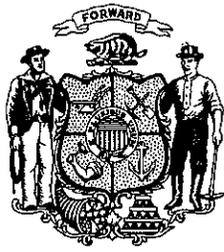


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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: June 18, 2018

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Department of Natural Resources, received on June 18, 2018.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Thursday, July 5, 2018**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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June 13, 2018

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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (dr), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed grant of \$330,755.00 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to Florence County for the Gunnulson acquisition. This is a request for approval to award 2018 fiscal year funds.

The Gunnulson acquisition will acquire 214.05 acres in the town of Homestead, and as part of their required match, an additional 274.05 acres in the Towns of Commonwealth, Fence and Tipler will be incorporated into the County Forest and Stewardship programs. The project will ensure continued future forest management, provide public recreation opportunities, and safeguard wildlife habitat on 488.1 acres of primarily productive forest land. The Gunnulson acquisition will also gain access to .6 miles of the Little Popple River, and secure the location of a state funded snowmobile trail that traverses the property.

The entire 488.1 acres will be enrolled into the County forest program and managed consistently with s. 28.11 Wis. Stats., which ensures that the land will be managed for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, and watershed protection.

There are no prohibitions of nature-based outdoor activities, as defined in s. 23.0916(1)(b), Wis. Stats.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of the scheduling of a hearing from either of the Joint Committee on Finance co-chairpersons within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ed Eberle'.

*for*  
Daniel L. Meyer  
Secretary

C: Doug Haag, Administrator, Internal Services Division  
Doug Brown, County Forest & Public Lands Specialist, Bureau of Forestry Field Operations

**DATE:** June 13, 2018

**TO:** Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

**FROM:** Daniel Meyer, Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Request for approval of a Stewardship grant award for land acquisition north of Highway 64 and exceeding \$250,000.00

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (dr), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant in the amount of \$330,755.00 to Florence County for acquisition of a 214.05-acre property known as the Gunnulson tract. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats. This is a request for approval to award 2018 fiscal year funds.

**PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** Florence County  
**Grant sub-program:** County Forest Acquisition  
**Location:** The land is in the Town of Homestead, accessible via Clauses Road.

**Project Description:** This 214.05-acre property is relatively flat with no improvements. The property's timber includes mature aspen, fir and spruce (~ 79 ac), young aspen (~ 42 ac), red pine plantations (~47 ac), scrub oak (~31 ac), fallow fields (~9 ac), and jack pine (~6ac). Property also includes .6 miles of the Little Popple River, a Class 2 trout stream.

This acquisition had been identified by Florence County as a long-term investment for timber production, recreation and watershed protection. This acquisition is adjacent to existing county forest; a state-funded snowmobile trail bisects the property.

All 214.05 acres will be incorporated into the Stewardship and County Forest programs and managed according to the County's Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Project area maps are attached as Appendix A.

**Project benefits:** County acquisition of this property will:

- Provide Florence County additional productive forest land by adding to a contiguous block of county forest lands.
- Provide additional and better access to existing county forest lands – current access to the section of County Forest north of the subject is via ATV; this purchase will connect County Forest land to a public road.
- Provide access to this .6 mile stretch of the Little Popple River (Class 2 trout stream) that has no current public access.
- Ensure long term rights for Snowmobile trail (currently held by private agreement with the seller). The County has recently secured funding to replace the snowmobile bridge over the Popple river on this property

**Public Uses:** The Gunnulson acquisition will be open to the public year-round for hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, horseback riding. County ownership will



