



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

North Florida Habitat Assessment Benchmark Sites

Richlander Creek above CR 65B

Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration
Water Quality Standards Program

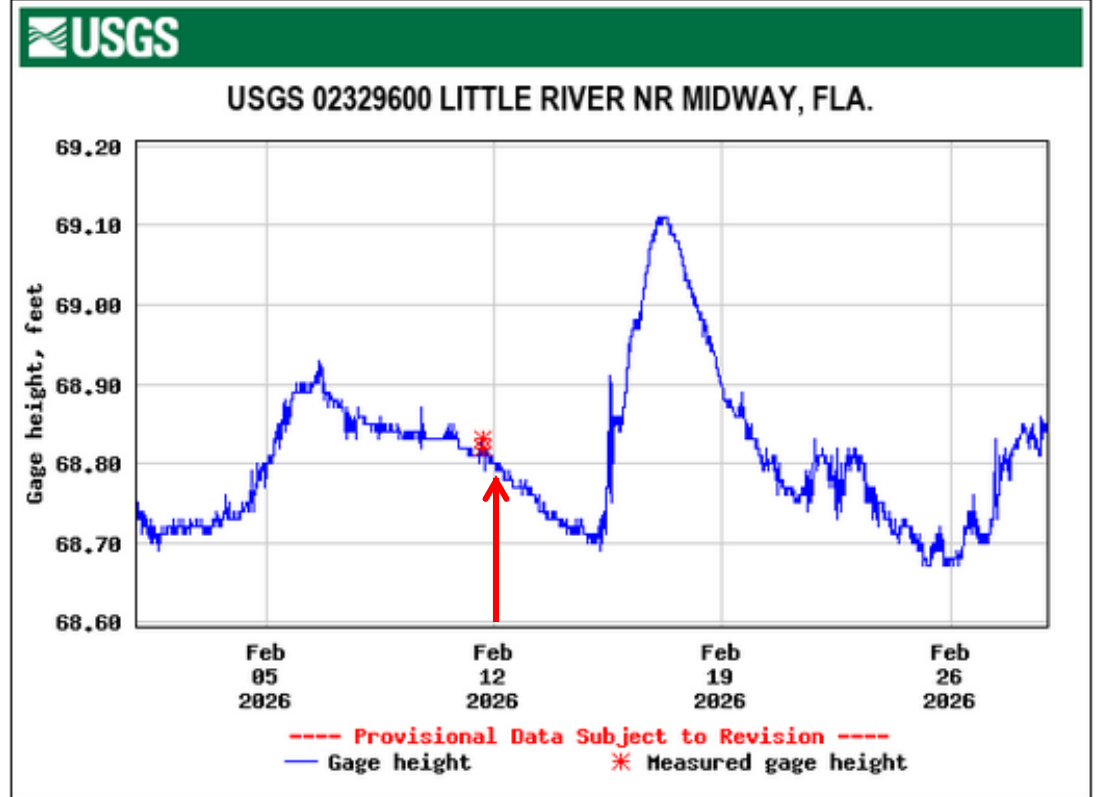
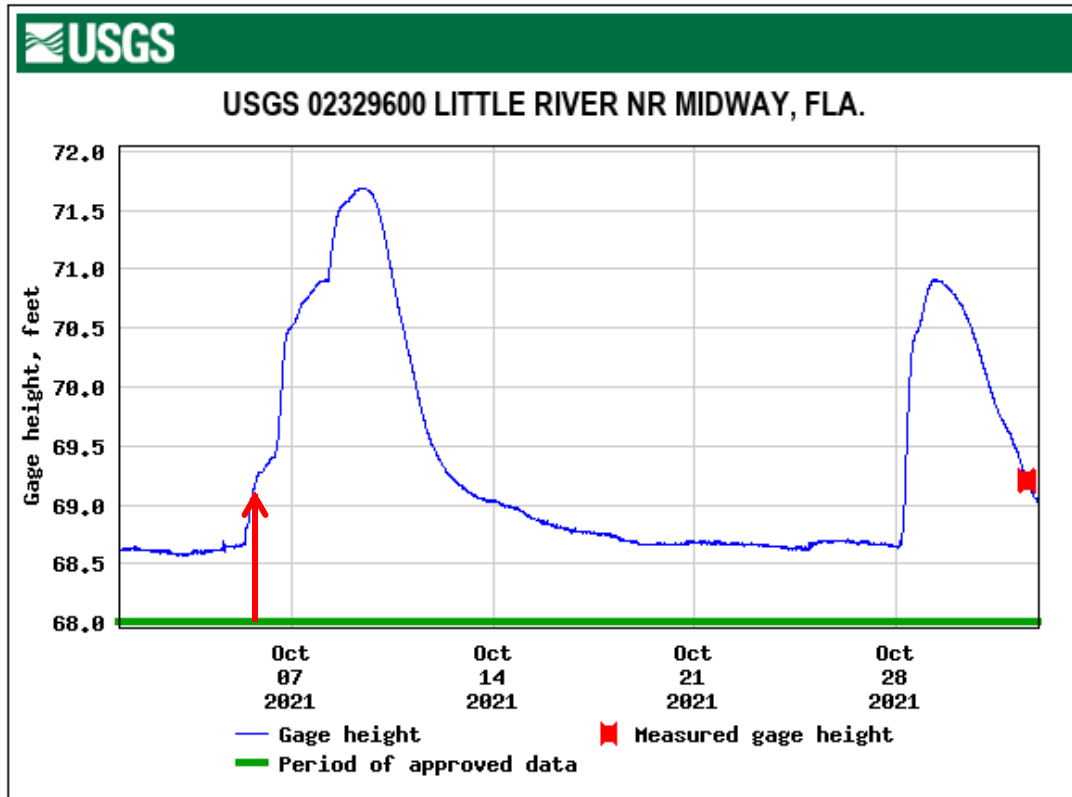


PROCEDURE

- 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 HYDROGRAPHS



The consensus score for these Panhandle Region sites were originally established on October 6, 2021, and revisited on February 12, 2026. Above is the gage height data for a nearby stream during the visits. If you conduct habitat assessment at these sites at different water levels, be sure to document current conditions.

Graphs courtesy of the US Geological Survey.



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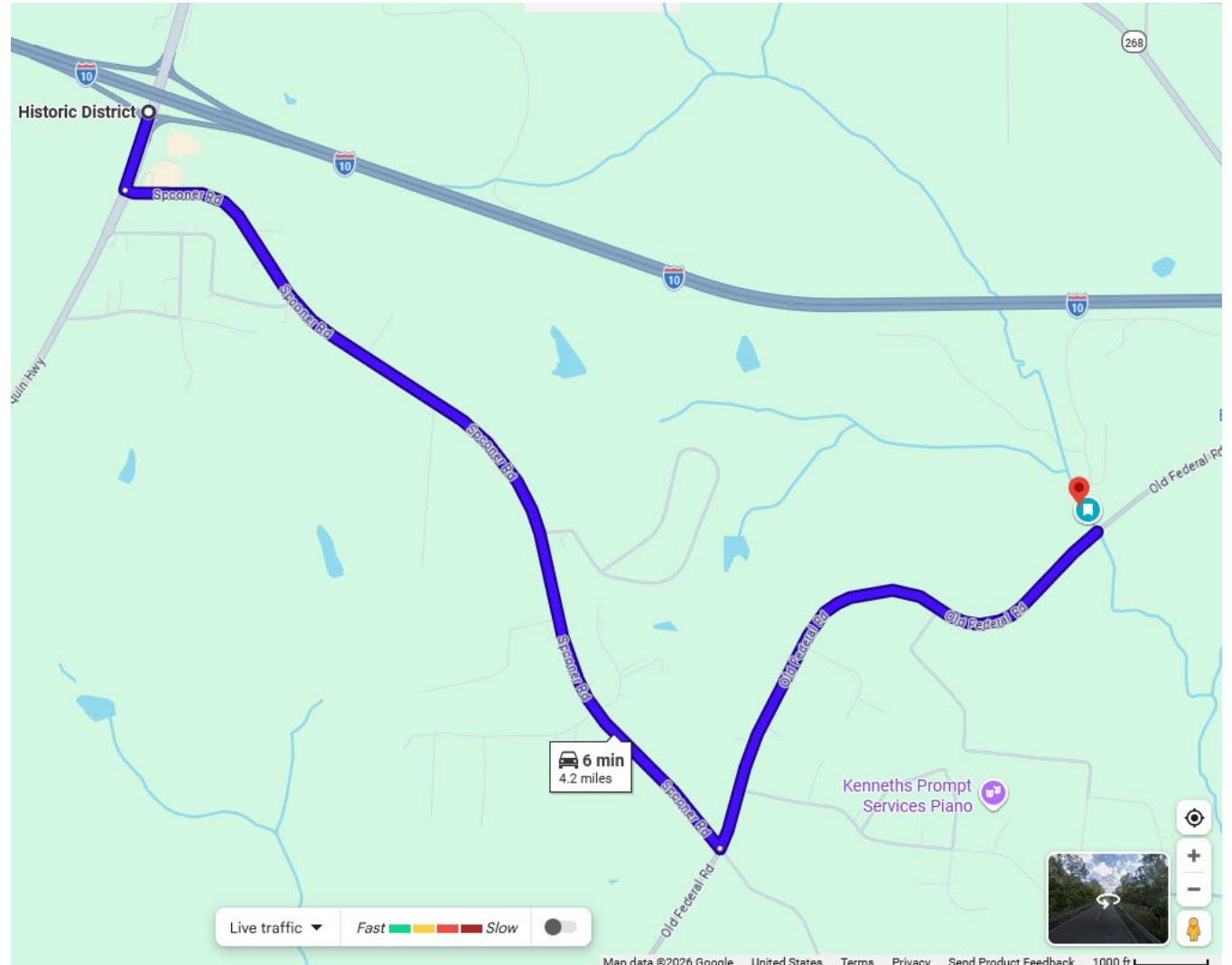
- **Region:** North
- **County:** Gadsden
- **Lat/Longs:**

Parking: 30.52150, -84.55460

0m: 30.52220, -84.55457

100m: 30.52277, -84.55476

- **Directions:** From I-10, exit south on CR 267 (Exit 181), go 0.2 mile to Spooner Rd. Turn left on Spooner Rd and go 2.5 miles to Old Federal Rd. Turn left and go 1.5 miles. Park on the southwest side of the bridge. The 0m flags are about 30m upstream of the bridge.





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