

# WESTERN EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECT (WERP)

Project Delivery Team (PDT) Virtual Meeting  
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## MEETING PURPOSE

- Present conceptual planning alternatives.
- Gain feedback from PDT members and public, encourage involvement.

## TODAY'S PRODUCTS

- Input from PDT members who have not been able to participate on subteams.
- Agreement on screening management measures.

Special thanks to the Southwest Florida Conservancy & the Big Cypress National Preserve for the use of their images.



# MEETING AGENDA

MEETING TIME 1:00 – 4:00 pm

- Role Call & Virtual Meeting Skills
- Conceptual Alternative Plans
  - **ACTIVITY #1, #2**
- Management Measure Screening
  - **ACTIVITY #3**
- Public Comment
- Summary & Next Steps



## WELCOME! ROLE CALL & VIRTUAL MEETING SKILLS

### ▪ VIRTUAL MEETINGS

- Mute phone when you are not speaking
- Limit background noise (i.e. pets, coffee shops, etc)
- State your name each time you speak
- Do not place meeting on hold, simply drop and rejoin when you can

### ▪ PUBLIC COMMENT\*

- Before end of meeting

\*FACA Regulations allow public to comment during designated time. FACA Regulations prohibit dialogue or Q&A with team members.



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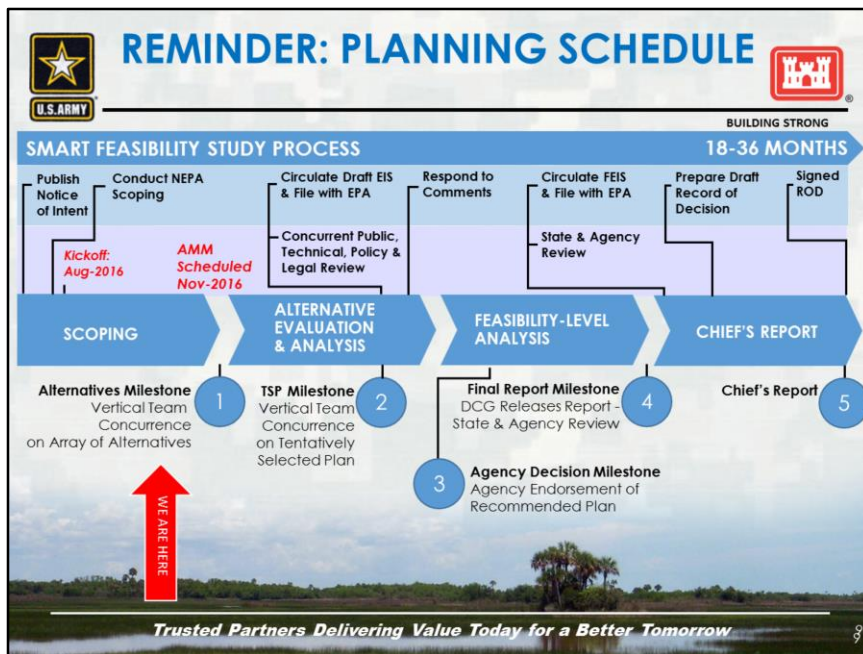


## Please note...

- Water quality (WQ) treatment facilities have not been fully included on the maps you will see today! WQ subteam is working on this.
- The alternatives presented today are preliminary, conceptual, and will be screened. Give us your input during Activity #1 and #2!
- Also, please remember, WERP PDT meetings take place while work is in progress. The materials being presented are “a work in progress.”



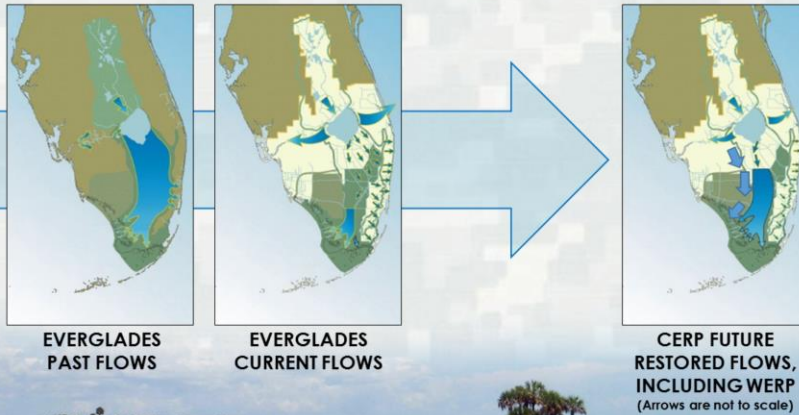




This slide shows our starting point in plan formulation. When we use this slide in the AMM it will **set stage to show what we've done in 90 days.**

## REMINDER: WERP AS PART OF CERP

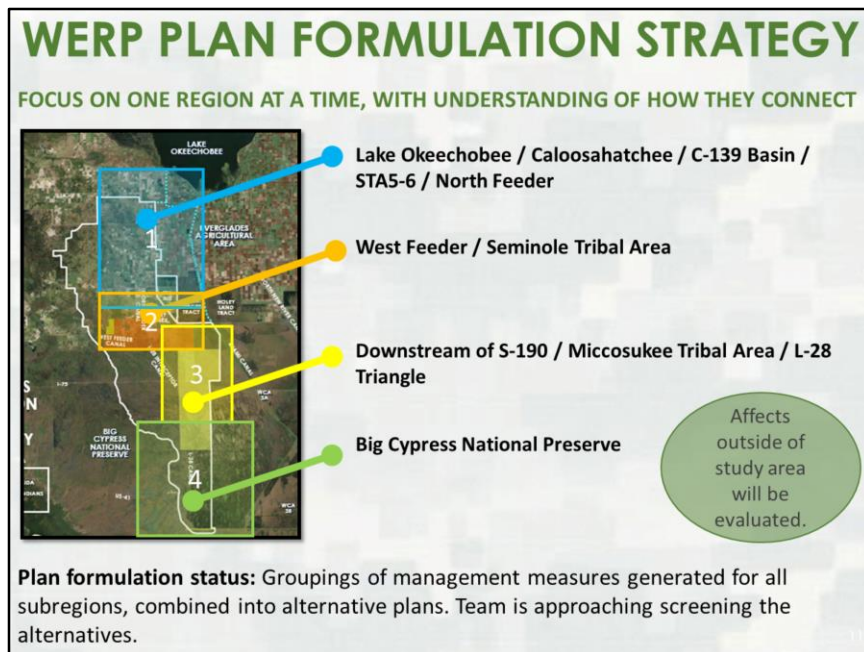
Seeking to restore quality, quantity, timing, distribution of freshwater flows for ecosystem restoration in the western flowway of the Everglades.



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### Brief overview of WERP (20 min)

Main point of this slide: CERP background and context.



**Lake O / Cal / C139 / STA56 / N Feeder** - Focus on potential Lake connection routes and treatment

**West Feeder / Seminole Tribal Area** - Focus on treatment of west water onto Tribe and distribution of water (e.g. critical project improvements, natural area rehydration, etc...)

**Downstream of S190 / Miccosukee Tribal Area / Triangle** - Focus on preventing groundwater drainage, potential connectivity of natural lands

**Big Cypress National Preserve** - Focus on levee degrades, canal backfill, etc...

## NEXT AGENDA ITEM: CONCEPTUAL ALTERNATIVE PLANS

Please participate! First, say hello in the chat room...

Take notes during the presentation.

- Note: Are any of the conceptual alternatives similar enough to be combined?
- Note: your concerns with any alternatives.
- Note: any management measures you really like, and why.

Use these notes for Activities 1 & 2 after the presentation.

Kelly present. Ask audience to write “hello” in chat room at this slide.

## **“FULL DEGRADE” ALTERNATIVE a & b (with & without connection to Lake)**

### **Friendly reminders:**

- At this time, the alternatives assume that water meets water quality requirements. WQ subteam will add WQ features as soon as possible.
- Similarly, the team has not yet checked the Cultural Resources locations.
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Kelly present.

### **We’ve received the following important notes from team members:**

- They have asked that we determine if Lake water is even needed in the Western Basins before we decide to add Lake water.
- They have pointed out that water quality (WQ) treatment for existing water is already a major challenge, without adding the challenge of cleaning new water from Lake O. We need to determine how and where WQ treatment will occur for existing WQ issues before deciding to add more water from Lake O that would require treatment.
- Team members support relieving pressure on the estuaries by taking some water from Lake O, to the extent that the Western Basins needs the water and can treat the water to applicable water quality standards.

### **Suggestions from team members for refining this conceptual alternative:**

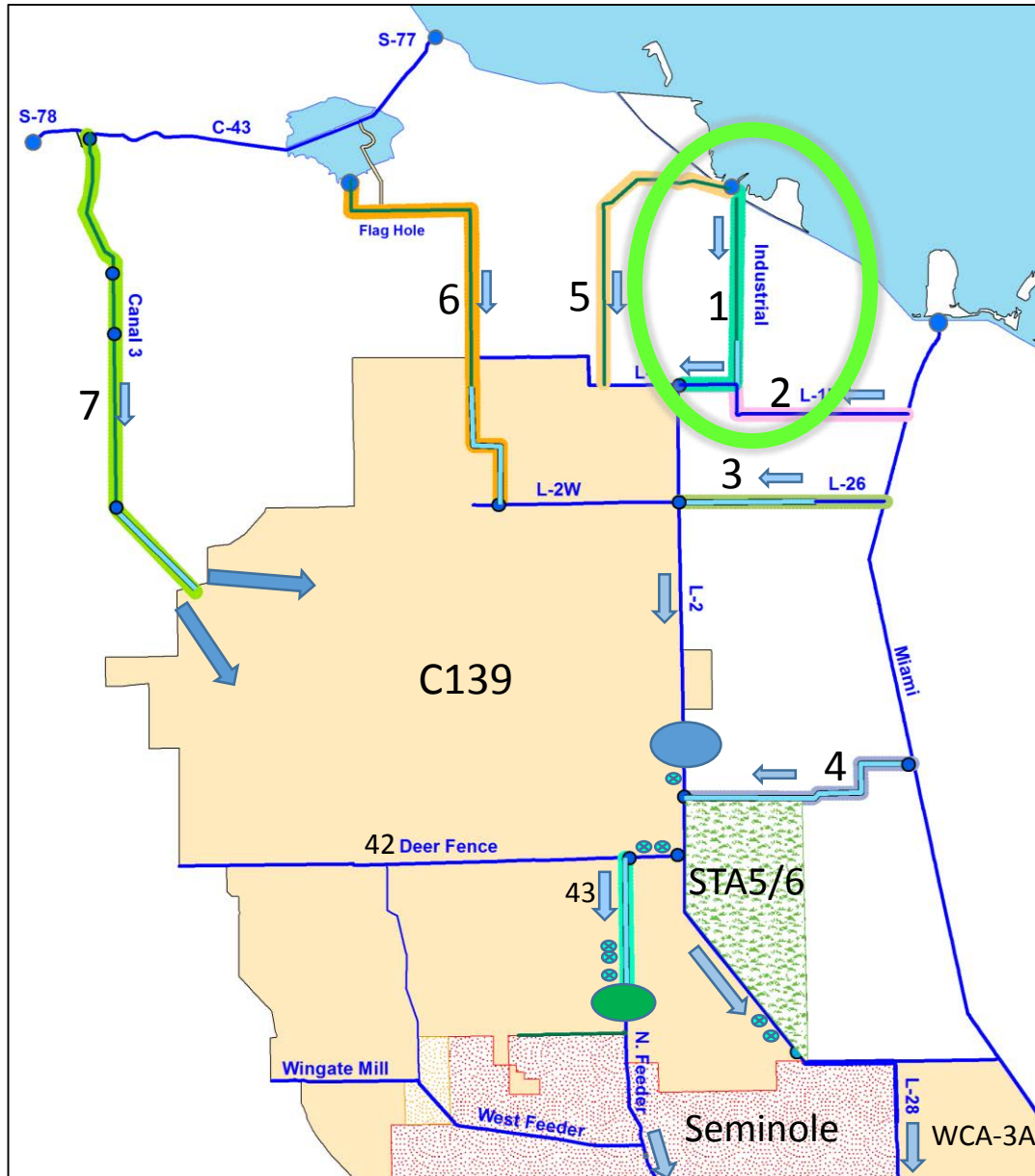
Look at existing water quality problems in the Western Basins and determine land areas needed to treat this water. This will provide a reality-check regarding brining in Lake O water that would need more treatment.

Examples:

- North Feeder Canal at Seminole northern boundary (228 ppb TP)
- West Feeder Weir (47 ppb TP)
- USSO (139 ppb TP)
- S-190 (108 ppb TP)
- S-140 (74 ppb TP)


# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “FULL DEGRADE, WITH LAKE CONNECTION”

Region 1 configuration includes new water from Lake O.



## Potential Lake Okeechobee Connections


- 1 Industrial canal
- 2 Miami Canal - L-1E
- 3 Miami Canal - L-26
- 4 Miami Canal - STA5
- 5 20-mile canal
- 6 Flaghole canal
- 7 C-43 – Canal 3
- 43 North Feeder Extension

 = Preferred routes to work together.