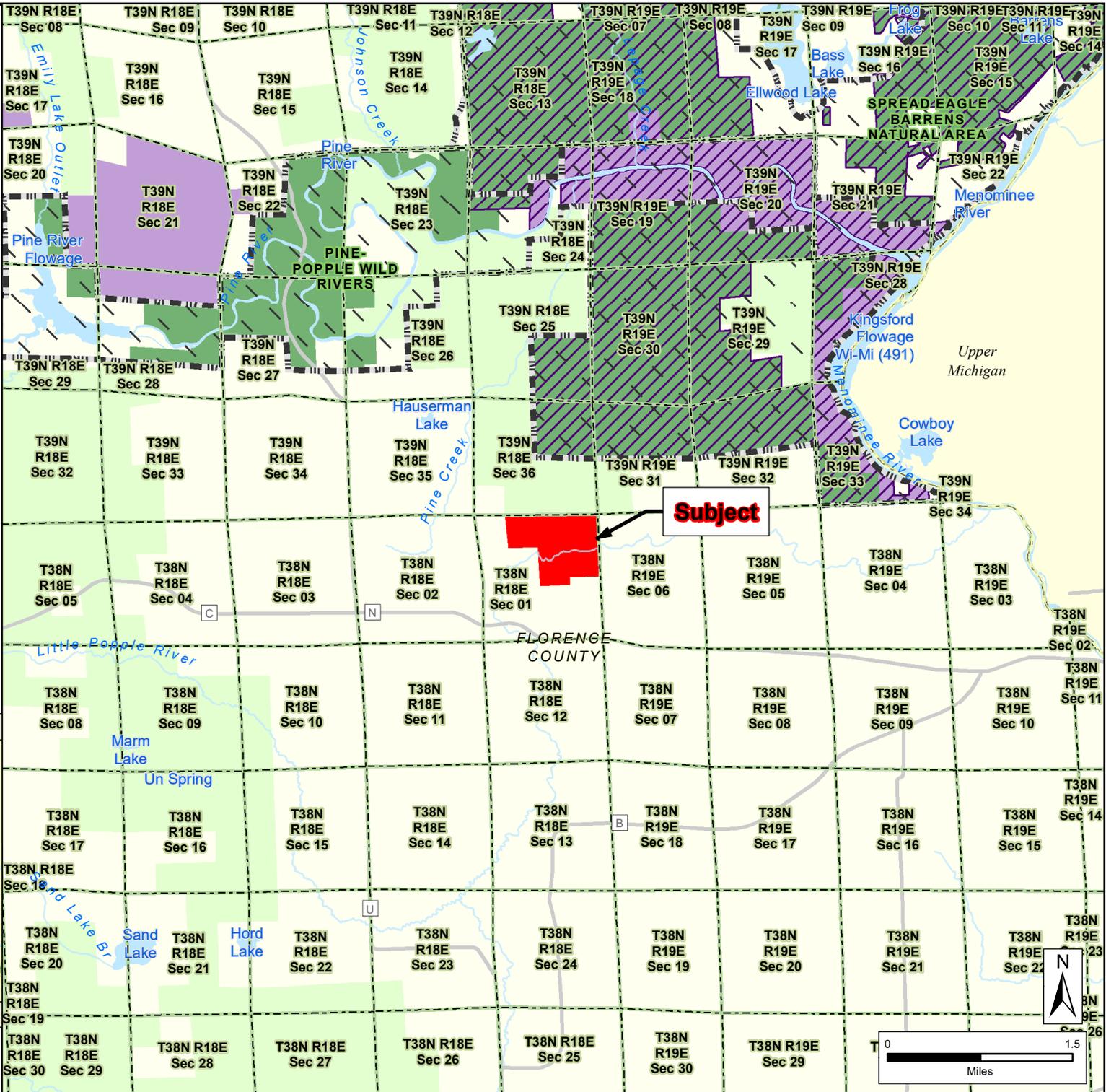
# Florence Co Forest - Gunnulson Tract Subject

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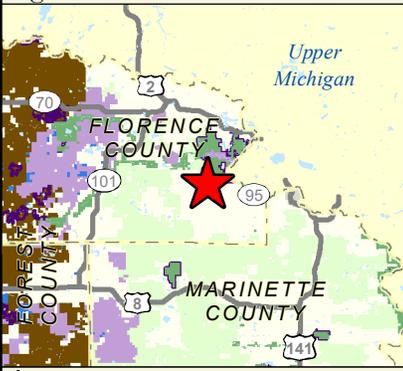
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T38N R18E Sec 01  
Town of Homestead  
Florence County

- Subject
- Current DNR Project Boundary
- DNR Fee Title Lands Open to Public Access
- DNR Easement Lands Open to Public Access
- DNR Easement Lands Closed to Public Access
- State Natural Area
- County Forest Lands



