

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Small Scale Land Use Change - Hodges/Layfield - Parcel ID #03337-025R - 2.97 Acres in Section 13, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - Changing said property land use from Agricultural to Residential.
2. Preliminary Subdivision Plat - Palms at Money Bayou, LLC - Craig Donley - Parcel ID #03179-005R - 9.47 Acres in Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida - A nine (9) lot subdivision subject to all Federal, State and Local Development Regulations stated and unstated.
3. Small Scale Land Use Change – Captain's Cove Marina/Raffield Fisheries - Danny Raffield – Parcel ID#04284-000R, #04281-002R, & -005R, – 15.4 Acres in Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida – Changing portion of said area land use from Industrial to Mixed Commercial/Residential not to exceed 10 acres.
4. Proposed Comprehensive Plan text amendment changes to the Land Use Element and adding a new Economic Element.

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on these matters. Information prior to the meeting can be viewed at the Planning and Building Department at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Room 312.

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Date: October 7 and October 14, 2010

Invoice: Gulf County Planning Department

Enclosure: Map

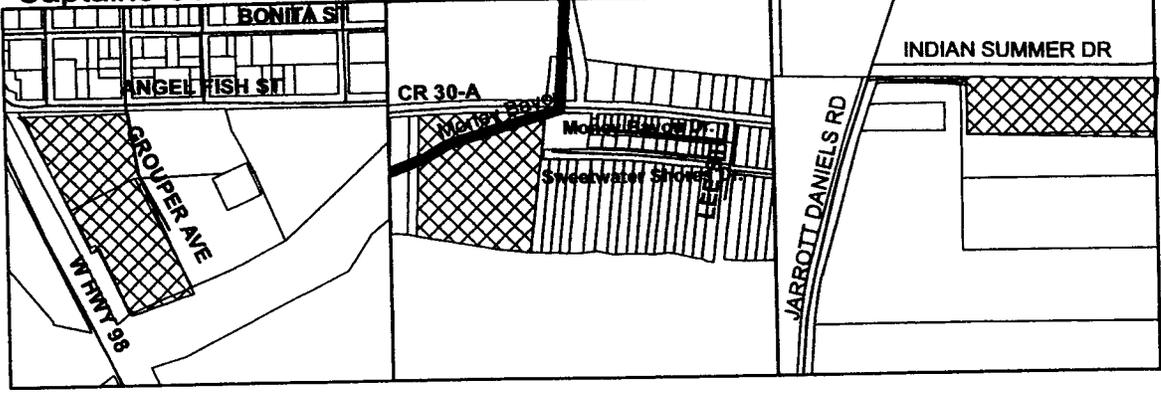
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Captains Cove Marina Palms at Money Bayou, LLC Hodges-Layfield Land Use



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gulf County Enterprise Zone Development Agency will meet Thursday, October 21, 2010, at 12:00 noon, E.T., 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., of the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, Gulf County Courthouse Complex in Room 307.

The public is welcome to attend.

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GULF COUNTY

FIRE CONTROL AND FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT

ANNUAL REPORT: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Division of Forestry

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This report is to inform the Gulf County Commission of the Fire Control and Forest Management activities performed by Division of Forestry personnel over the past year.

Gulf County was assessed \$21,185.78 for fire protection on 302,654 acres at a rate of \$0.07 per acre. This assessment was deposited into the State of Florida's General Revenue Fund.

The Division of Forestry provides 9 full time employees, 2 part-time employees and the necessary equipment for the purpose of fire control, emergency management, and landowner assistance. These services are provided at an estimated annual cost of \$371,357.00 to the Division of Forestry.

Gulf County received \$22,185.00 from grants administered through the Division of Forestry for the following:

- Howard Creek - \$2,410.00 – foam, hoses, and fittings.
- South Gulf VFD - \$9,775.00 – communications equipment
- Overstreet VFD - \$10,000.00 – 350 gallon slip-in unit, pagers, radios, rakes, and hoses/nozzles.

Gulf County currently has an ongoing grant of \$26,238.00 for SCBA equipment and Overstreet VFD also has an ongoing grant for \$14,000.00 to purchase radios, hoses, and nozzles.