## Lake Okeechobee Water Treatment options

- 44 STA 5/6 ext
- 50 North Feeder

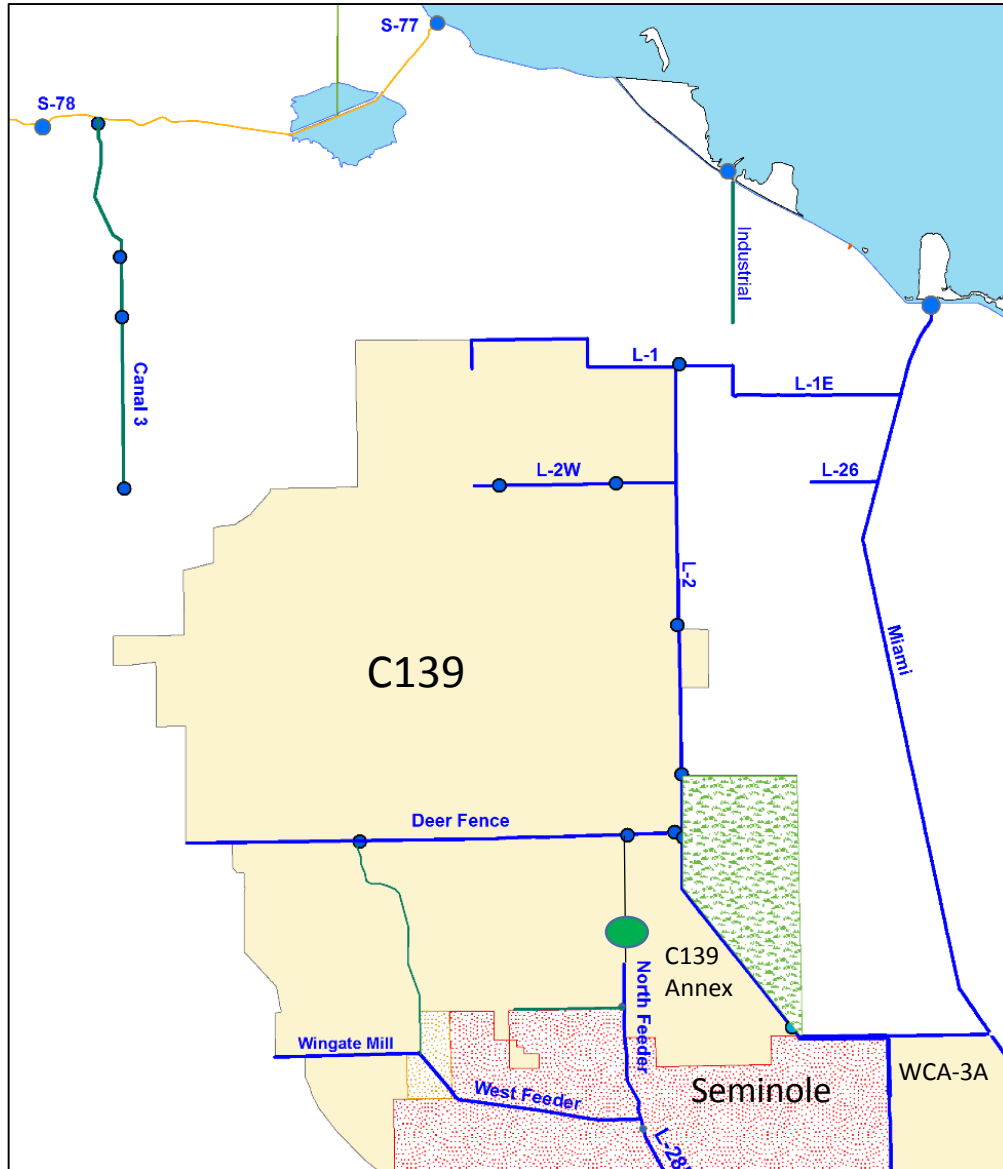
## Storage and more routing options

-  - ASR
- 42 - Deer Fence
- L2
- L3



# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “FULL DEGRADE, WITHOUT LAKE CONNECTION”

Region 1 configuration includes new water from Lake O.



## Why are we talking about not bringing in water from Lake O?

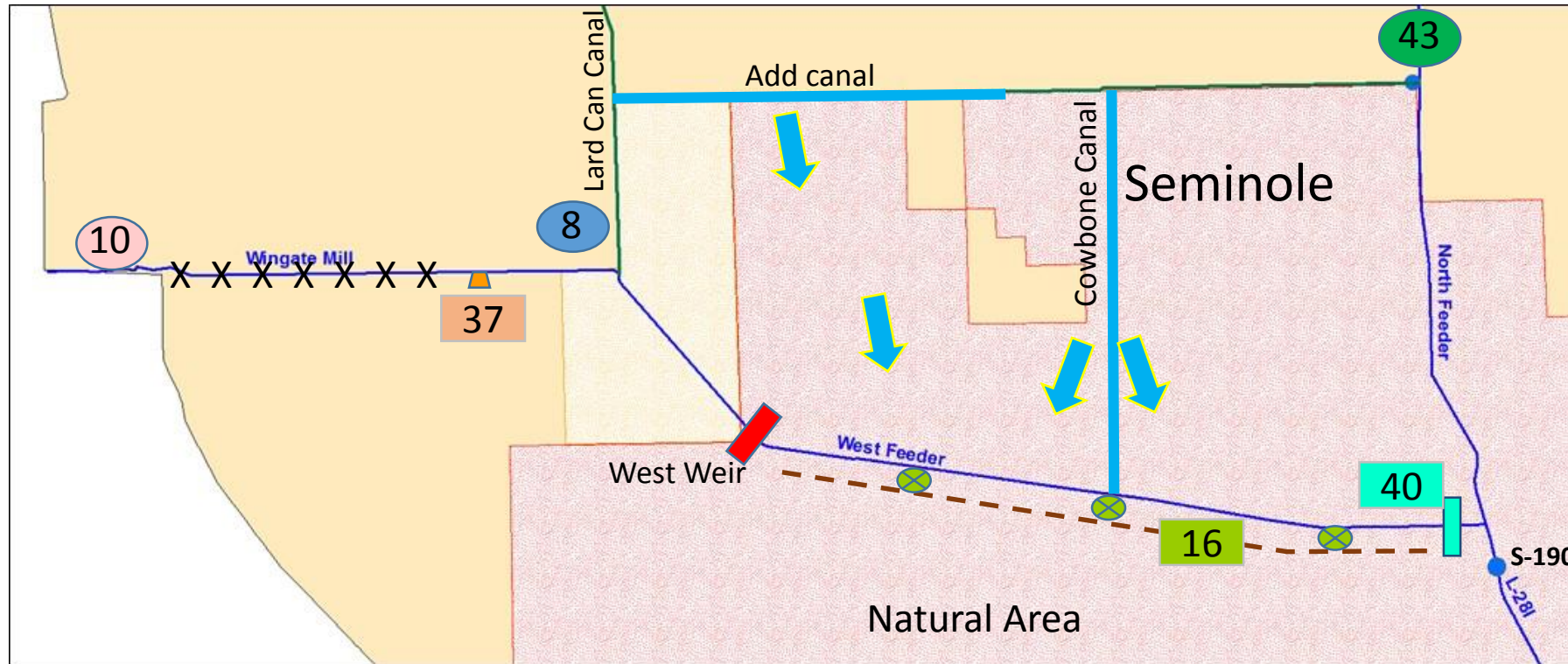
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North Feeder WQ Treatment

# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “FULL **DEGRADE**”

Region 2 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore water quality with treatment facilities (STA or FEB):

- 10 Inflow water treatment
- 8 West Feeder treatment
- 43 North Feeder treatment

## Restore hydrology in Reservation and to Big Cypress National Preserve (BCNP):

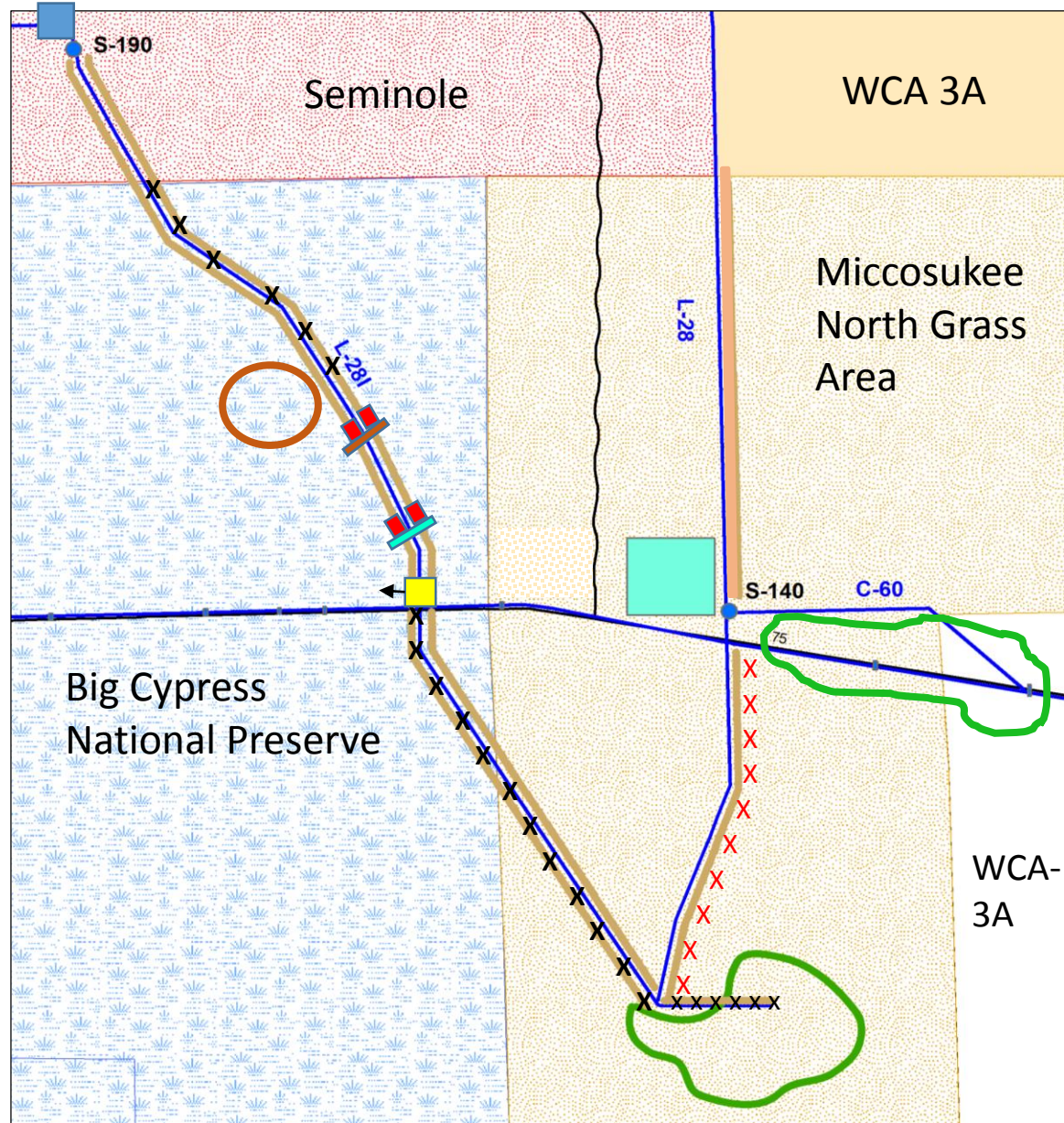
- 37 Wingate Mill Canal Cypress Strand weir
- 13 West Weir spillway
- 16 West Feeder pumps & spreader canal

- 40 West Feeder spillway
- ← Gravity flows
- - - Spreader canal
- X X X Backfill/degrade



# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “FULL **DEGRADE**”

Region 3 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore hydrology:

- Modify S-140 operations
- X** Fill in L28n canal & remove levee, south of I-75
- X** Remove L28i extension (except for check station)
- S190 pump & tailwater weir
- For levees retained for access, include breaks on both sides in combination with step down weirs
- ◀■** Pump water along I-75 canal if needed

## Restore water quality:

- Enhanced wetland restoration (L-28 WQ treatment features are proposed upstream of this map)

## Restore habitat:

- Restore native wetland vegetation
- Clear vegetation from conveyance under I-75

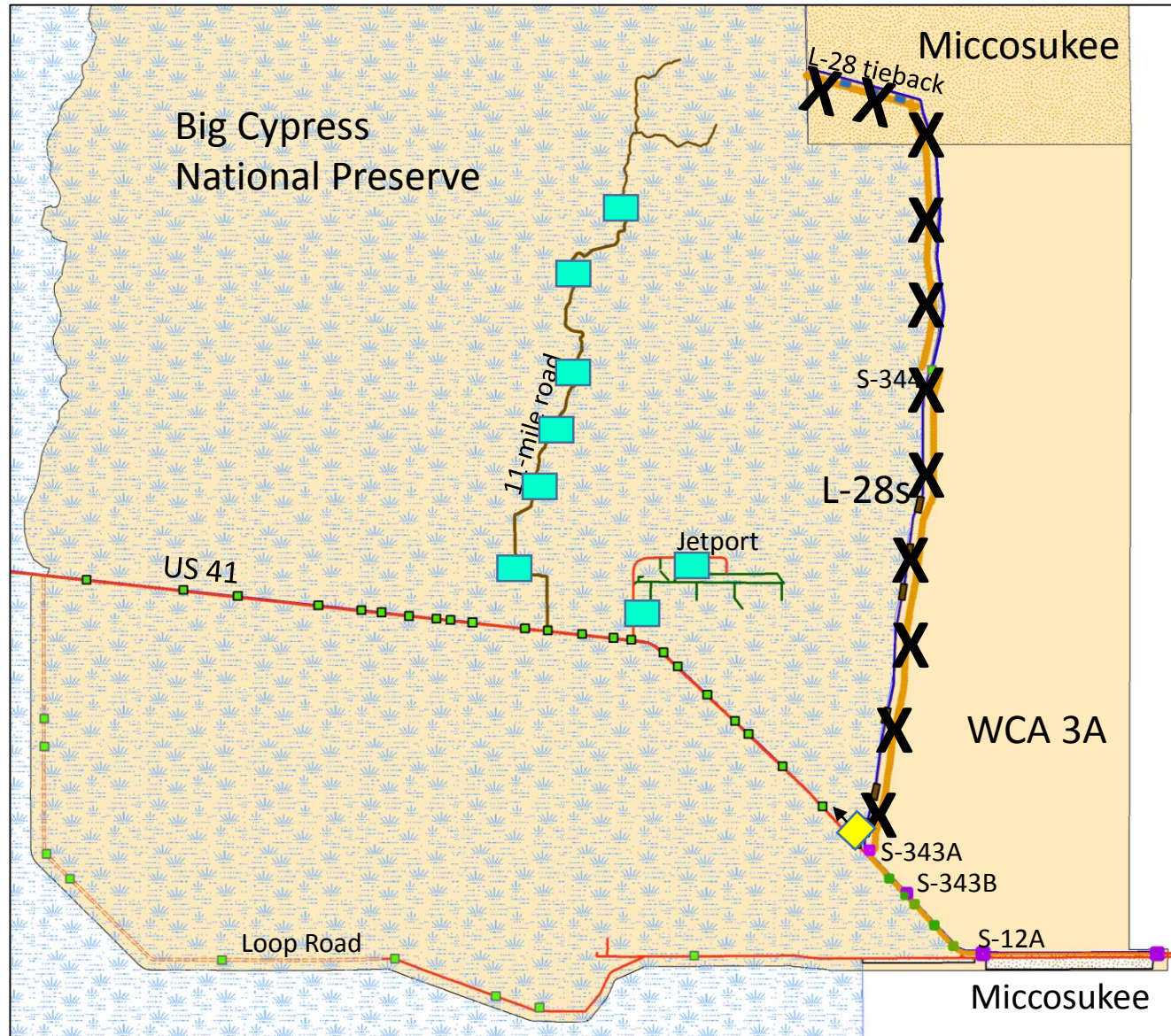
## Other important considerations:

- Big Cypress Sanctuary community, uses L28i for access. 26°13'39"N 80°55'40"W



# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “FULL **DEGRADE**”

Region 4 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore hydrology:

- X X** Degrade levee/backfill canal (MM#62)
- Add conveyance
- Improve/add culverts
- ◀■** Pump water NW along US41 if needed for CSSS-A.

## Other important considerations:

Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow subpopulation A is south of the S-343 and S-12 structures.

