the lands and is a positive experience for all. It is also an excellent way for you to get involved with state lands in your area and to see how FNPS can assist with the management process or with helping out in other ways.

You are responsible for travel, food, meals and any expenses for the day and a half of the Review process. A suggestion is to ask your Chapter to help defray costs of the land review because of the expense in time, travel and food.

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