Division of Forestry fire control units responded to 14 wildfires in Gulf County that burned a total of 229.7 acres. Lightning was the major cause of wildfire ignition, with careless smokers fires being the next leading cause. Gulf County received an average rainfall of 73.98 inches, as compared to last year's average of 60.29 inches.

There were a total of 168 burning permits issued to landowners in the county, authorizing 11,165 acres and 272 piles to be burned.

The Division of Forestry is currently working on three wildland fuels mitigation projects in the county. We will continue to identify areas where mitigation projects can be accomplished with minimal impacts while protecting the greatest number of resources.

The Division of Forestry is continuing its Fire Reduction Initiative Program. This program is designed to reduce man-caused fires through educating the public on the lawful ways to conduct outdoor burning.

Division of Forestry personnel and Smokey Bear appeared in two (2) parades in Gulf County. DOF personnel conducted ten (10) Information and Education Programs for Gulf County public schools and daycare centers. All of these programs were conducted in an effort to teach our younger generation the importance of fire safety and fire prevention.

The Division of Forestry will continue to support the County's fire departments and Emergency Management Services in obtaining equipment and gear whenever possible through the Federal Excess Program.

If I can ever be of any assistance to you, please feel free to call me.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHARLES H. BRONSON
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE


Kenny Thomas
Forest Area Supervisor

Attached
Annual CFA Report

2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT**GULF COUNTY
COOPERATIVE FORESTRY ASSISTANCE PROJECT**

By:
GULF COUNTY FORESTER
FLORIDA DIVISION OF FORESTRY

September 2010

This report of the Gulf County Cooperative Forestry Assistance (CFA) Project includes activities and accomplishments for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Project expenditures during that period amounted to \$1,000.00 in county funding and over \$16,000.00 in state and federal funding.

The County Forester's primary responsibility is to provide impartial information to the timberland owners and homeowners of Gulf County so that they may make informed forestry and tree management decisions. Assistance is rendered in such forms as: woodland examinations, forest management plans, shade and ornamental tree advice, tree planting advice and recommendations, forest products marketing, and forest pest control/prevention recommendations.

During this time span of this report, thirty-one (31) total requests were handled by your County Forester. Ten field visits were performed for timber management or insect/disease purposes, involving 1009 woodland acres.

The newest federal forestry cost-share program is the *Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) Prevention Program*. It has now been in existence four years; with the purpose of assisting landowners in managing existing pine timber stands to reduce susceptibility to southern pine beetle. Three landowners completed FY2008-09 SPB practices during the reporting period with a total payout of \$16,400.00. One Gulf County landowner recently applied for a total of \$450.00 under this program for FY2010-11.

Indirect forestry benefits to landowners and homeowners are provided through various surveys and studies conducted by the Division of Forestry, and I am designated to facilitate the fieldwork for those projects in Gulf County. Following up on our annual southern pine beetle aerial detection survey, we performed one ground check but found no active infestations.

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One environmental education program for Wewahitchka Elementary School second-graders was given at Wetappo Tower site, with approximately eighty (85) students attending.

During the year, twenty-one (21) incidental and administrative requests were received, which involved approximately 40 hours of office and research time. One landowner was referred to prescribed burning vendors for a project beyond the scope of DOF operations.

During this period, your County Forester worked with the following agencies and groups: Gulf County Extension Service, USDA-Farm Service Agency, Fla. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and St. Joe Timberland Company.

Our regional pulpwood market showed some improvement over the reporting period. The Green Circle wood pellet plant is still operating at near full capacity and Smurfit-Stone still manages to hang on in spite of the awful economy. Again this year, with the status of new housing starts, we won't speculate about the sawtimber market except to say that we don't expect to see an improvement in stumpage prices for the small landowner anytime soon.

If you need further information concerning this report or our programs, please feel free to contact me by mail at the Fla. Division of Forestry, 715 W. 15th Street, Panama City, FL 32401, by telephone at 850/747-5308, or at my E-mail address: cumming@doacs.state.fl.us

We appreciate the cooperation of the Gulf County Commission and welcome suggestions that will help improve the County Forester's services to the public. This CFA project began in 1963, forty-seven years ago. For the last sixteen of those years, it has been my distinct pleasure to serve as your County Forester. I will be retiring in May 2011, so this will be my last report to you. I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to assist the fine citizens of Gulf County in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BRONSON
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE



Geoffrey A. Cummings
Gulf County Forester