## **“USE REGULATORY RELEASES” ALTERNATIVE**

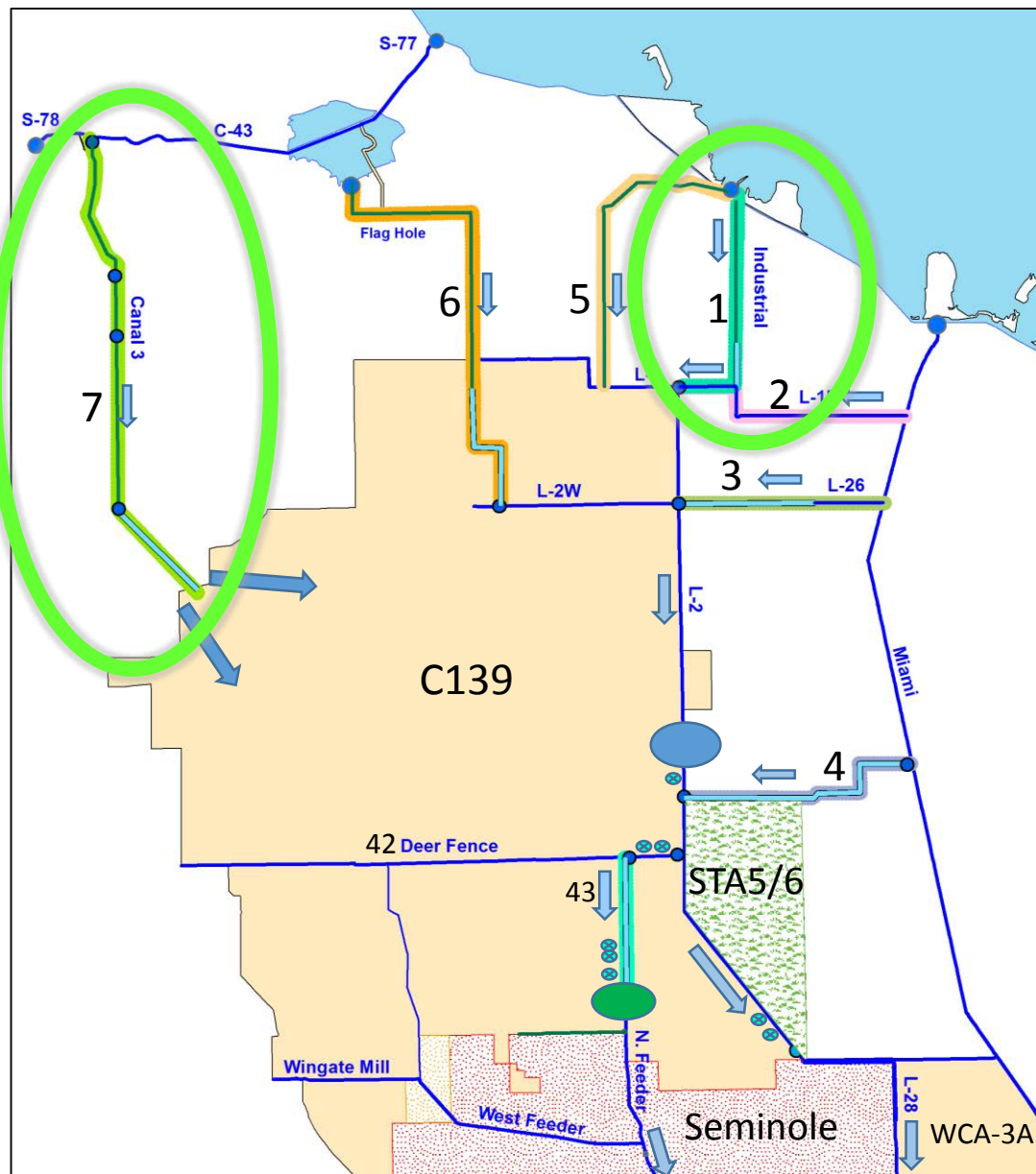
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Matt present?


# WERP ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “SEND REGULATORY RELEASES SOUTH FOR RESTORATION”

Region 1 configuration emphasizes 2 connections to Lake O.



## Potential Lake Okeechobee Connections


- 1 Industrial canal
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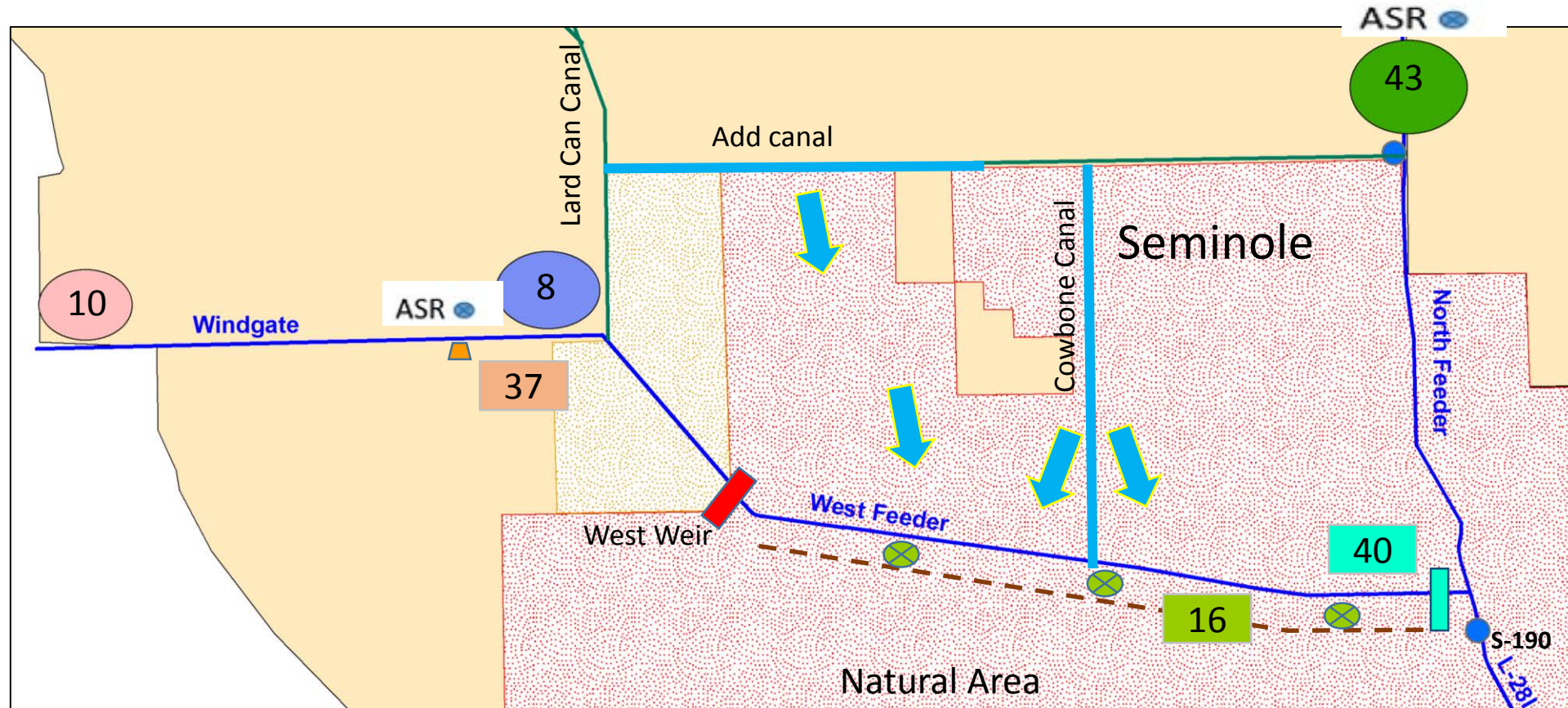
## Storage and more routing options

-  - ASR
- 42 - Deer Fence
- L2
- L3



# WERPALTERNATIVE **CONCEPT: “SEND REGULATORY RELEASES SOUTH FOR RESTORATION”**

Region 2 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore water quality with treatment facilities (STA or FEB):

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- 16 West Feeder pumps & spreader canal

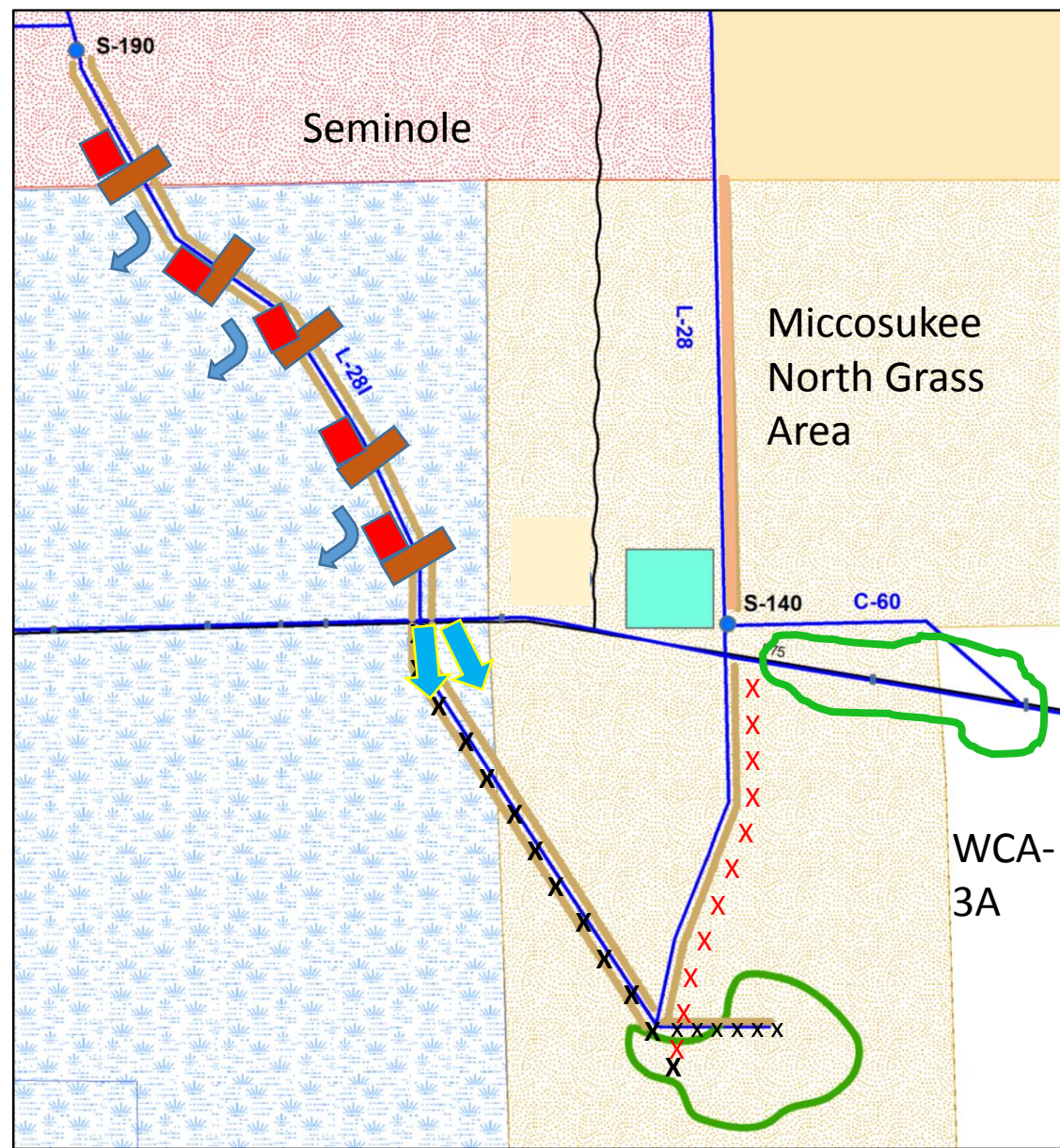
ASR • Aquifer Storage and Recovery

- 40 West Feeder spillway
- ← Gravity flows
- - - Spreader canal



# WERPALTERNATIVE **CONCEPT: "SEND REGULATORY RELEASES SOUTH FOR RESTORATION"**

Region 3 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore hydrology:

- Modify S-140 operations
- X** Fill in L28n canal & remove levee, south of I-75
- X** Remove L28i extension (except for check station)
- S190 operations
- ▲** Levee breaks in combination with step down weirs (#17)
- ↙** Water from I-75 canal into NW triangle. Would need to address WQ!

## Restore water quality:

- Enhanced wetland restoration (L-28 WQ treatment features are proposed upstream of this map)

## Active habitat reset:

- Restore native wetland vegetation
- Clear vegetation from conveyance under I75

## Other important considerations:

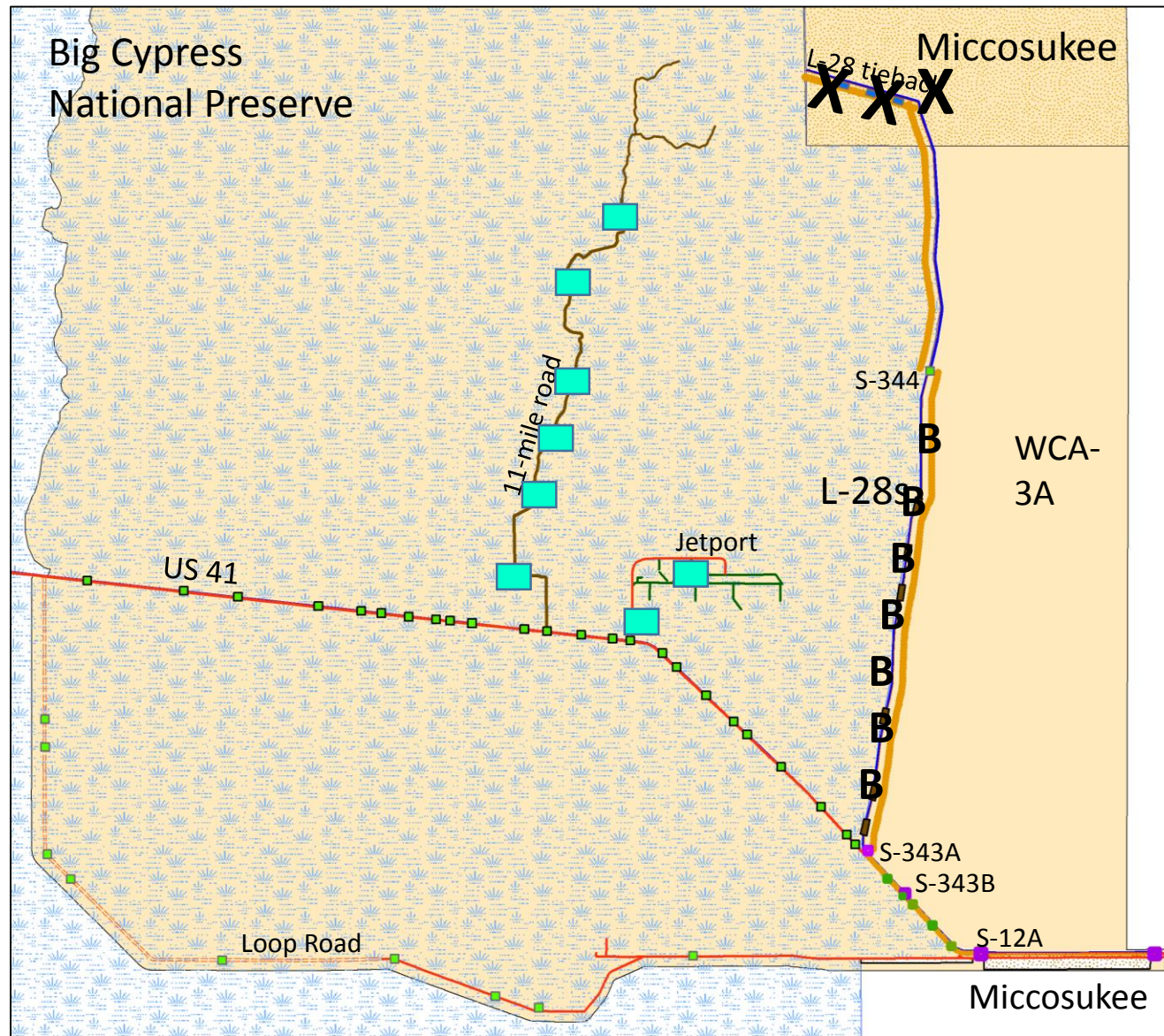
- Keep levee access Big Cypress Sanctuary community, uses L28i for access.  
26°13'39"N 80°55'40"W

Cultural resources considerations.



# WERPALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “SEND REGULATORY RELEASES SOUTH FOR RESTORATION”

Region 4 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore hydrology:

**X X** Degrade levee/backfill tieback.

**B B** Only backfill canal south of S-344.

 Add conveyance

 Improve/add culverts

## Other important considerations:

Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow subpopulation A is south of the S-343 and S-12 structures.

## **“ACTIVE MANAGEMENT” ALTERNATIVE**

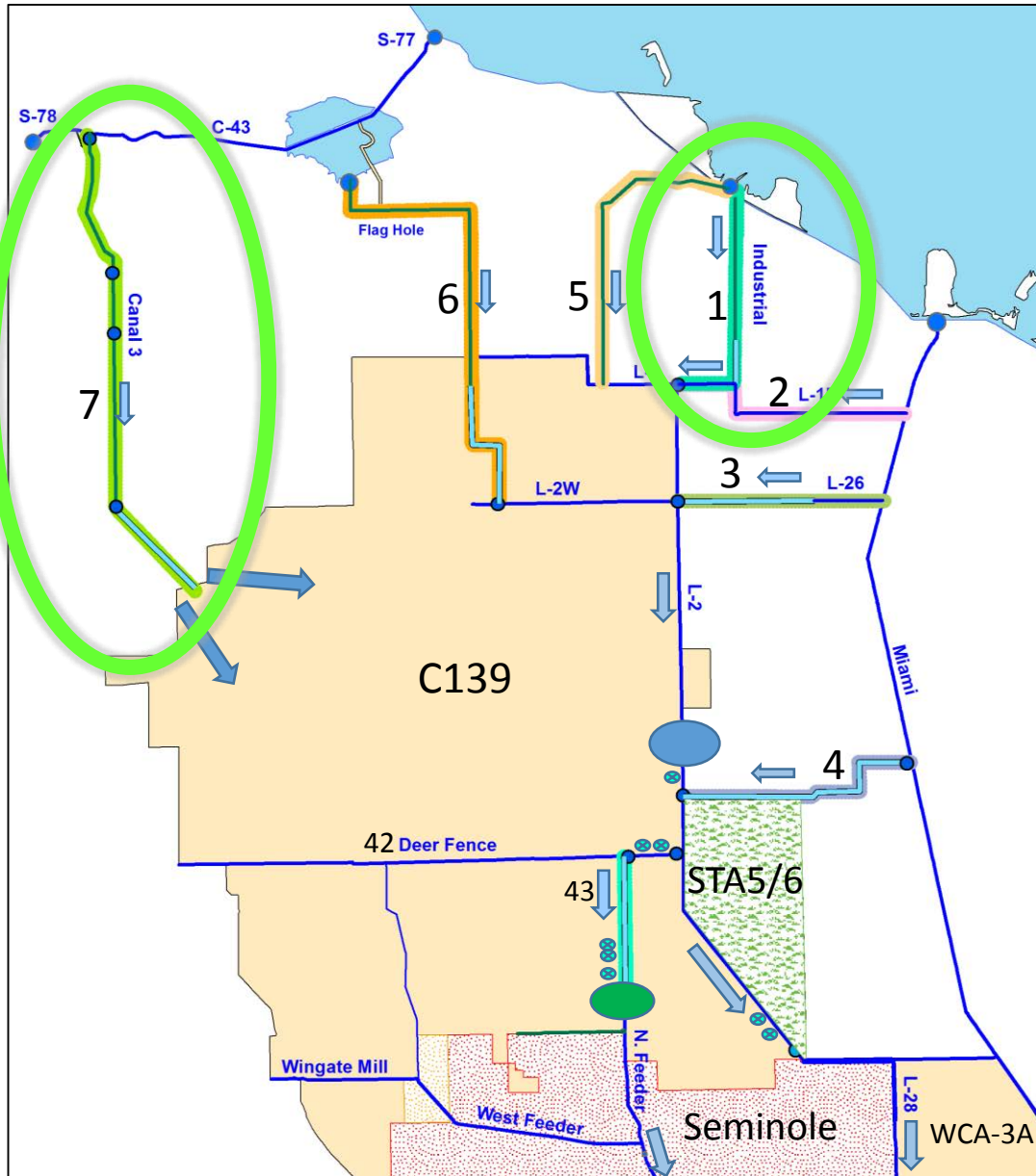
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Eric Flaig present?


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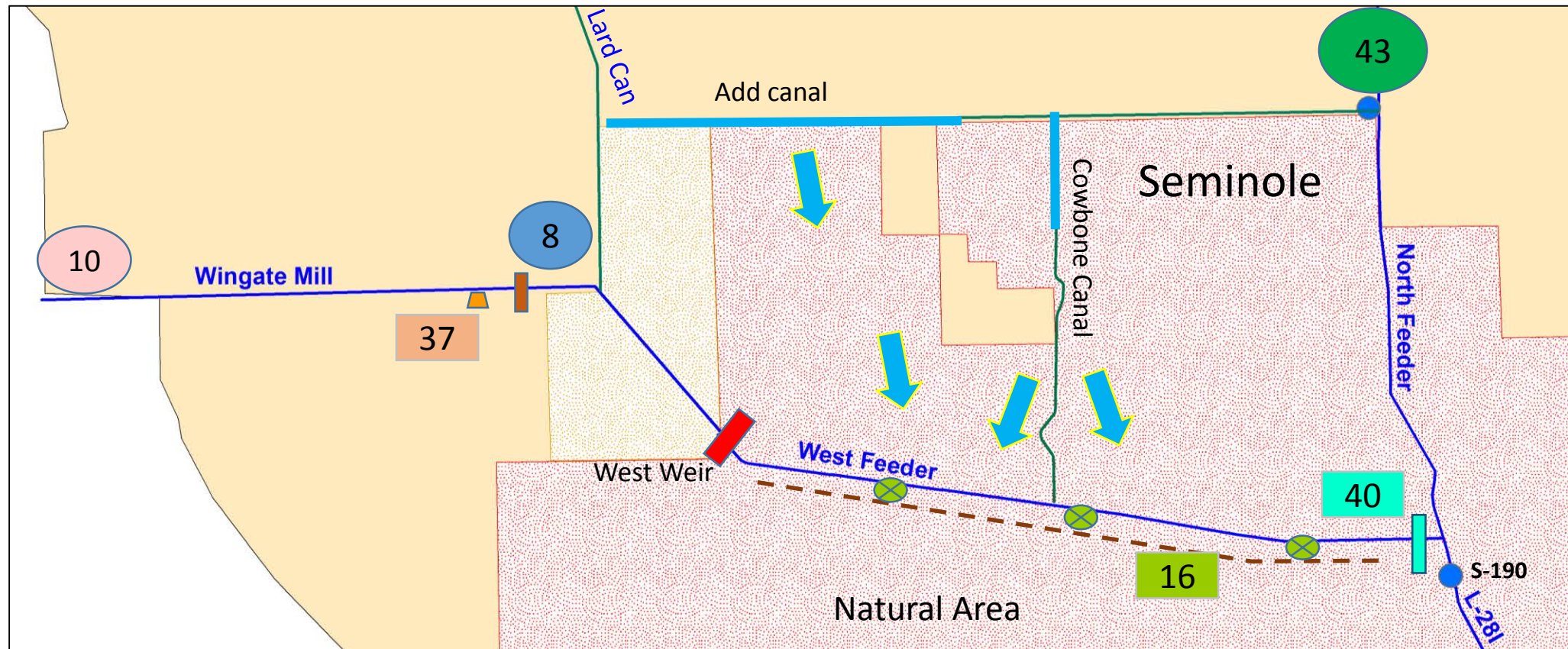
## Storage and more routing options

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- L2
- L3



# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “ACTIVE MANAGEMENT”

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- 8 West Feeder treatment
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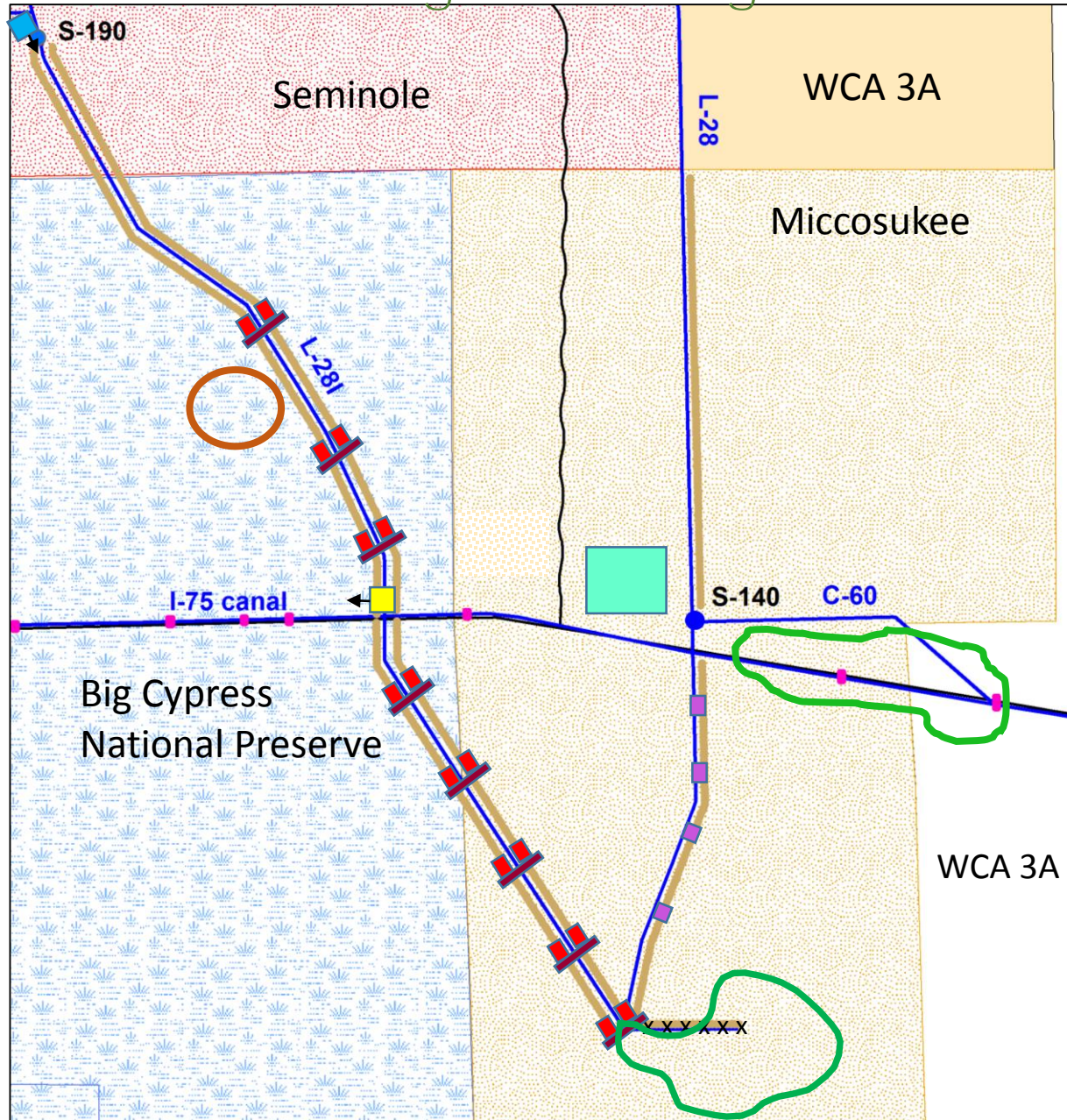
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- 40 West Feeder spillway
- ← Gravity flows
- - - Spreader canal
- Active inline weir



# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “ACTIVE MANAGEMENT”

Region 3 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore hydrology

- Modify S-140 operations
- L28n levee breaks south of I-75
- ←■ S190 pump & operations
- Levee breaks and step down weirs
- X Remove L28i extension (except for check station)
- ←■ Pump water into I-75 canal

## Restore water quality:

- Enhanced wetland restoration  
(L-28 WQ treatment features are proposed upstream of this map)

## Reset habitat:

- Restore native wetland vegetation
- Clear vegetation from conveyance under I-75