## Regional View



★ Location of Property

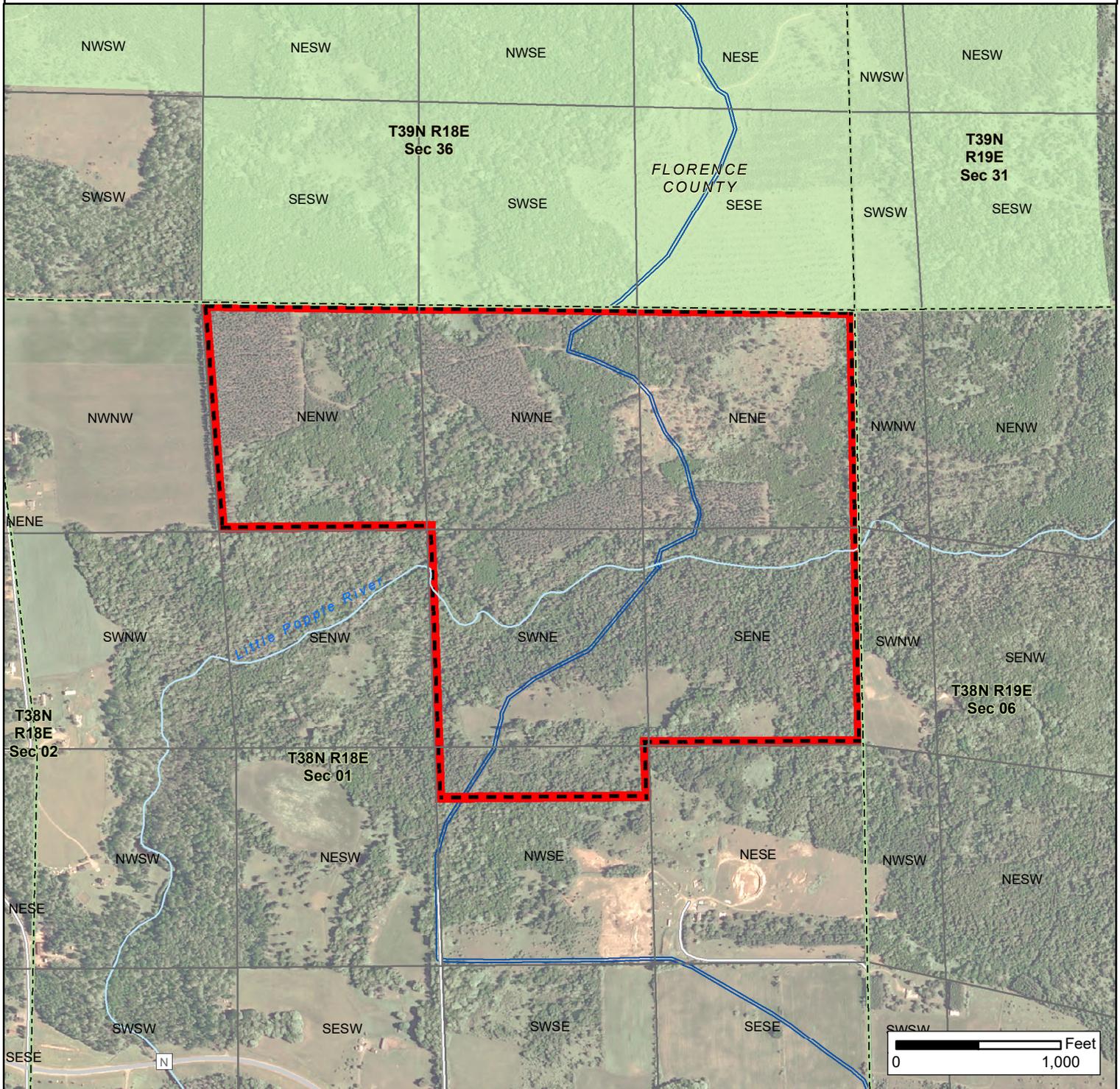
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# Florence Co Forest - Gunnulson Tract Subject

