

Cross Bar & Al Bar Ranch

BCC Meeting March 5, 2024



Cross Bar Ranch
Education Center

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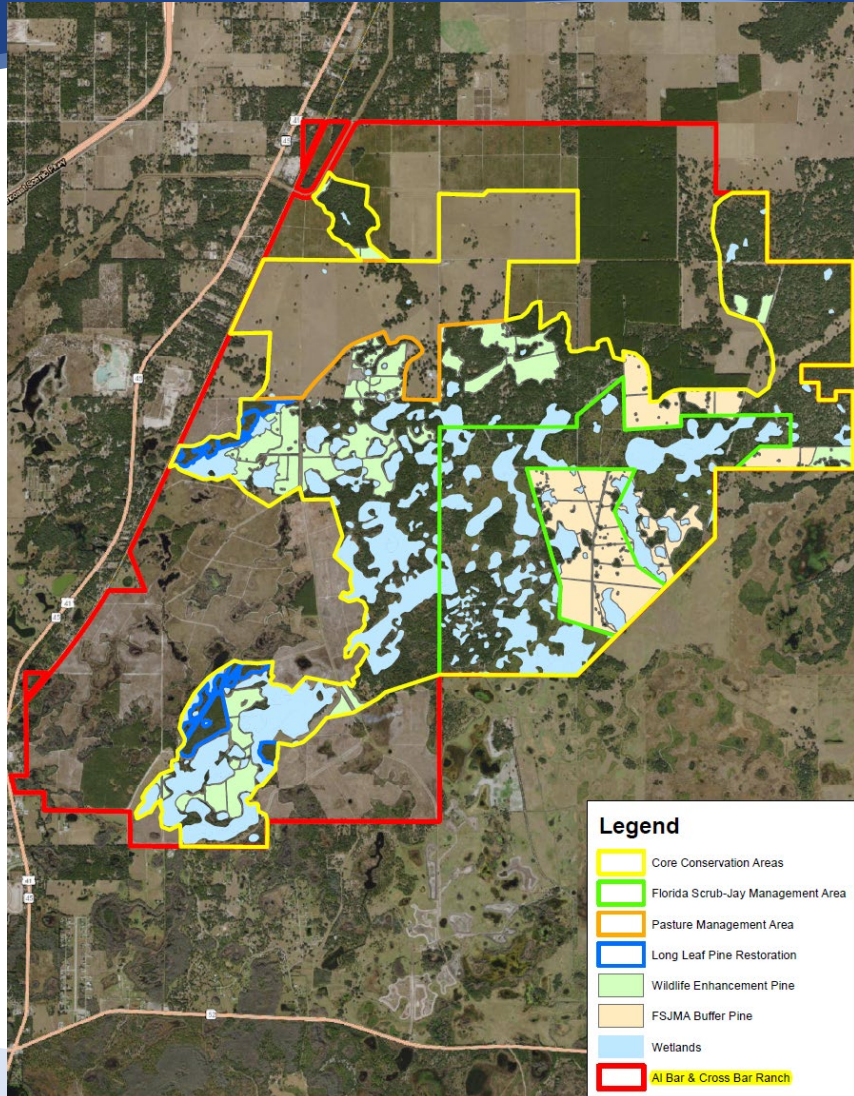


Our Vision: To Be the Standard for Public Service in America

Doing Things!
To Serve the Public



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Cross Bar +/- 8,000 ac. Al Bar +/- 4,000 ac.

- 1976 – Pinellas County Utilities purchased Cross Bar**
- 1980 – Utilities developed 17 production wells**
- 1990 – Pinellas County Utilities purchased Al Bar Ranch**
- 1992 – Forestry operations implemented**
- 1998 – Inter-local Agreement with Tampa Bay Water**



Cross Bar/Al Bar Property

▪ Contract History

1992 – 2018

- **Managed under a two contracts**
 - **Land Management Contract**
 - **Ecological Contract**

2018 - 2023

- **Consolidated services into 1 single contract**
- **The Forestry Company (TFC) was awarded a 5-year contract.**
- **Less direct County Control of activities**



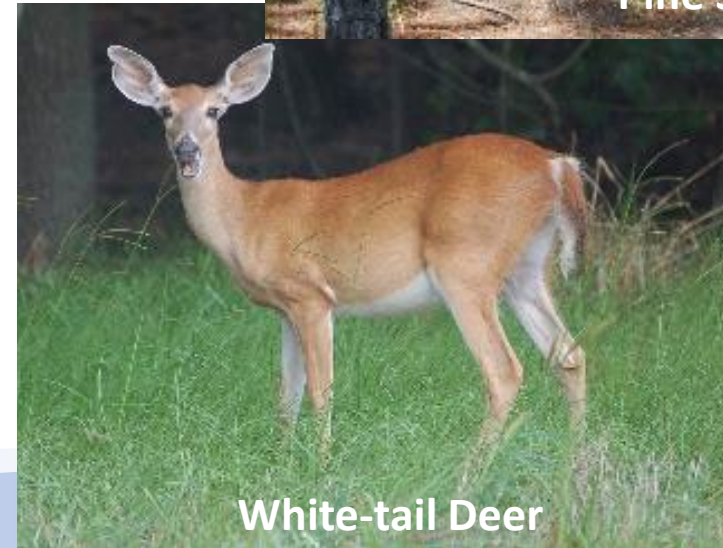
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2023

- **TFC decided not to extend contract**
- **County Rebid the contract**
- **County decided to separate services into separate concurrent contracts**
 - **More County Direct Control of activities**



Pine Straw



White-tail Deer

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Land Management Contract - \$1.7M (5 years)

- **3B Cattle selected contractor – Agreement No. 23-0620**
 - **Under Consideration - March 5, 2024 (Today)**

Ecological Services Contract - \$1.3M (5 years)

- **Quest Ecology selected contractor – Agreement No. No. 23-1050**
 - **Coming before BCC in March/April**

Forestry Services Contract - \$ TBD (5 years)

- **The Request For Proposal is currently being prepared**

Each of the three agreements will be for a period of 5 years, with 4 additional 5-year extensions available to ensure continuity of property management.

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Next Steps and Future Goals

- Collaborative development of updated Ecosystem Management Plan
- Continued restoration and enhancement of wildlife habitat
- New and innovative management approaches through cooperative efforts between the County and the three contractors



Gopher Tortoise



Whooping Cranes