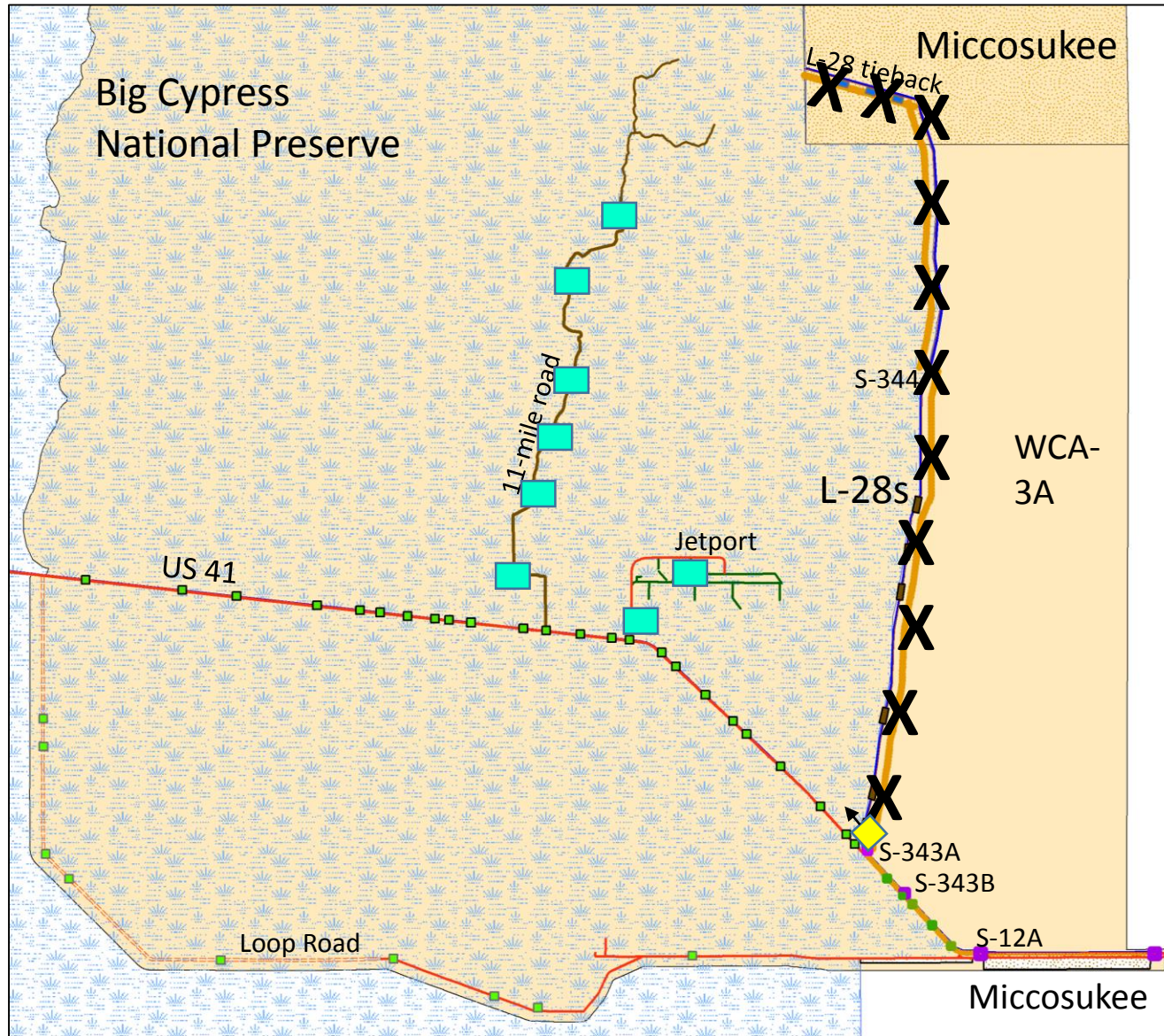
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# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “ACTIVE MANAGEMENT”

Region 4 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore hydrology:

- X X** Degrade levee/backfill canal (MM#62)
- Cyan square** Add conveyance
- Green square** Existing culverts
- Yellow square with arrow** Pump to send water NW along US-41, away from CSSS-A

## Other important considerations:

Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow subpopulation A is south of the S-343 and S-12 structures.



## **“PASSIVE MANAGEMENT” ALTERNATIVE**

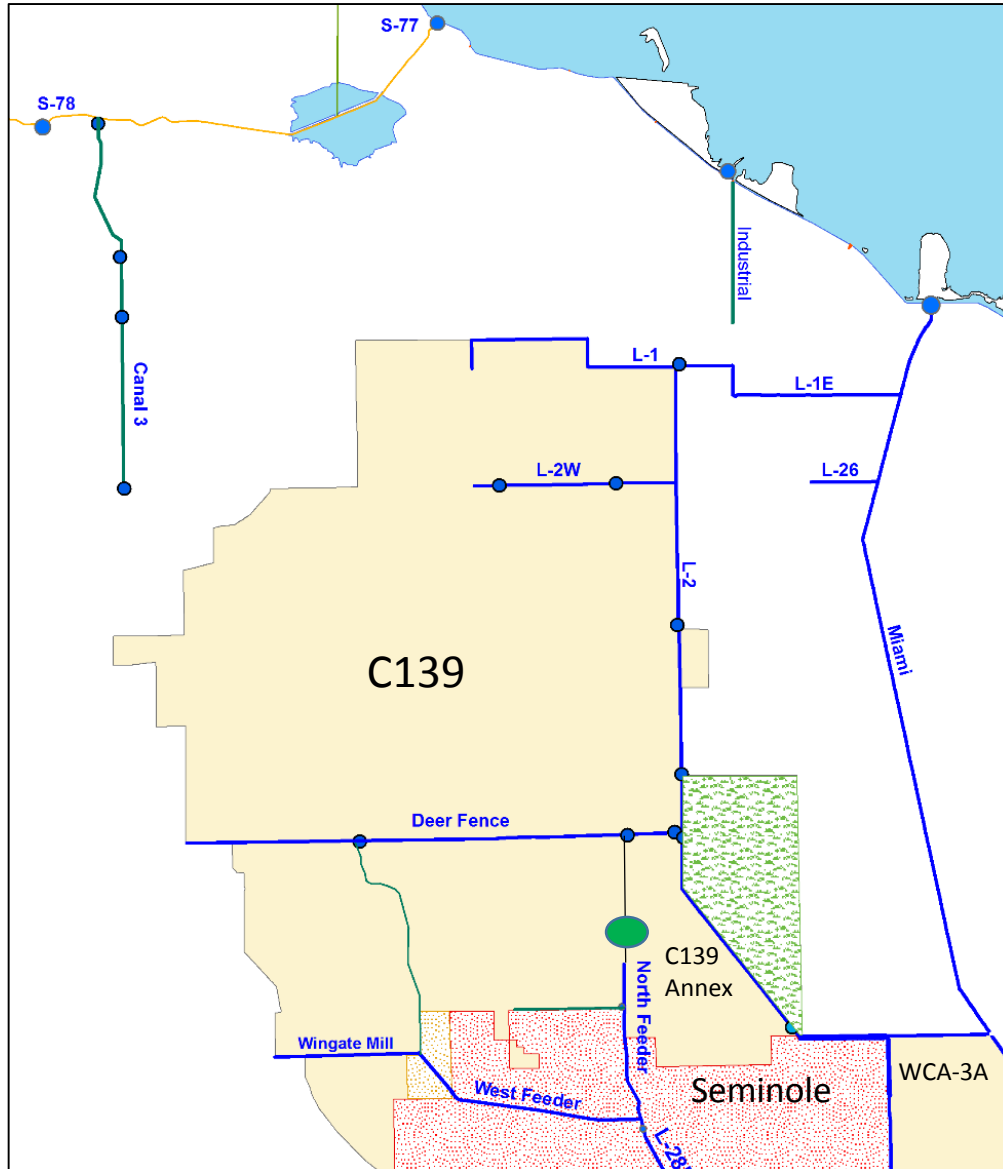
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Martha N. present

# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “**PASSIVE MANAGEMENT**”

Region 1 configuration includes no new water from Lake O.



## Why are we talking about not bringing in water from Lake O?

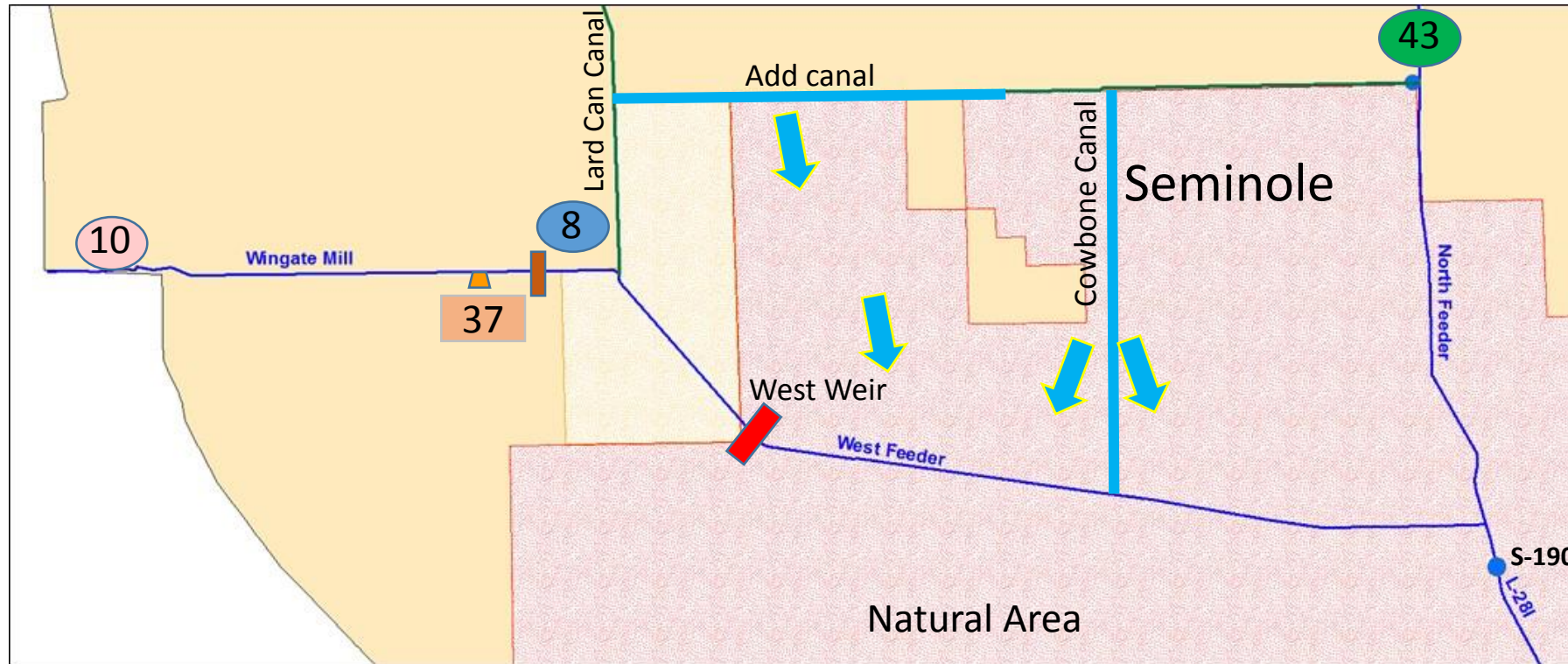
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North Feeder WQ Treatment

# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “**PASSIVE MANAGEMENT**”

Region 2 configuration includes the following measures...



Problem with this configuration: S190 still drains area. Can't put passive weir before S190 b/c boating needs would require active weir.

Possible: Screen out this configuration or put weir at east side of West Feeder.

**Restore water quality with treatment facilities (STA or FEB):**

- 10 Inflow water treatment
- 8 West Feeder treatment
- 43 North Feeder treatment

**Restore hydrology in Reservation and to Big Cypress National Preserve (BCNP):**

- 37 Wingate Mill Canal Cypress Strand lateral weir
- 13 West Weir spillway
- 16 West Feeder spreader canal, without pumps
- Passive inline weir east of #37

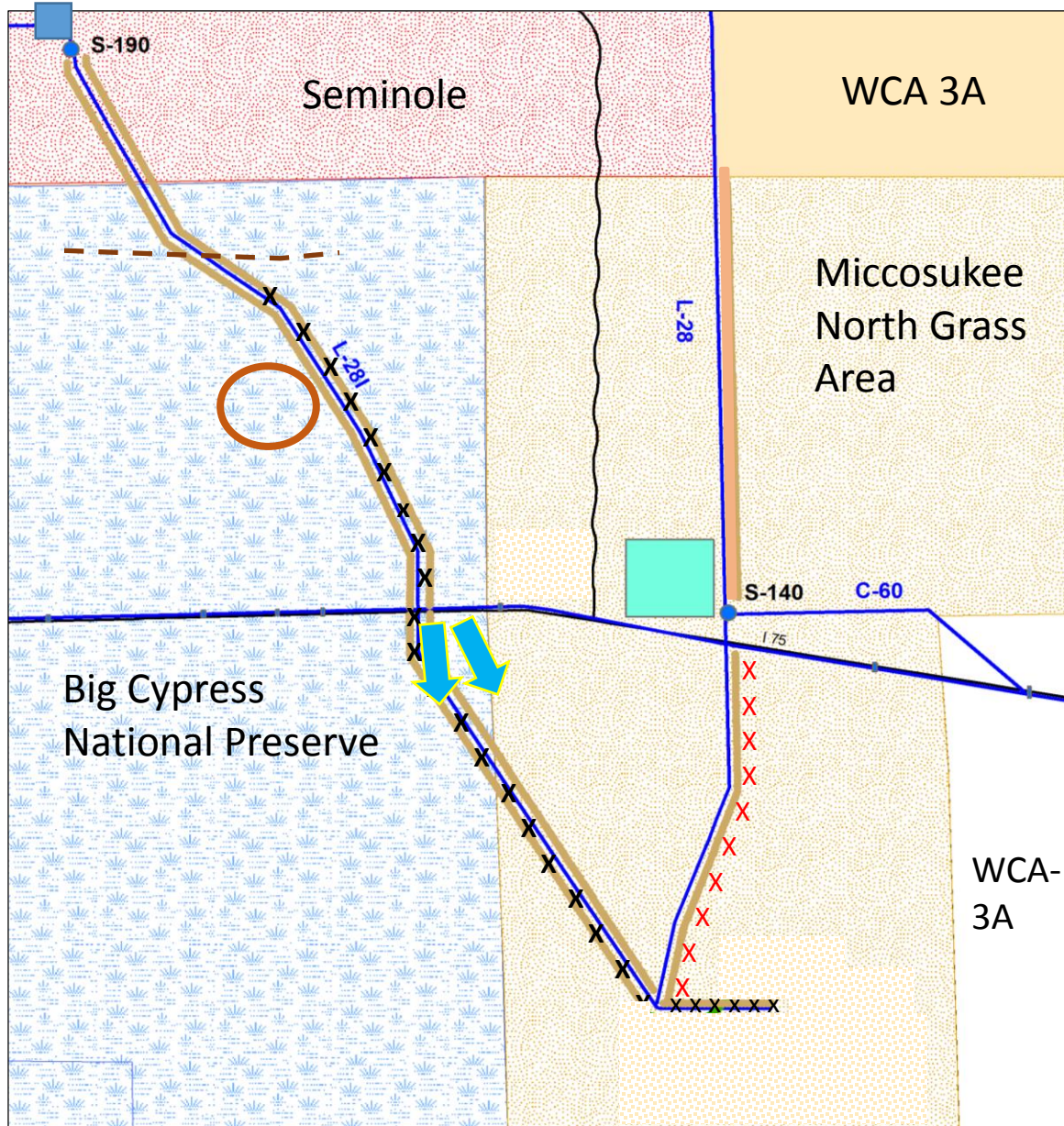


Gravity flows









## WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “PASSIVE MANAGEMENT”

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## Restore hydrology:

- Modify S-140 operations
-  Fill in L28n canal & remove levee, south of I-75
-  Remove L28i extension except for check station
-  S190 NO PUMP (MAY NEED IT WITH ACTIVE MNGT in MAP 2)
-  For levees retained for access, include breaks on both sides in combination with step down weirs
-  Spreader canal for S190 waters (need pump?)
-  Water from I-75 canal into NW Triangle (need pump, or use S140 pump?). **Water must meet WQ standards!**

## Restore water quality:

- Enhanced wetland restoration  
(L-28 WQ treatment features are proposed upstream of this map)

### Other important considerations:

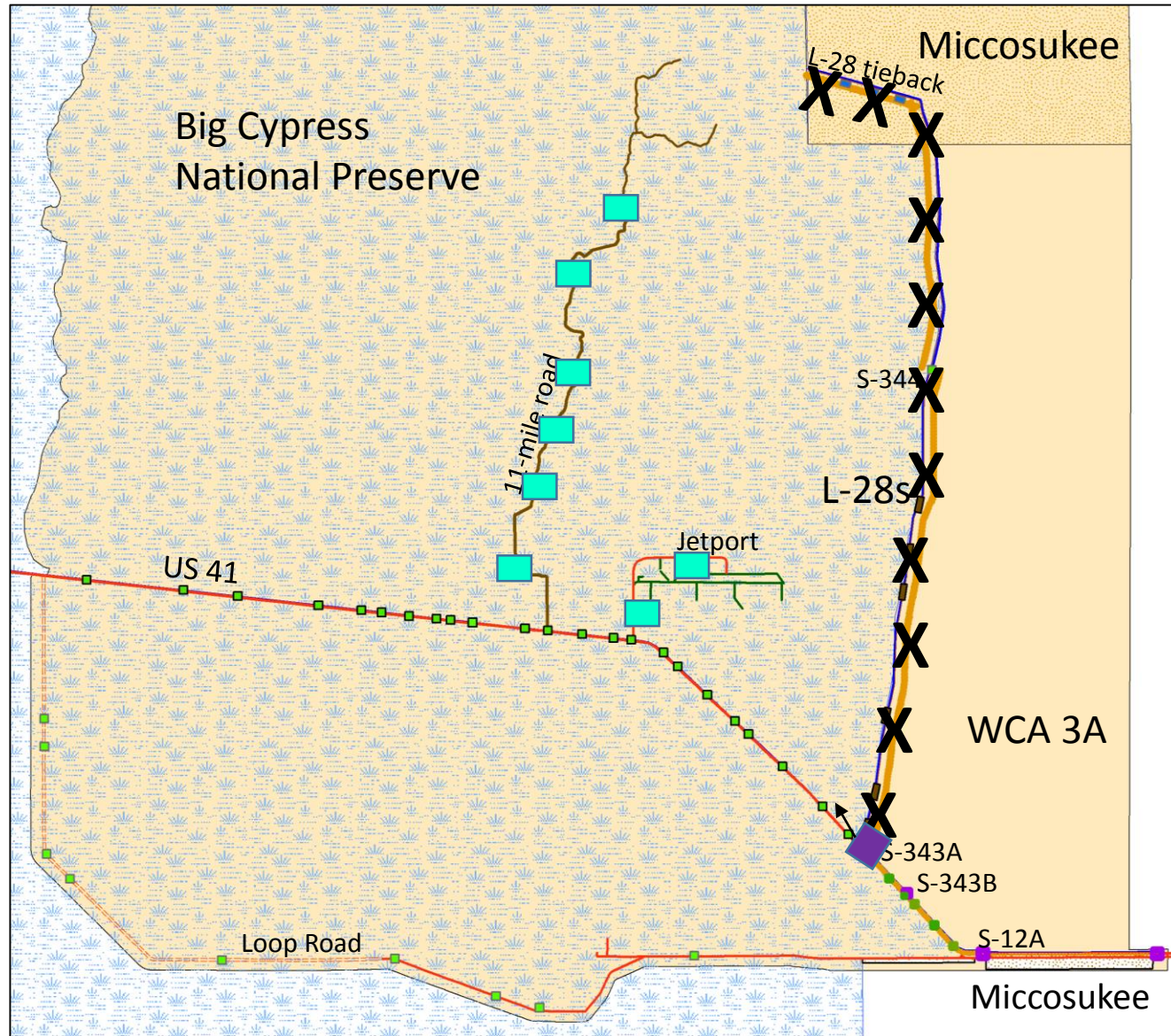
- Keep levee access Big Cypress Sanctuary community, uses L28i for access.  
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Cultural resources considerations.



# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “**PASSIVE MANAGEMENT**”

Region 4 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore hydrology:

- X X** Degrade levee/backfill canal (MM#62)
- Add conveyance
- Improve/add culverts
- ◀■** S-343 used as Divide Structure if needed for CSSS-A.

## Other important considerations:

Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow subpopulation A is south of the S-343 and S-12 structures.

## **“ADDITIONAL GRAVITY FLOW” ALTERNATIVE**

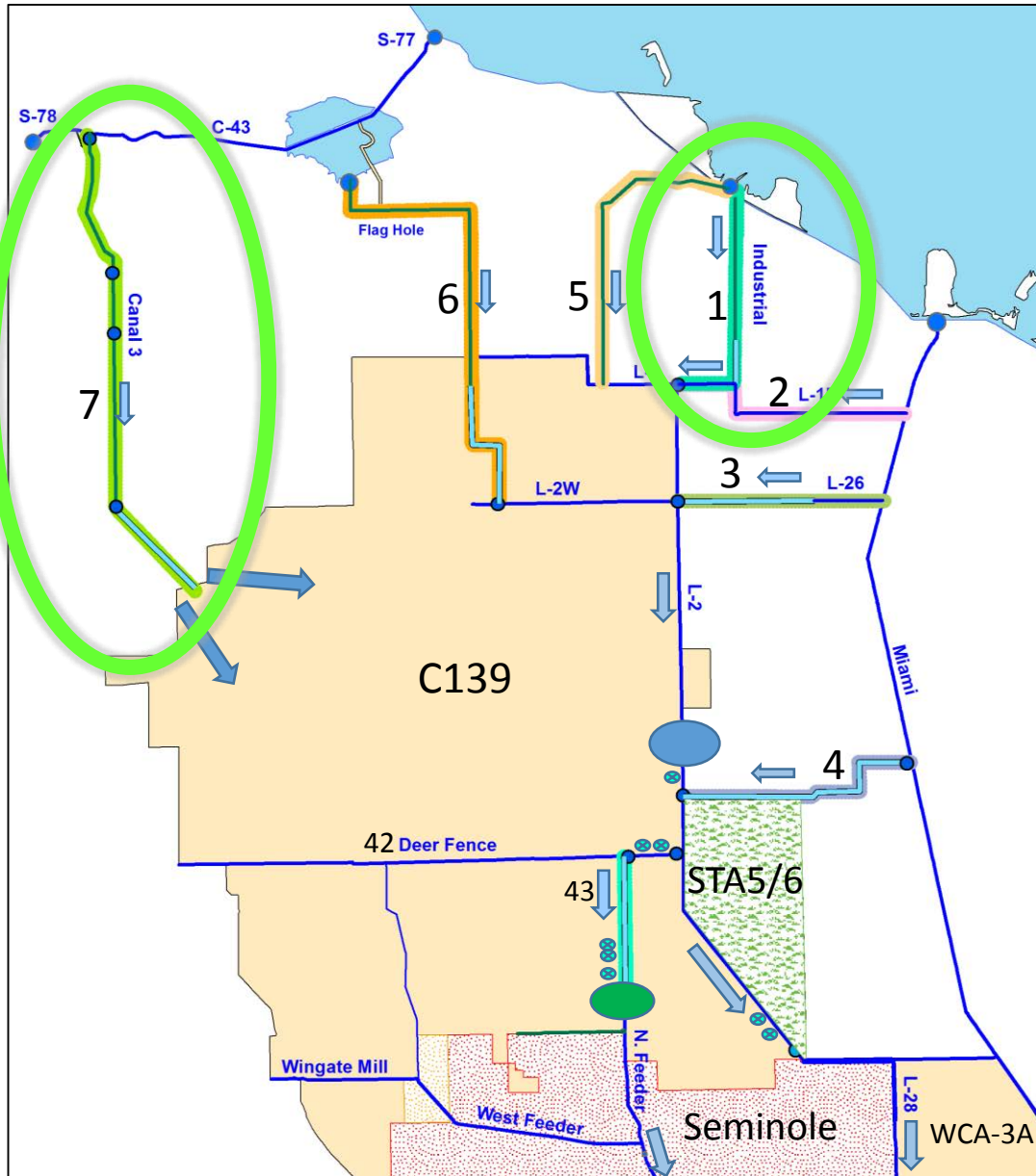
### **Friendly reminders:**

- At this time, the alternatives assume that water meets water quality requirements. WQ subteam will add WQ features as soon as possible.
- Similarly, the team has not yet checked the Cultural Resources locations.
- We still need to screen these alternatives. If you see a BAD idea, please send us a note (See Activity #2).

Kelly present.


# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “**ADDITIONAL GRAVITY FLOW**”

Region 1 configuration emphasizes 2 connections to Lake O.



## Potential Lake Okeechobee Connections


- 1 Industrial canal
- 2 Miami Canal - L-1E
- 3 Miami Canal - L-26
- 4 Miami Canal - STA5
- 5 20-mile canal
- 6 Flaghole canal
- 7 C-43 – Canal 3
- 43 North Feeder Extension

 = Preferred routes to work together.

## Lake Okeechobee Water Treatment options

- 44 STA 5/6 ext
- 50 North Feeder

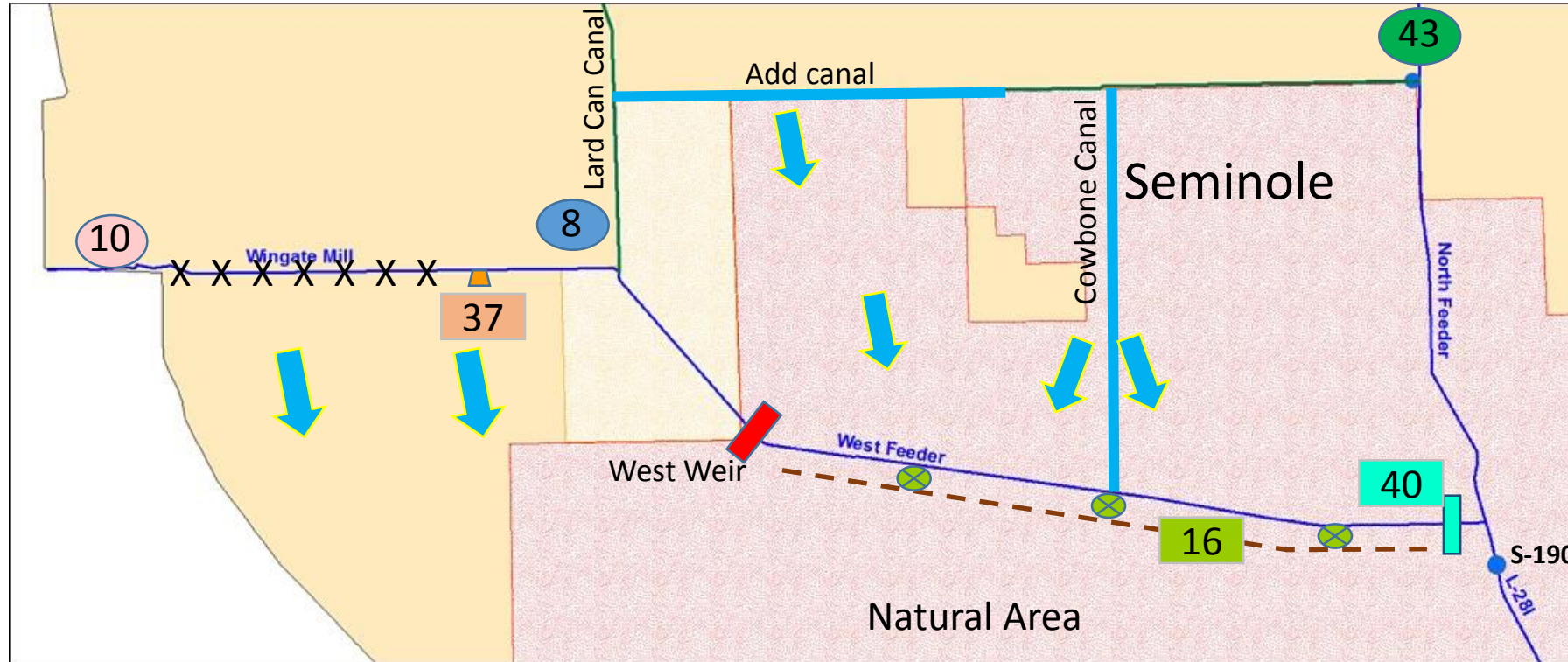
## Storage and more routing options

-  - ASR
- 42 - Deer Fence
- L2
- L3



# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “ADDITIONAL GRAVITY FLOW”

Region 2 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore water quality with treatment facilities (STA or FEB):

- 10 Inflow water treatment
- 8 West Feeder treatment
- 43 North Feeder treatment

## Restore hydrology in Reservation and to Big Cypress National Preserve (BCNP):

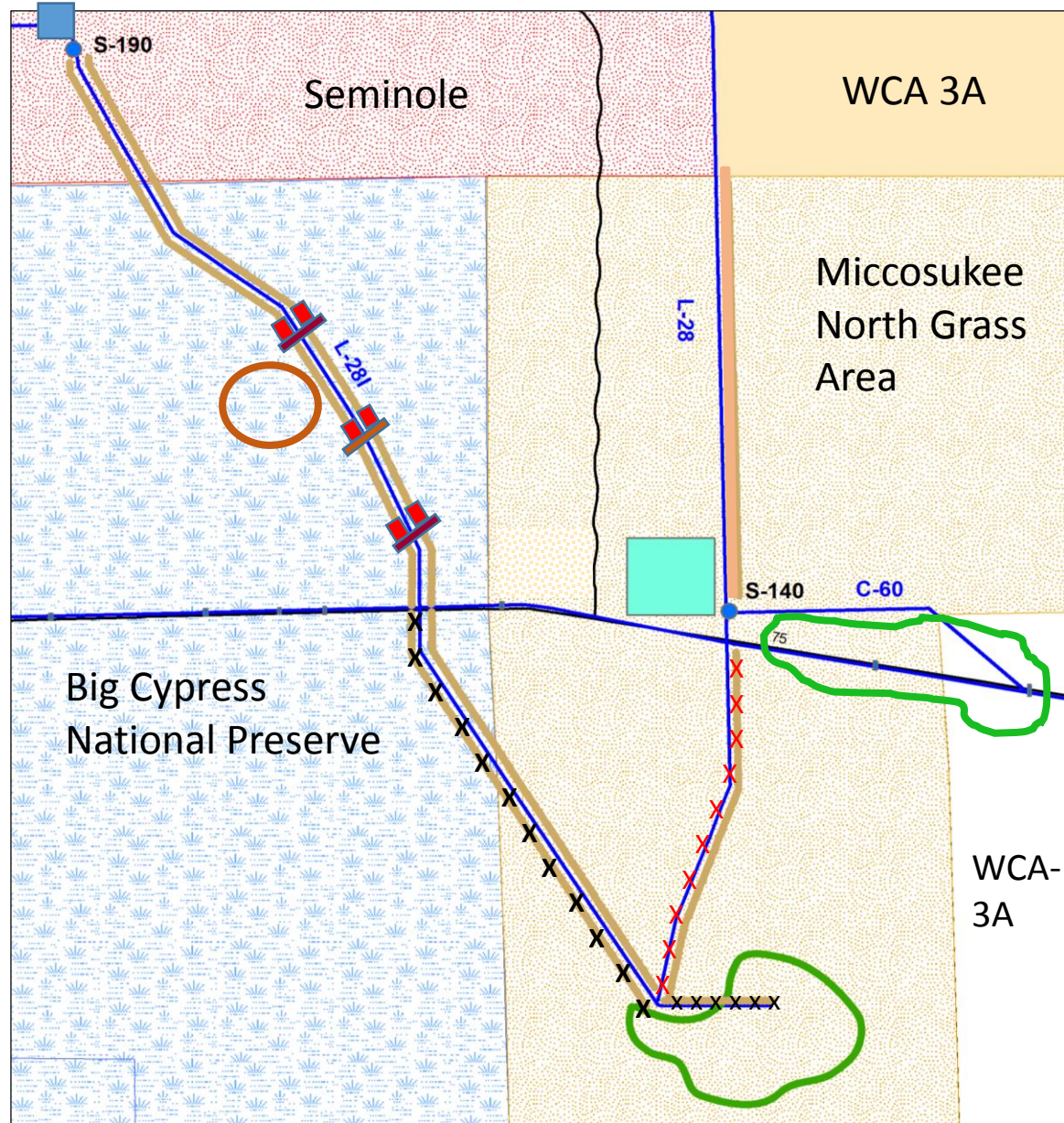
- 37 Wingate Mill Canal Cypress Strand weir
- 13 West Weir spillway
- 16 West Feeder pumps & spreader canal

