



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Central Florida Habitat Assessment Benchmark Sites

Etoniah Creek @ WMA

Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration
Water Quality Standards Program

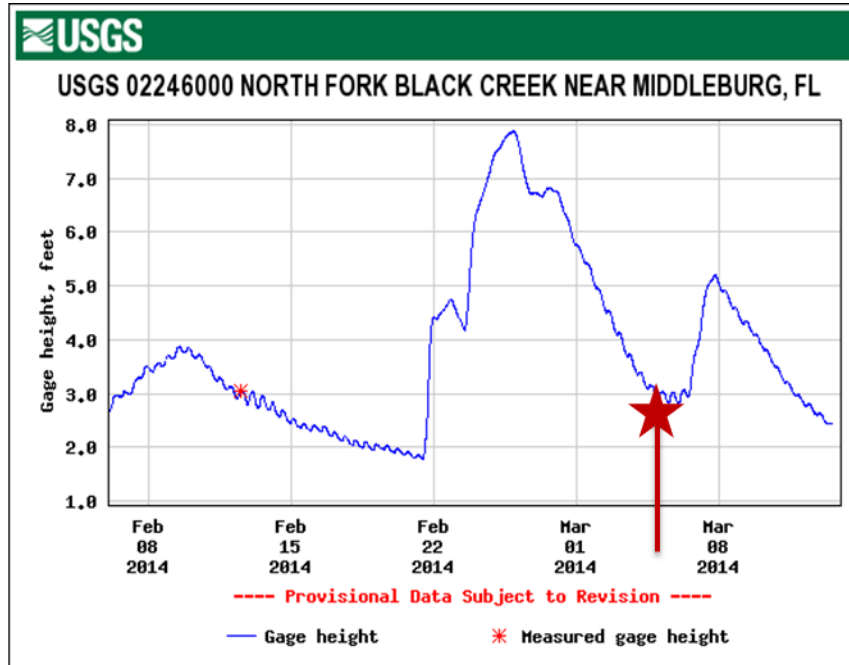
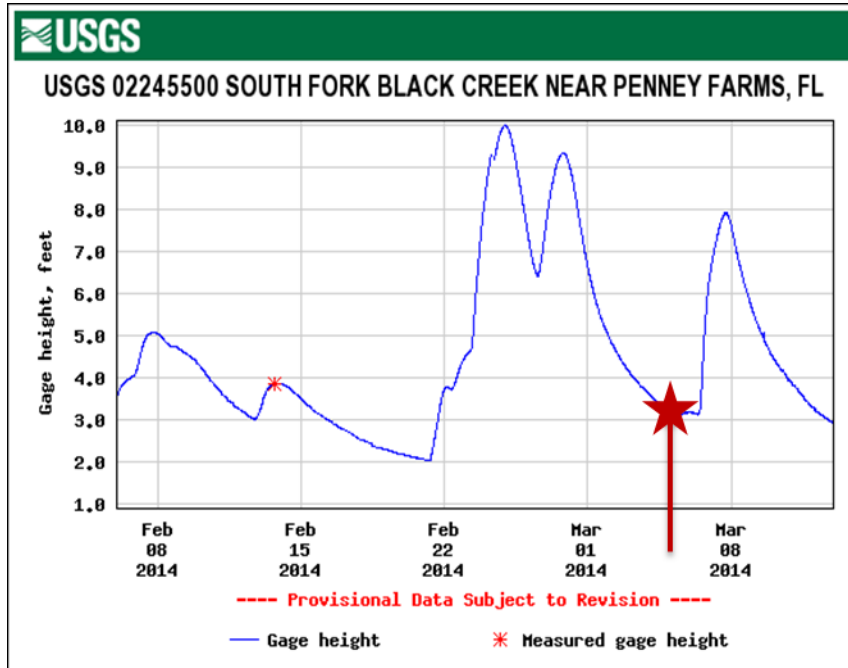


PROCEDURE

- Evaluate each site per SOP FT3100, "Stream and River Habitat Assessment", using forms FD9000-3, FD9000-4, and FD9000-5. It is recommended that you use the most current editions of the forms and the SOP.
- **Work independently.**
- Submit all completed forms to the FDEP Aquatic Ecology and Quality Assurance (AEQA) Section in Tallahassee.
- The range for a passing score is +/- 10 points from the predetermined consensus score. However, consideration will be given to scores outside this range if they were legitimately caused by different conditions at the time of sampling compared to conditions when the consensus score was decided (i.e., higher/lower water level, velocity).
- Analysts must pass 2 out of 3 Habitat Assessments every 5 years.
- Once scores have been reviewed, analysts will receive notice of passing or failing from the AEQA Section.
- Analysts should take photos to document stream conditions at the time of assessment. Photos may be submitted to AEQA after initial determination of passing/failing if an analyst believes his/her score for a given site is out of the +/- 10-point range due to justifiable reasons.