Sponsor: Florence County  
Approximate Total Acreage: 214.05

T38N R18E Sec 01 Town of Homestead  
County: Florence



**Proposed Stewardship Grant**

 Subject

-  County Forest Lands
-  PLSS Section Lines
-  Snowmobile Trail



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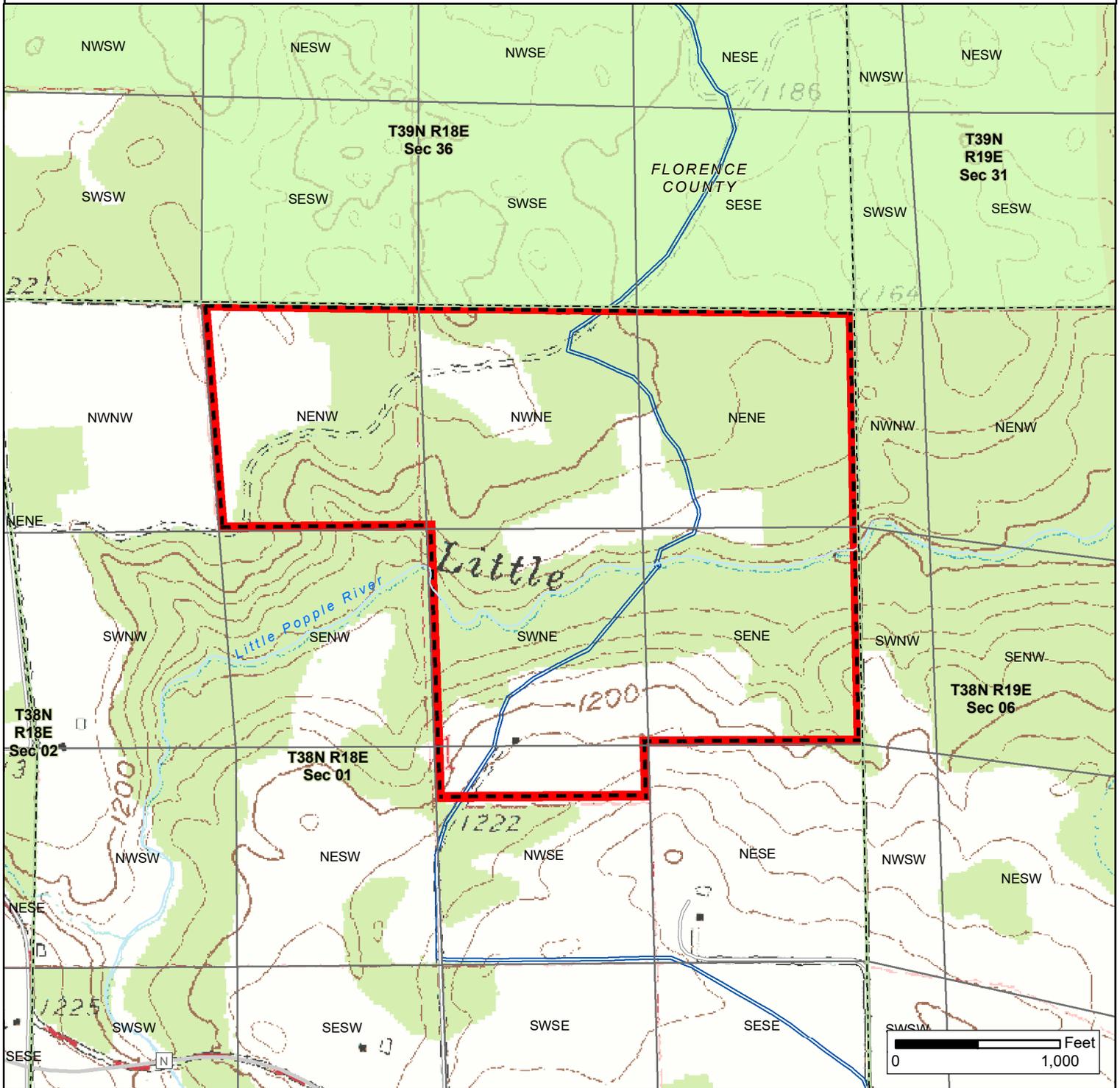
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# Florence Co Forest - Gunnulson Tract Subject

Sponsor: Florence County  
Approximate Total Acreage: 214.05

T38N R18E Sec 01 Town of Homestead  
County: Florence



**Proposed Stewardship Grant**



Subject

- County Forest Lands
- PLSS Section Lines
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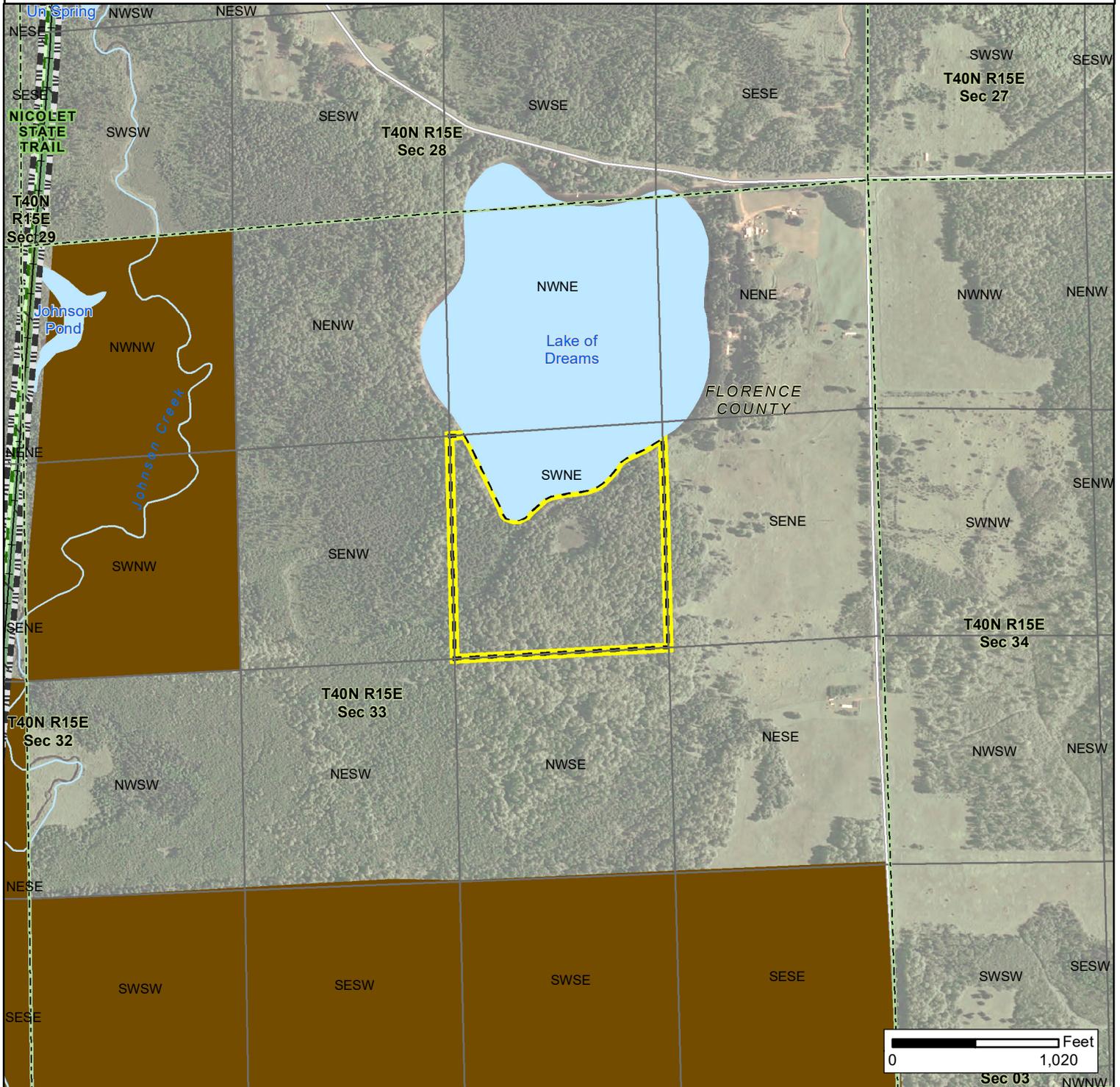
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# Florence Co Forest - Match 1

Sponsor: Florence County  
 Approximate Total Acreage: 32.38

T40N R15E Sec 33 Town of Tipler  
 County: Florence



## Proposed Stewardship Grant

Match Parcel

- Current DNR Project Boundary
- DNR Fee Title Lands Open to Public Access
- National Forest
- State Recreation Trail
- PLSS Section Lines



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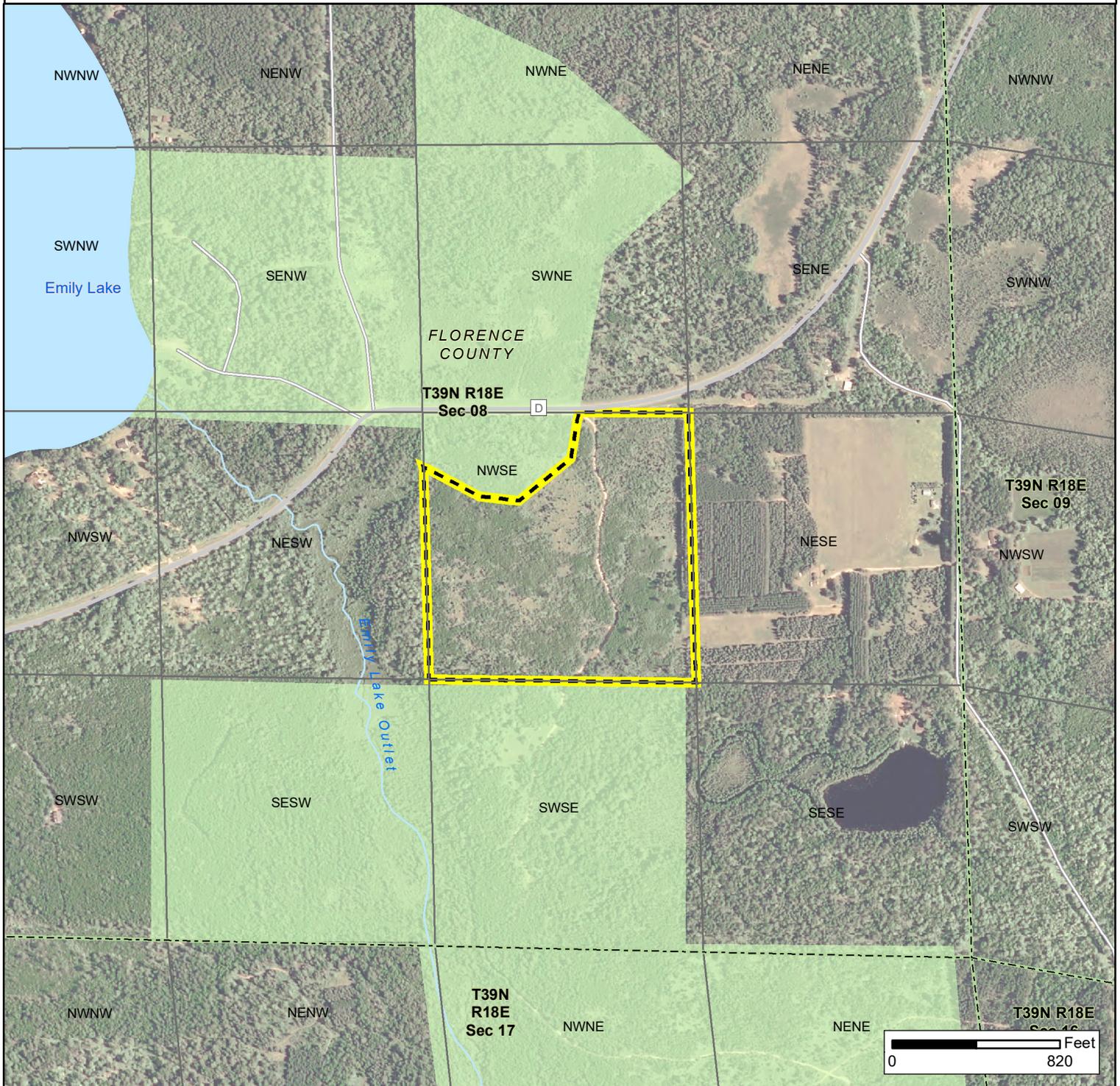
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# Florence Co Forest - Match 2

