

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

DATE: 8/2/2018

TO: Jeff Cole, County Manager

THRU:

MEETING DATE: 8/7/2018

ITEM TYPE: Consent Item

ITEM ID: 6965

BY: Melanie Marsh, County Attorney

SUBJECT: St. Johns River Water Management District authorization to use Hart Ranch Road

RECOMMENDATION/REQUIRED ACTION:

Request approval of the request from the St. Johns Water Management District to use Hart Ranch Road for the following land management activities for the Lake Norris Conservation Area:

1. Prescribed burning or wildfire suppression
2. Mowing
3. Logging
4. Roadwork/maintenance
5. Mulch mowing

There is no fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY: On July 10, 2018, the Board approved Resolution 2018-75 which prohibited the use of Hart Ranch Road and Lake Norris Road by vehicles exceeding 10 tons. The Resolution did make allowances for the use of Hart Ranch Road but only if a permit was issued by the County. The permitting standards and process is still in development at this time.

The St. Johns River Water Management District owns property that has been accessed by Lake Norris Road for over 20 years and by Hart Ranch Road for the last 15 years. The property is known as the Lake Norris Conservation Area. The statutorily required management plan for the Conservation Area directs the District to perform certain management activities which may require equipment or vehicles over 10 tons. The District has requested authorization to use Hart Ranch Road to perform the following activities:

- 1) Prescribed burning or wildfire suppression which may require the use of a Dozer and

Transport Vehicle. This activity would normally be performed 10 or fewer times annually.

2) Mowing which may require the use of a truck and trailer exceeding the weight limits. This activity would be performed 26 or fewer times annually.

3) Logging which will require a semi-truck. This activity would be performed once every 5 to 10 years.

4) Roadwork/maintenance which may require a road tractor with lowboy hauling an excavator, dozer, front end loader, or motor grader, and a dump truck for delivering rock for the internal roads. This activity would be performed approximately 2 times annually.

5) Mulch mowing which may require use of a truck and trailer or transport with positrack mulcher. This activity would be performed every 2-5 years.

The District also requested the use of Hart Ranch Road for sand removal for use on other District lands. However, this authorization does not include the sand removal.

Fiscal Impact:

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Advertised Date:

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Attachments:

1.	STJRWMD July 16 ltr
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STAFF APPROVALS AND DATES:

Melanie Marsh	Created/Initiated - 8/2/2018
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Debi Tinis	Approved - 8/2/2018
Fred Schneider	Approved - 8/3/2018
Jennifer Barker	Approved - 8/3/2018
Melanie Marsh	Approved - 8/6/2018
Angela Harrold	Final Approval - 8/6/2018

ACTION TAKEN BY BOARD:

Action: Approved

Continued/Deferred Until:

Other: