



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

North Florida Habitat Assessment Benchmark Sites

Sutton Creek @ Thomas Leath Rd

Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration
Water Quality Standards Program

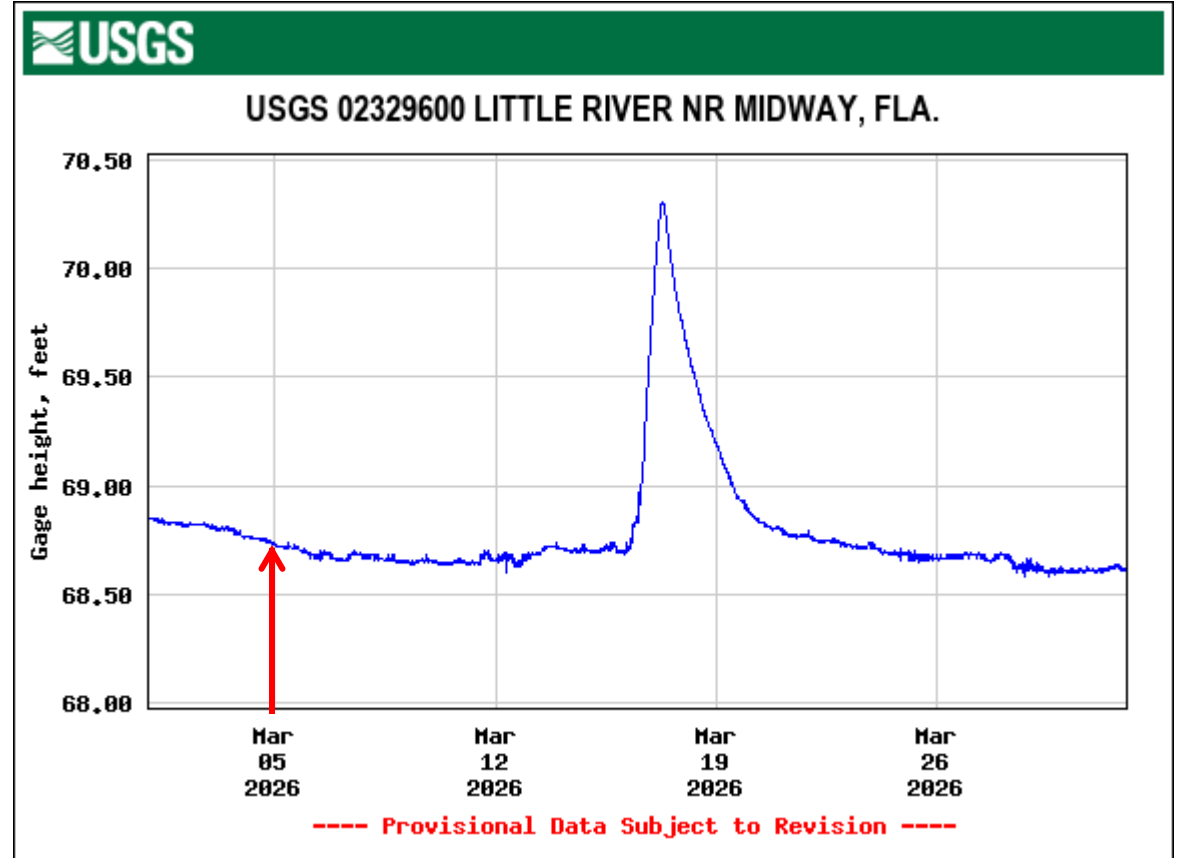
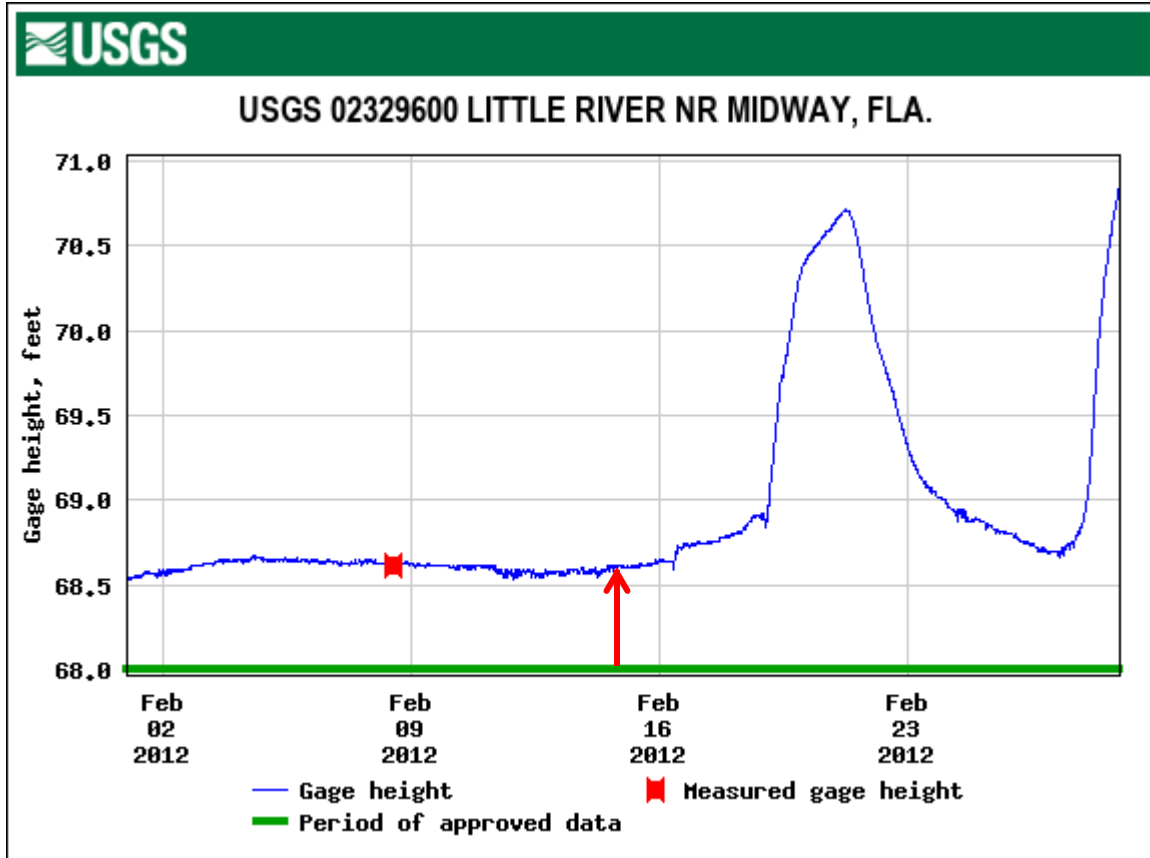