Sponsor: Florence County  
Approximate Total Acreage: 33.35

T39N R18E Sec 08 Town of Commonwealth  
County: Florence



**Proposed Stewardship Grant**

 **Match Parcel**

 County Forest Lands  
 PLSS Section Lines



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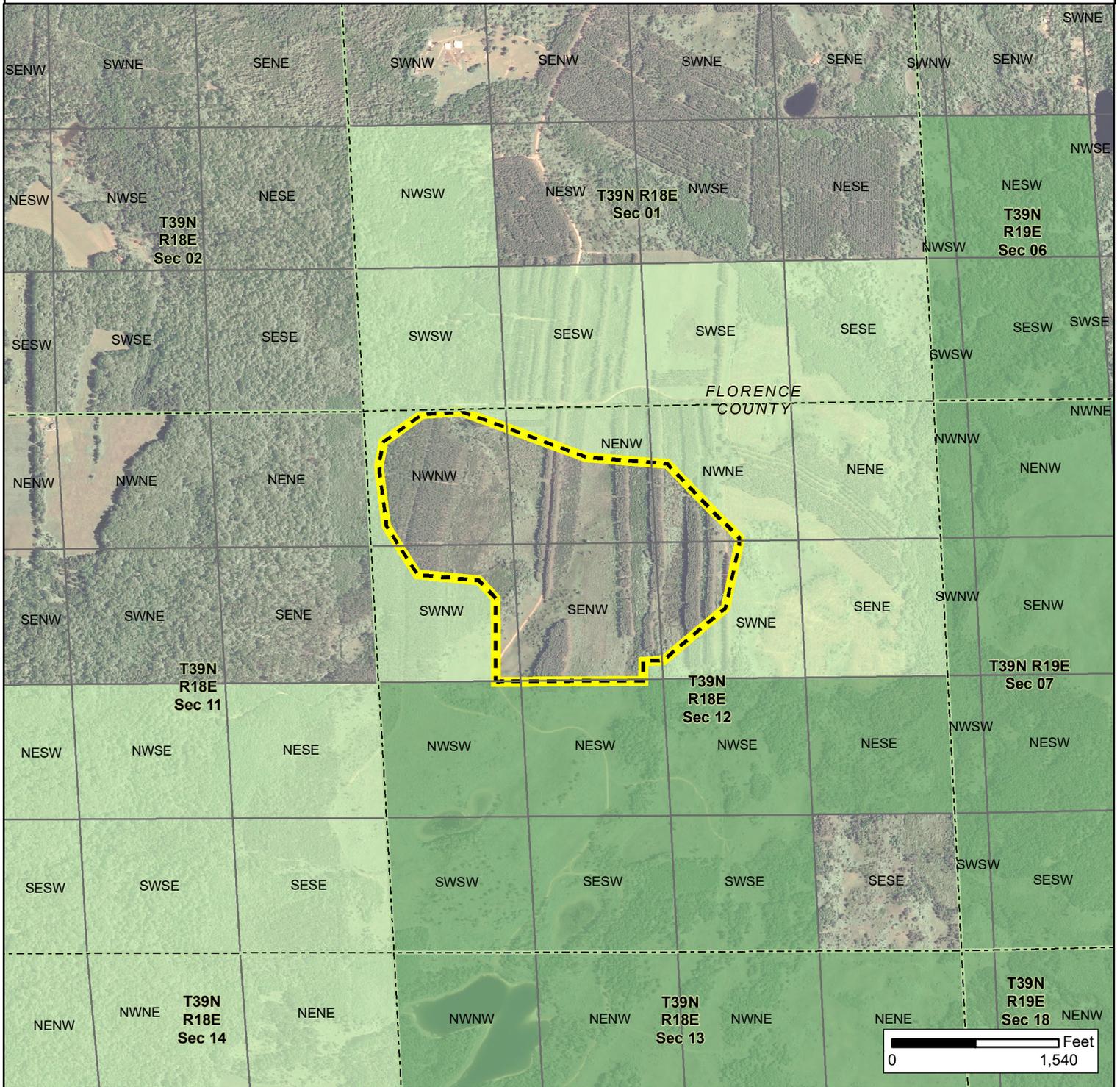
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# Florence Co Forest - Match 3