AREA HYDROGRAPH



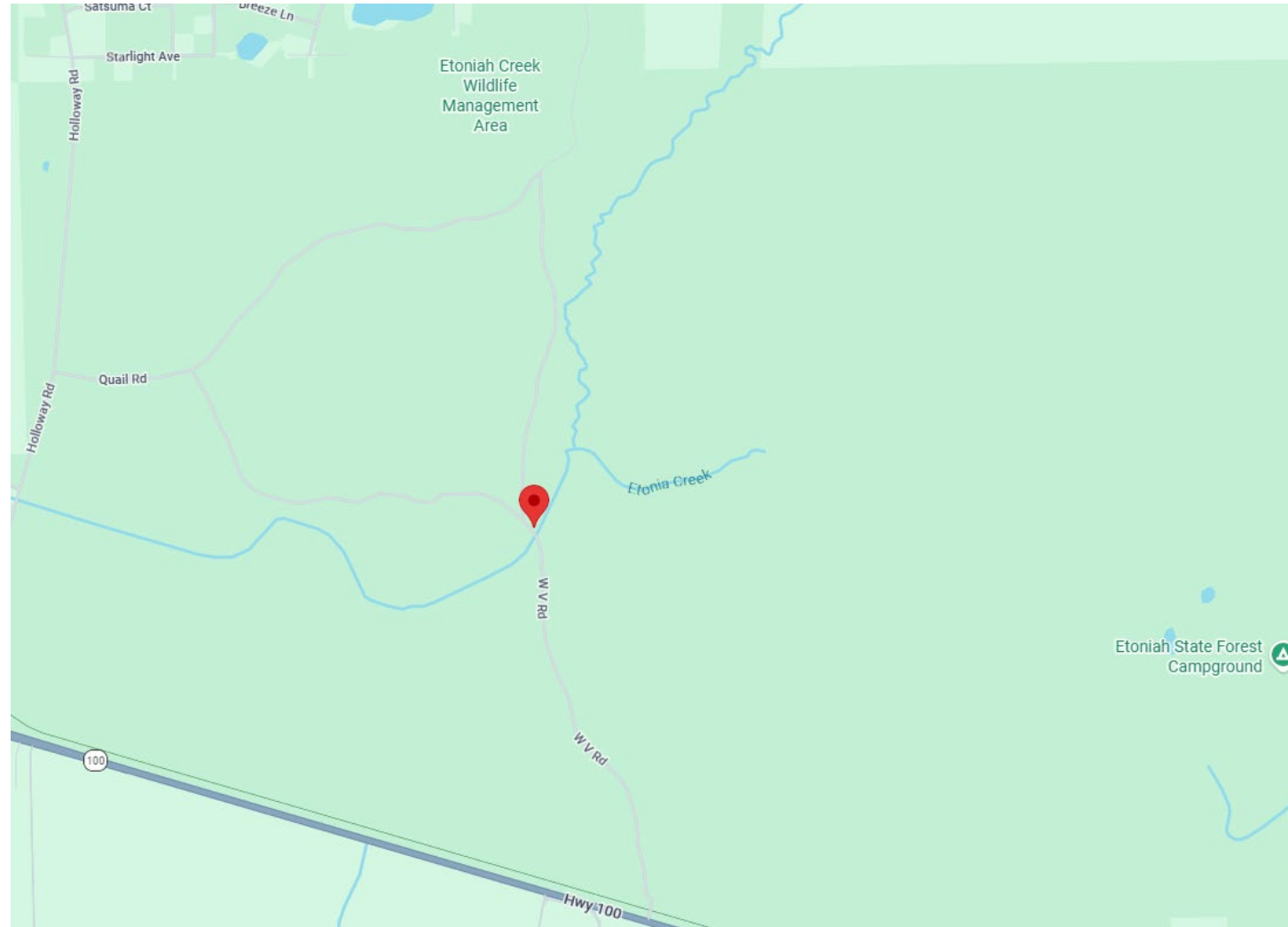
The consensus score for this site was established on March 5, 2014, and was revisited on March 30, 2026. The above graph shows the gage height data for a nearby site during the original visit. If you conduct habitat assessment at this site at different water levels, be sure to document the conditions.

Graph courtesy of the US Geological Survey.



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- **Region:** Central
- **County:** Putnam
- **Lat/Longs:**
 - Parking: 29.734000, -81.828000
 - 0m: 29.73355, -81.82804
 - 100m: 29.73281, -81.82856
- **Directions:** From State Hwy 100 approx. 11 mi west of Palatka, turn north at the Etoniah Creek WMA sign/Primitive Camping. Take the left fork (West-V Rd), and the site will be approx. 0.8 mi down West-V, where West-V crosses Etoniah Creek. There is a small parking and picnic area.





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- **Accessing the site:** Park before the bridge crossing. The stretch is upstream of the bridge, and the 0m mark is approx. 10-20m from the bridge. Reflagged in 2026 with white tape.





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