- 40 West Feeder spillway
- ← Gravity flows
- - - Spreader canal
- X X X Backfill/degrade



# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “**ADDITIONAL GRAVITY FLOW**”

Region 3 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore hydrology

- Modify S-140 operations
- L28n levee breaks south of I-75
- S190 pump & tailwater weir operations
- Levee breaks and step down weirs
- X Remove L28i extension (except for check station)

## Restore water quality:

- Enhanced wetland restoration  
(L-28 WQ treatment features are proposed upstream of this map)

## Reset habitat:

- Restore native wetland vegetation
- Clear vegetation from conveyance under I-75

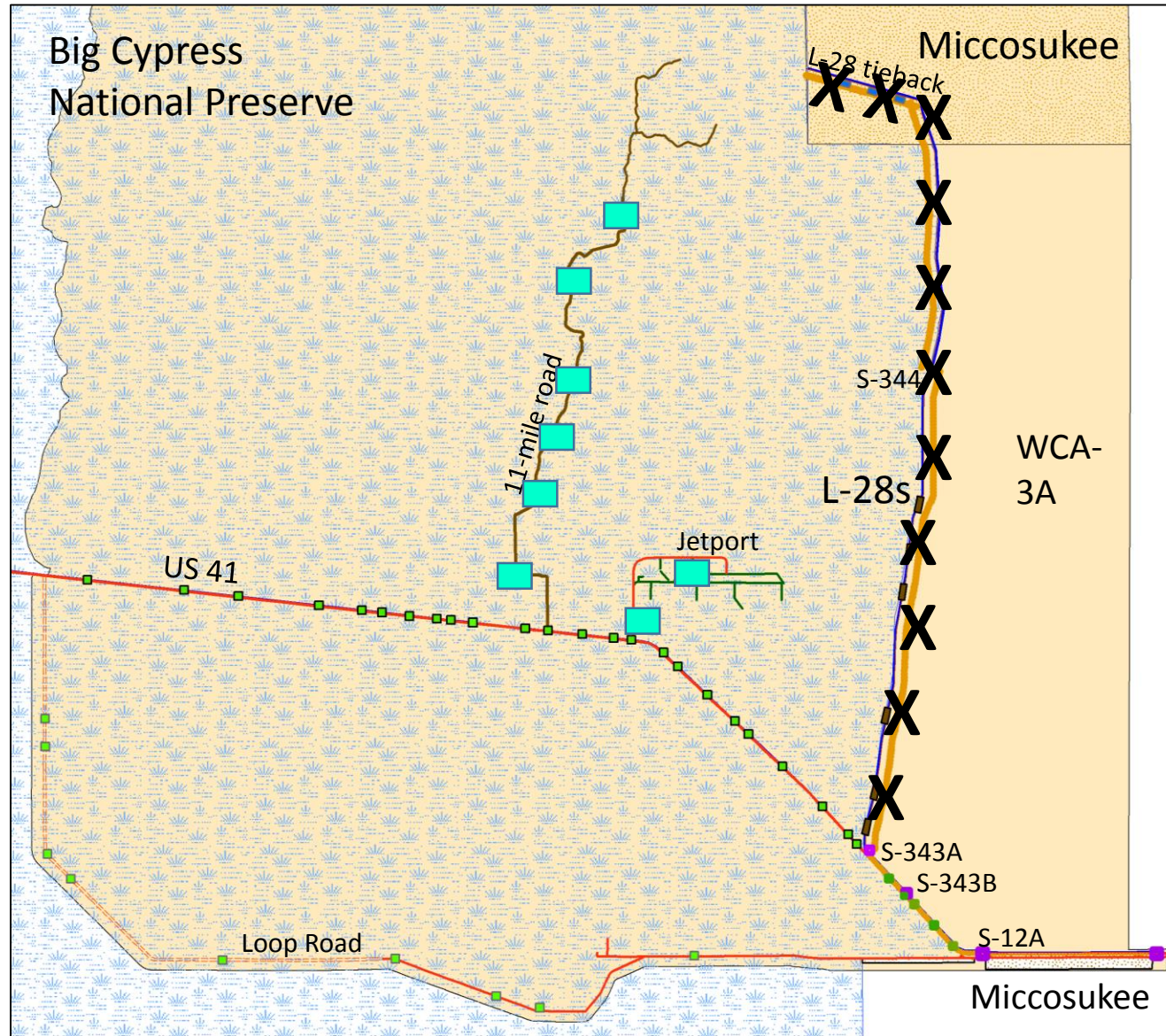
## Other important considerations:

- Big Cypress Sanctuary community, uses L28i for access.  
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# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “**ADDITIONAL GRAVITY FLOW**”

Region 4 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore hydrology:

- X X** Degrade levee/backfill canal (MM#62)
- Cyan square** Add conveyance
- Green square** Improve/add culverts

## Other important considerations:

Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow subpopulation A is south of the S-343 and S-12 structures.

## **“MINIMAL ACTIONS” ALTERNATIVE**

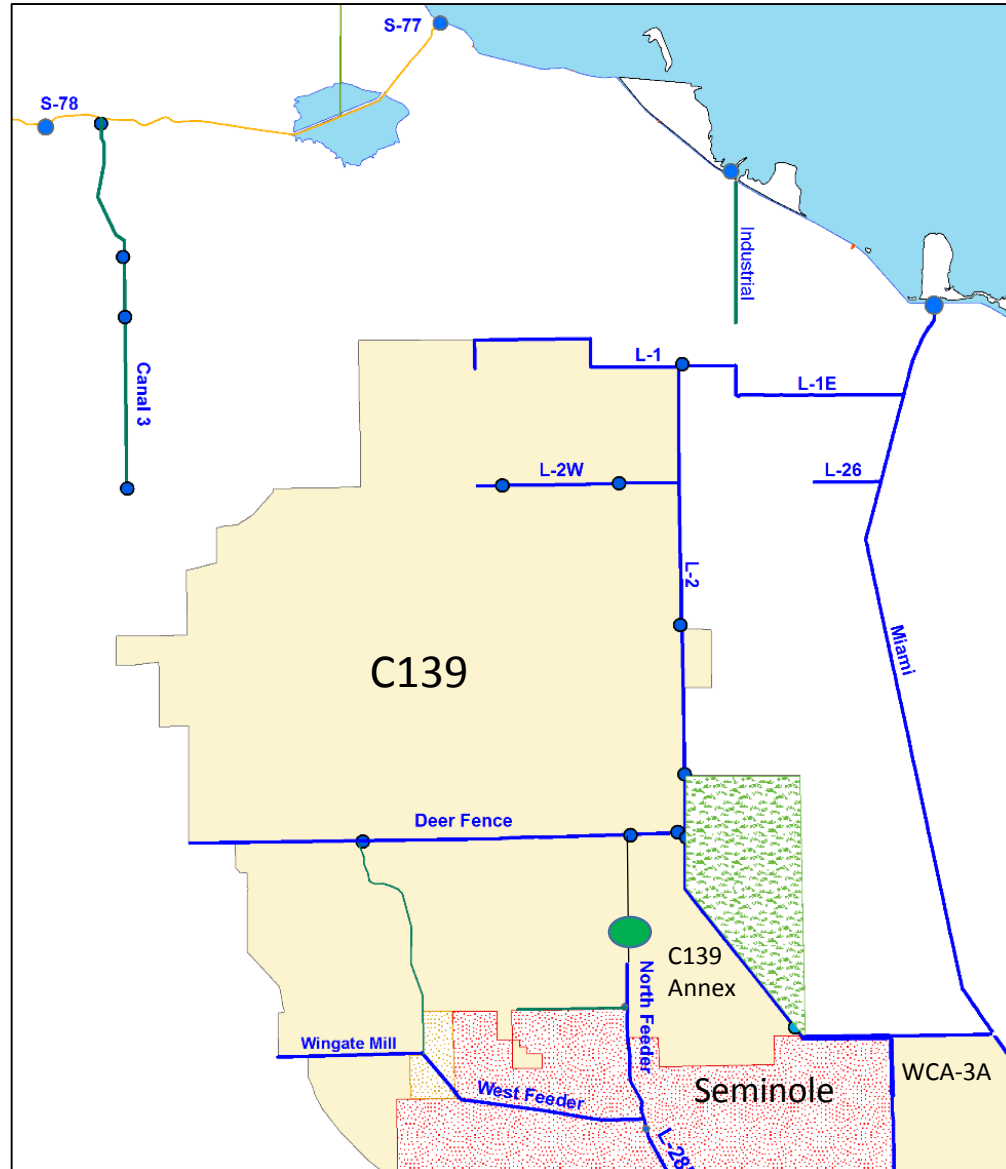
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- Similarly, the team has not yet checked the Cultural Resources locations.
- We still need to screen these alternatives. If you see a BAD idea, please send us a note (See Activity #2).

Tim Brown present?

# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “**MINIMAL RSTORATION ACTIONS**”

Region 1 configuration includes no new water from Lake O.



## Why are we talking about not bringing in water from Lake O?

- To show logical and unbiased consideration of a wide array of planning options, we need to check whether we can accomplish restoration in the western basins without the added costs of bringing in water from Lake O. They answer may be “no, we cannot accomplish restoration without Lake water”. If so, exploring this option will provide us the reasons why the answer is no.

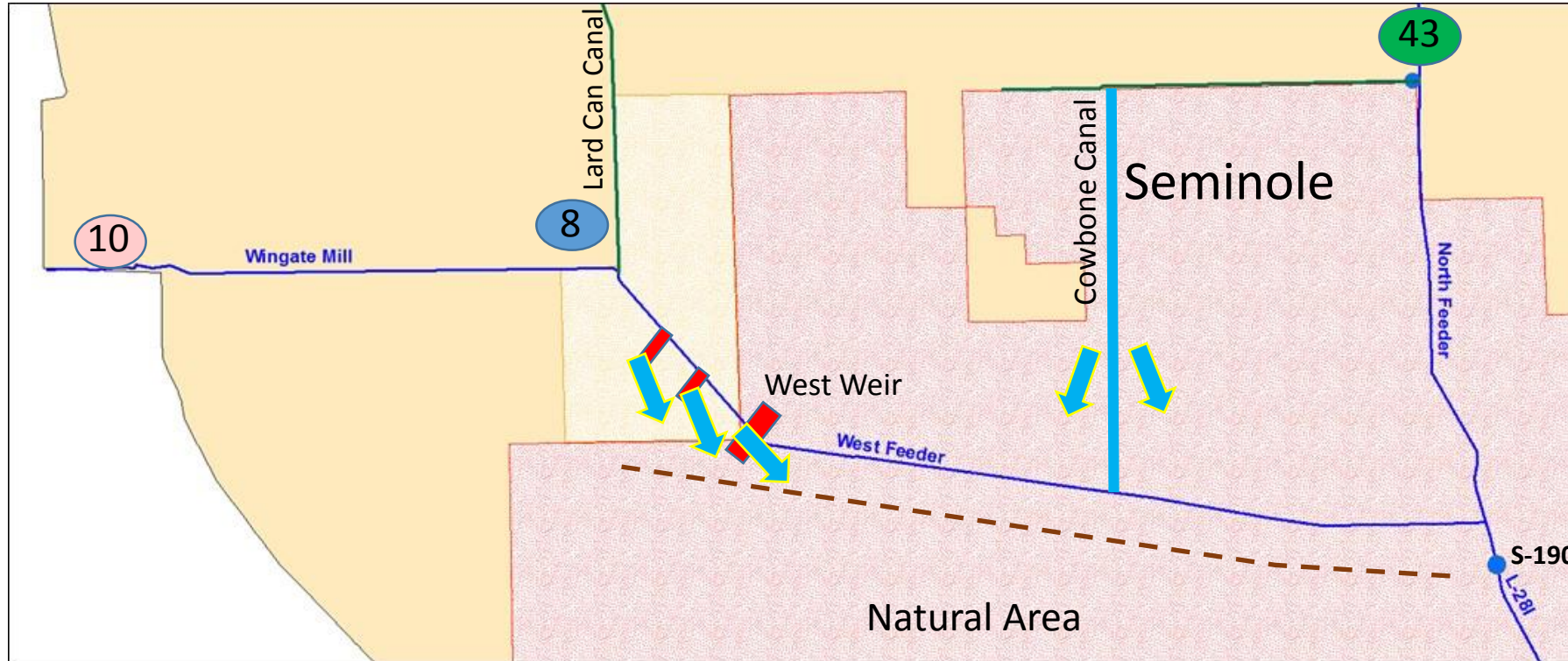
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North Feeder WQ Treatment



# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “**MINIMAL RESTORATION ACTIONS**”

Region 2 configuration includes the following measures...