Sponsor: Florence County  
 Approximate Total Acreage: 128.02

T39N R18E Sec 12 Town of Commonwealth  
 County: Florence



## Proposed Stewardship Grant



**Match Parcel**

- DNR Fee Title Lands Open to Public Access
- PLSS Section Lines
- County Forest



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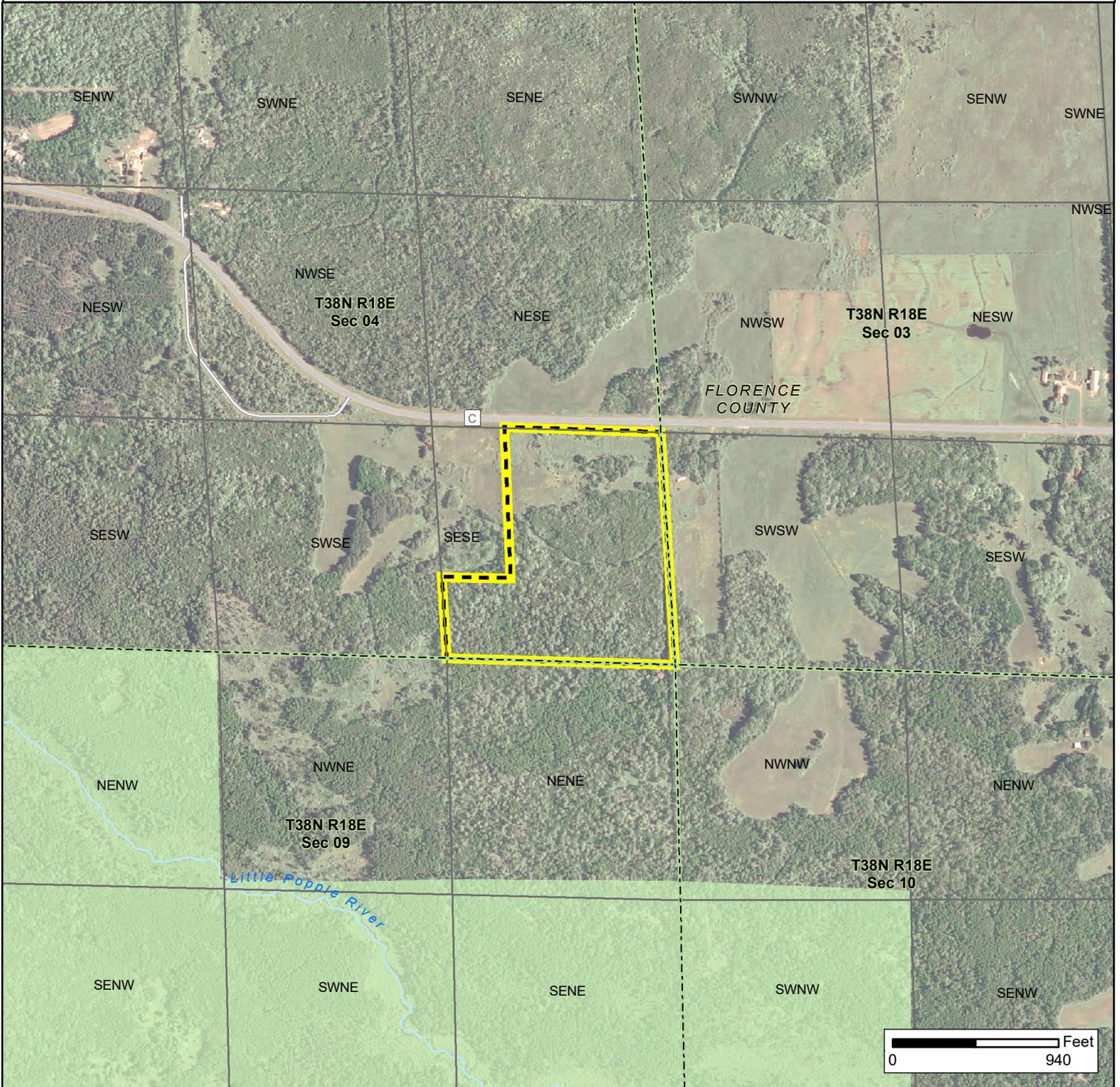
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# Florence Co Forest - Match 4