PROCEDURE

- 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 February 15, 2012, and revisited on March 5, 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.

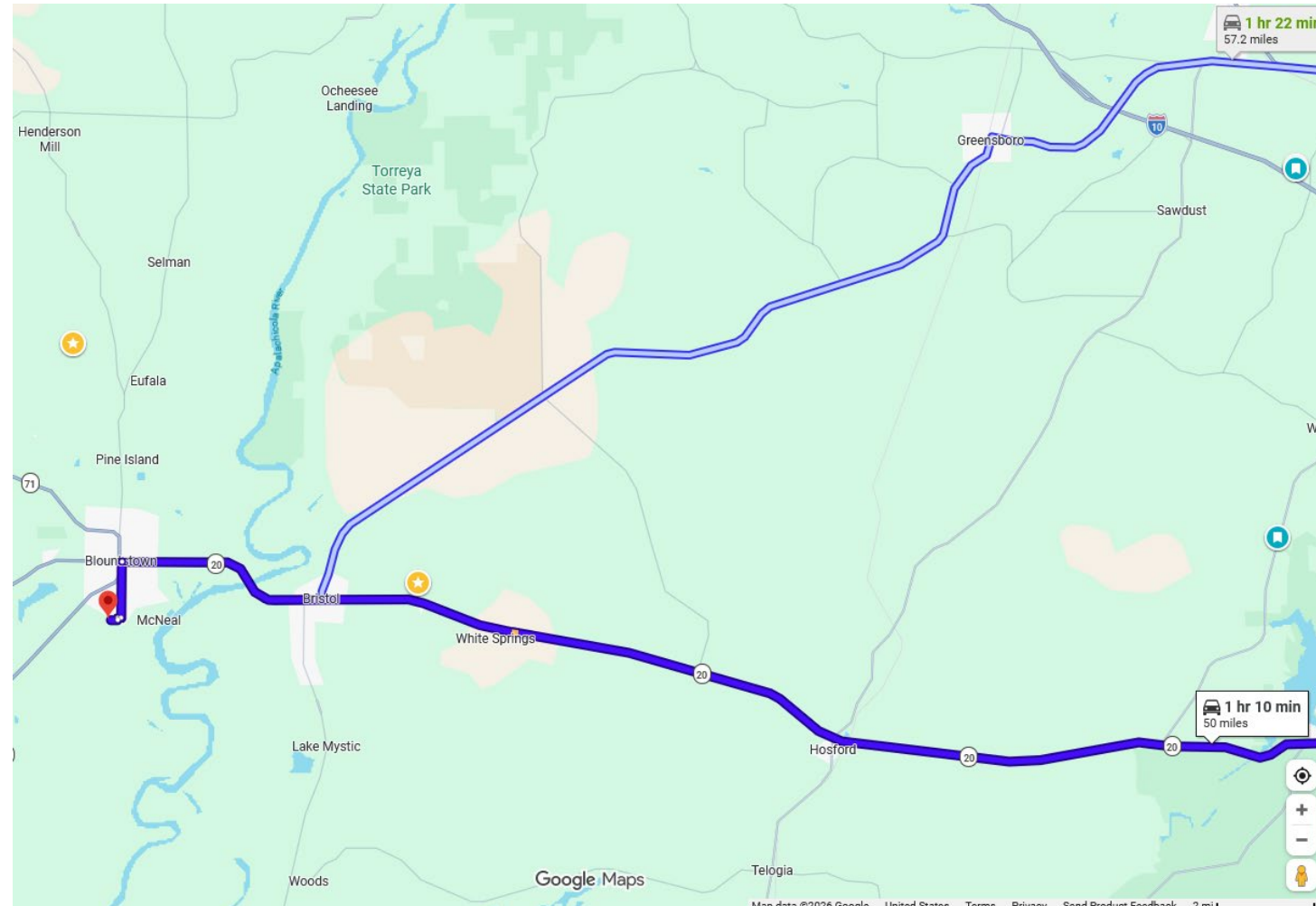


SUTTON CREEK @ THOMES LEATH RD.

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

Parking	30.42575, -85.04899
0m	30.42550, -85.04965
100m	30.42625, -85.04986

- **Directions:** From Tallahassee, take Highway 20 to the town of Blountstown. Turn left (south) on Pear Street, go about. 1 mile and turn right on Arrant Ave. Arrant Ave. will dead end at Main Street, make a left on Main, and an immediate right on Thomas Leath. Thomas Leath will dead end, and you can park off-road. The 0m flags are upstream about 20m.





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