**Restore water quality with treatment facilities (STA or FEB):**

- 10** Inflow water treatment
- 8** West Feeder treatment
- 43** North Feeder treatment

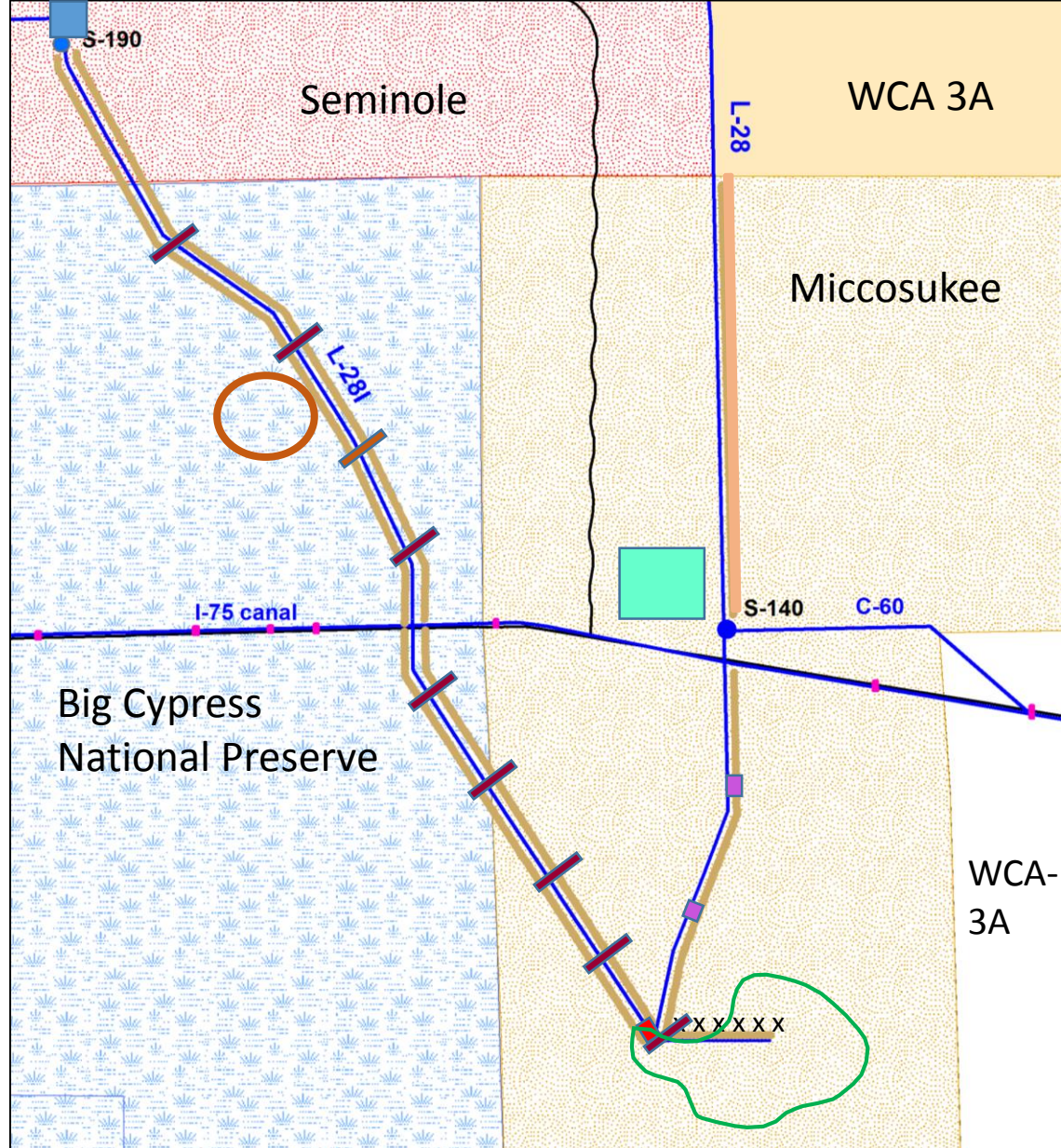
**Restore hydrology in Reservation and to Big Cypress National Preserve (BCNP):**

- 13** Raise West weir and make this a bleeder weir
- Spreader canal to rehydrate Natural area. May need SMALL pumps or weirs to move water to the spreader. Gravity fed would be preferred if functional.
- ▤ Lateral weirs.



# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “MINIMAL RESTORATION ACTIONS”

Region 3 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore hydrology

- Modify S-140 operations
- L28n levee breaks south of I-75 (see CEPP model outputs here\*)
- S190 operations/ pump only if needed (model 1<sup>st</sup> without)
- Step down weirs
- X Remove L28i extension (except for check station)

## Restore water quality:

- Enhanced wetland restoration  
(L-28 WQ treatment features are proposed upstream of this map)(consider this a stand-alone item for any alt.)

## Reset habitat:

- Clear vegetation from conveyance under I-75

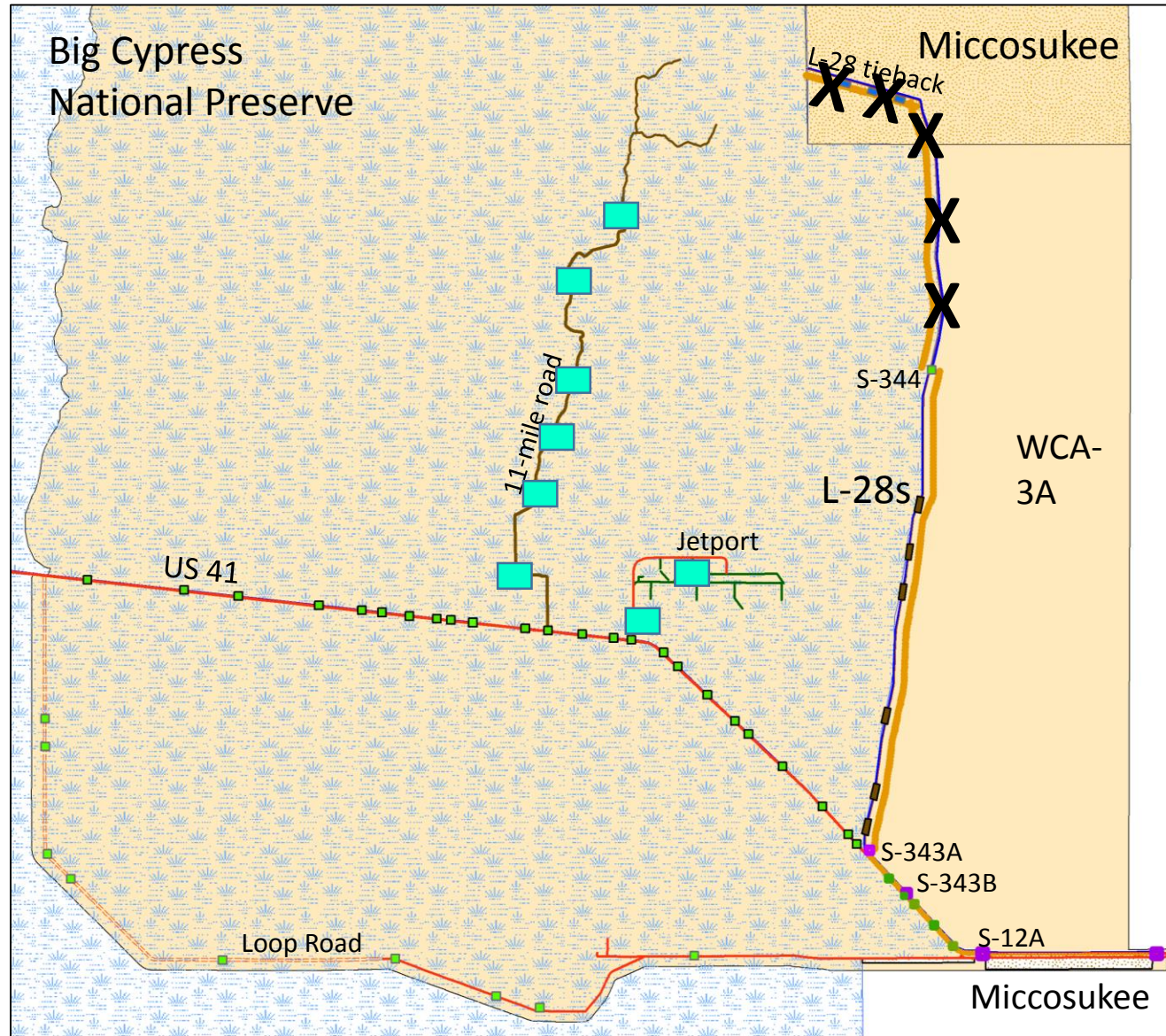
## Other important considerations:

- Big Cypress Sanctuary community, uses L28i for access.  
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# WERP PLANNING ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT: “MINIMAL RESTORATION ACTIONS”

Region 4 configuration includes the following measures...



## Restore hydrology:

- XX** Degrade levee/backfill tieback to 344. Keep levees along L28s.
- Add conveyance
- Existing culverts. May need additional conveyance.

## Other important considerations:

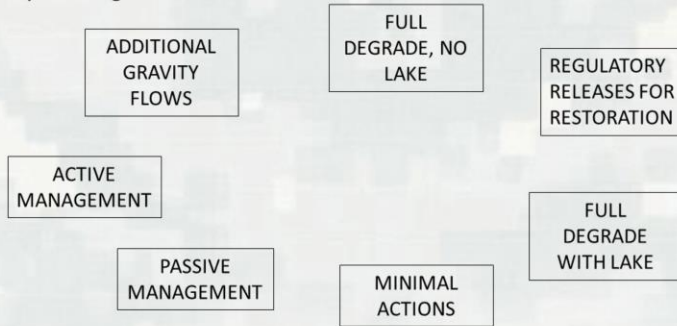
Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow subpopulation A (CSSS-A) is south of the S-343 and S-12 structures.

Will need to determine gate schedule and whether measures are needed to prevent flows from impacting CSSS-A.

## PDT ACTIVITY #1

**Are any of the conceptual alternatives similar enough to be combined?**

On screen, draw line connecting any alternatives that seem like they could feasibly be merged into one:



Or, send to the [chat room](#) or send to [kelly.j.keefe@usace.army.mil](mailto:kelly.j.keefe@usace.army.mil) (Oct-19 latest).

1. Your name, agency:
2. "Combinable Alternative" names:
3. Any details or concerns to accompany your suggestion:

5 minutes for this activity. Play music for thinking time to alleviate awkward silence.



Reason for asking if any can be combined: This would be an easy way to reduce # of alternatives.

## PDT ACTIVITY #2

### QUESTIONS for PDT:

- Are there any alternatives or management measures you really like? What do you like about them?
- Do you have concerns with any of the alternatives?

**YOUR “LIKES” AND “DISLIKES” WILL HELPS US IN SCREENING THE ALTERNATIVES!**

### ACTIVITY:

- Look at your copy of the alternatives again... Do you have any strong “likes” or “dislikes”?
- Send to the chat room or send to [kelly.j.keefe@usace.army.mil](mailto:kelly.j.keefe@usace.army.mil) (Oct-19 latest).
  1. Your name, agency:
  2. Alternative & subregion:
  3. “Like” or “Dislike”:
  4. Specific reason:
  5. Suggested change to address the concern:

Kelly present.





## ACTIVITY #3: SCREENING MANAGEMENT MEASURES

### QUESTIONS for PDT:

- Are you OK with screening out the following management measures?

### ACTIVITY:

- Look at list on left.
- Mark column on right, as appropriate.
- If time, we will discuss the “NOT OK to screen” marks.
- If we run out of time, please send a note in this format so we can follow up! [kelly.j.keefe@usace.army.mil](mailto:kelly.j.keefe@usace.army.mil) (Oct-19 latest).

### Format:

1. Your name, agency.
2. Management measure that may get screened out:
4. Concern:
5. Suggested change to address the concern:

Purpose of agenda item: To show PDT we’ve looked at the management measures that were proposed (reference the maps and spreadsheet). Show MMs that appeared to not be needed in the alternatives. **Charge question: Are these ok to screen or did we miss something?**

## ACTIVITY #3: SCREENING MANAGEMENT MEASURES

About to be screened out...	Yes, OK to screen	No, not ok to screen	No opinion/ Don't have expertise here
Canal connections to Lake Okeechobee, other than those selected			
Raise carib grass in STAs to enhance performance			
Expand STA 5 into neighboring lands			




## ACTIVITY #3: SCREENING MANAGEMENT MEASURES

About to be screened out...	Yes, OK to screen	No, not ok to screen	No opinion/ Don't have expertise here
Remove West Weir			
Flowage easement or flowway between L-28i & L-28 along south boundary of Seminole Reservation			
C-139 Annex STA			
Water storage feature in C-139 basin			
Modify current and future NRCS easements for improved water quality treatment			

## ACTIVITY #3: SCREENING MANAGEMENT MEASURES

About to be screened out...	Yes, OK to screen	No, not ok to screen	No opinion/ Don't have expertise here
Increase number & size of I-75 culverts (increase sheet flow from OK Slough); operable structures to maintain upstream hydration			
Breaks in L-28s levee north of S-344 (Big Cypress Nat Preserve)			
Pump station near 50-mile bend to hydrate Roberts Lake Strand (Big Cypress Nat Preserve)			

Purpose of agenda item: To show PDT how we've looked at the management measures that were proposed (reference the maps and spreadsheet). Show MMs that appeared to not be needed in the alternatives... Charge question: Are these ok to screen or did we miss something?

WHAT'S NEXT?		
MARKER OF PROGRESS: ALTERNATIVES MILESTONE (16 NOV)		
SUB-TEAMS MEETING WEEKLY...	Sub-Teams Working On...	Deliverables....
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H&amp;H/ENGINEERING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M 1PM-2:30PM</li> </ul> </li> <li>PLAN FORM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T 1PM-4:30PM</li> </ul> </li> <li>WATER QUALITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TH 10AM – 12:00</li> </ul> </li> <li>ENVIRONMENTAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TH 1PM-3:00PM</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PLACING WATER QUALITY TREATMENT</li> <li>SCREENING ALTERNATIVES</li> <li>DEFINING MODELING CONDITIONS</li> <li>GATHERING DATA, CONSTRUCTING MODELS</li> <li>CREATING ECOLOGICAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conceptual Alternatives</li> <li>H&amp;H model and performance measures</li> <li>Tracking screening</li> <li>Project Management Plan</li> <li>Report Synopsis</li> <li>Decision Management Plan</li> <li>Risk Register</li> <li>Decision Log</li> <li>Study Issue Check List</li> <li>Study Review Plan</li> <li>Modeling Work Plan</li> </ul>
		

TIM:

We are working toward our first study milestone, "The Alternatives Milestone" tentatively scheduled for 16 NOV. The Alternatives Milestone is where we obtain USACE Vertical Team concurrence on our Array of Alternatives. To ensure success by our deadline, intense weekly and monthly meetings are scheduled thru November.

#### WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON?

We are working on the activities and deliverables listed below to ensure we reach the alternatives milestone by 16 NOV. We are writing as we go.

- Determine Existing Conditions Baseline & Future Without Project Conditions
- Refine Management Measures & screening methodology
- Choose plan formulation strategy
- Develop & Screen Final Array of Alternatives

#### DELIVERABLES:

- Project Management Plan
- Report Synopsis



- Decision Management Plan
- Risk Register
- Decision Log
- Project Study Issue Check List
- Peer Review Plan
- Modeling Work Plan

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Provide thoughts and ideas about anything related to the Western Everglades Restoration Project**

(Time limits may be used to ensure everyone is heard, based on the level of public participation.)

- **State and spell your name for the record before commenting**
- **FACA Regulations prohibit dialogue or Q&A with team members**