Sponsor: Florence County  
Approximate Total Acreage: 32

T38N R18E Sec 04 Town of Homestead  
County: Florence



**Proposed  
Stewardship Grant**

 **Match Parcel**

 County Forest Lands  
 PLSS Section Lines



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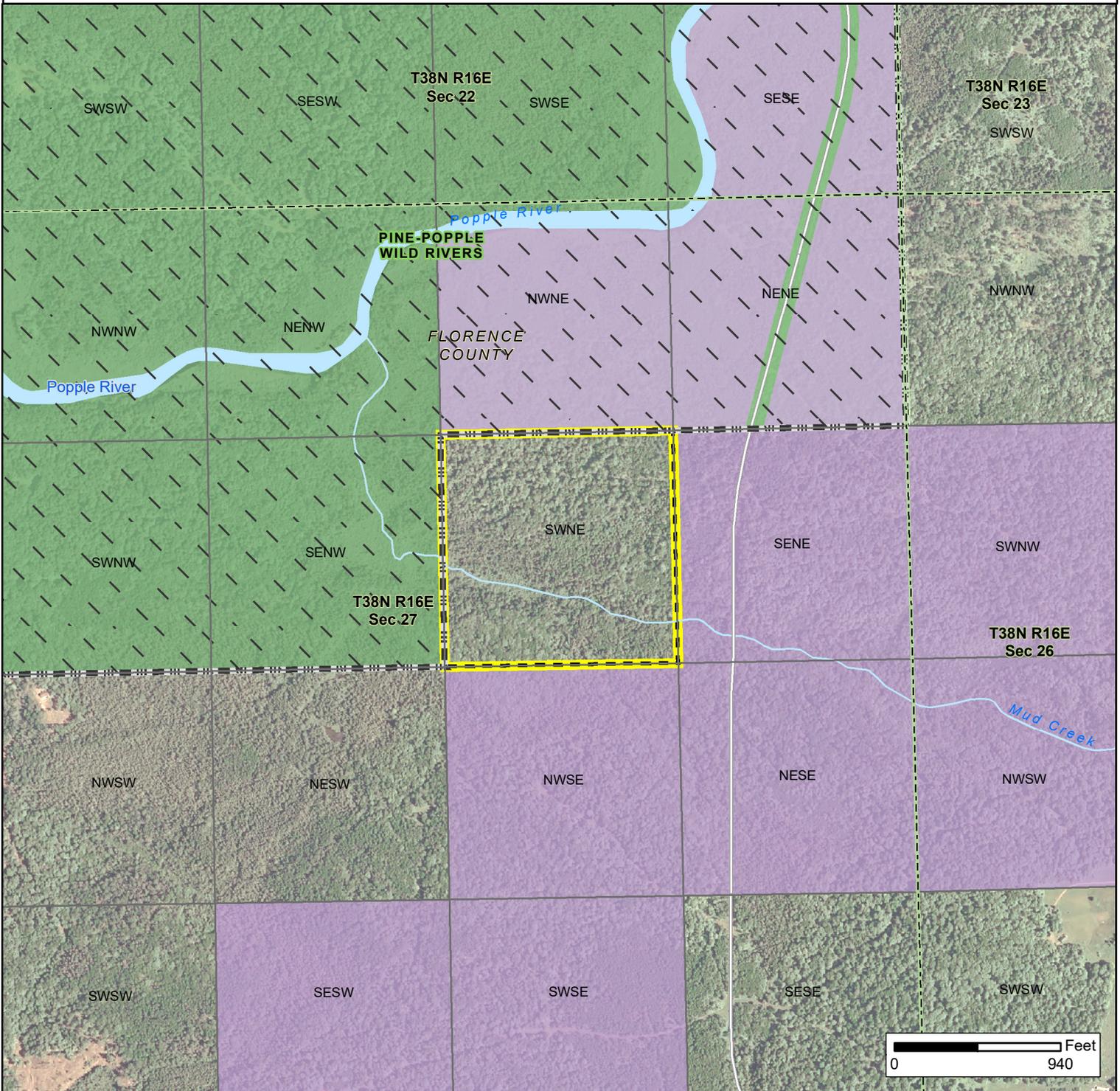
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# Florence Co Forest - Match 5

Sponsor: Florence County  
Approximate Total Acreage: 40

T38N R16E Sec 27 Town of Fence  
County: Florence



## Proposed Stewardship Grant

 Match Parcel

-  Current DNR Project Boundary
-  DNR Easement Lands Open to Public Access
-  DNR Fee Title Lands Open to Public Access
-  County Forest Lands
-  PLSS Section Lines



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