



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

- Check the current FDEP Land Management Review Schedule at <http://fnps.org/lmrs>
- 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.
- Danny Young will provide Keith Singleton at FDEP with your contact information, including mailing address and cell phone number. Please Copy Danny and Anne on all LMP emails.

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. Note that Unit Management Plan links are on the LMP Web Page.
- 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.

The Review:

On the Date of the Review, arrive on the site on or before the starting time on the itinerary. The other members of the Management Review team, include one member from: 1) the land manager from the review site, 2) FDEP, 3) Florida Forestry Service, 4) Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 5) local county or community representative, 6) local Soil and Water Conservation District, 7) private land manager and 8) local conservation organization - FNPS.

Note: The land owners and land managers are often quite different. The purpose of the review is based in Florida Statutes, Chapter 259 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 FFS 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 an entire day scheduled on the site, stopping at specific locations, asking questions and discussing various aspects of the site. Note: some Land Reviews are all day (9am-5pm) with the Evaluation the next morning, and some reviews are half-day in the afternoon (1pm-5pm) and half day the following morning (9am-12noon), with the Evaluation in the afternoon (1pm-5pm).

The Evaluation process:

- Arrive early. The review team will generally meet at the headquarters of the park being managed. Be prepared to discuss the site with the checklist in mind. Be sure to bring up other ideas for plan implementation.
- 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, ARC, and Board of Trustees.

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, including travel and food.

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