

FLORIDA SPRINGS INITIATIVE MONITORING NETWORK REPORT 2008



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) began conducting regular monitoring of spring water quality and periodic monitoring of spring discharge in 2001 with funding provided under the Springs Initiative. The Spring Monitoring Network currently includes quarterly water quality monitoring (at 49 spring vents and 9 underwater conduits that feed springs) and discharge monitoring (at 35 stations near springs). This is the most comprehensive spring water quality monitoring and measurement network in the state and provides information for all of Florida's first magnitude springs and many other springs that are located in state parks. The network includes springs in 9 of the state's major drainage basins, with the distribution of the springs being monitored in each of these basins generally proportional to the number they have. The basins with the most springs in the network are the Suwannee River Basin Group (14), the Middle St. Johns River Basin (9), and the Springs Coast Basin (8).

This report covers the findings of the first 5 years of this program, from 2001 through 2006 for monitoring sites located at spring vents. It is anticipated that the next report will include data collected under this program through 2008 as well as data collected by other organizations to provide greater perspective of trends over time and information for a greater number of springs. We will also use discharge measurements collected in conjunction with water chemistry to evaluate declines in discharge and loadings.

This assessment has provided some interesting facts related to anthropogenic impacts to the springs in this network in addition to baseline data on general chemistry and discharge that can be used to evaluate influences due to salinity, interaction with surface water, recharge, and discharge. Key findings are summarized below.

Nutrients

The introduction of nitrogen is the most obvious stressor to the ecology of springs in Florida, stimulating profuse overgrowth of algae and causing imbalance in ecosystems of spring runs. The current network of springs monitored under this program provides a statewide representation of spring water quality with respect to the occurrence of nitrate-nitrogen, which comes primarily from anthropogenic sources like fertilizer, animal waste, human wastewater, and air emissions. Only two of the 49 springs being monitored in this program have near-background concentrations of nitrate. Of these network springs, today only Alexander and Silver Glen Springs (located in the Ocala National Forest) continue to have nitrate concentrations that are near the range of what would be considered true background levels.

In 2008, FDEP tentatively proposed a nitrogen threshold of 0.35 milligrams per liter (mg/L) for nitrogen in spring vents (applicable to nitrate and nitrate+nitrite. Based on median nitrate+nitrite values, 36 of the 49 network springs (73 percent) exceed this proposed threshold. Over 40 percent of the springs in the network have nitrate median concentrations greater than 1 mg/L. Springs in the network that have the highest nitrate concentrations include Fanning, Troy, Lafayette Blue, Manatee, and Devils Ear (of the Suwannee River Basin Group), Apopka and Rock Springs (of the Middle St. Johns River Basin), Jackson Blue (of the Apalachicola-Chipola River Basin Group) and Lithia Major (of the Tampa Bay Tributaries Basin). The springs with the highest nitrate concentrations are in agricultural areas or areas with a mixture of agricultural and residential development.

Phosphorus, the other nutrient essential to aquatic ecosystems, is found at relatively high concentrations in most of the springs due to its natural abundance in ground water. The Hawthorn Group, a geologic unit naturally rich in phosphate and the source of phosphate that is mined in other parts of the state, is in contact with the limestone of the Floridan aquifer, the source of water to nearly all springs in Florida. As a result, both ground water and spring water in all of these areas (except areas to the west where the Hawthorn Group is absent) have moderate to high concentrations of orthophosphate, the inorganic form of phosphorus found in the geologic material. Because of the naturally elevated background concentration of phosphorus in most areas with springs, it is difficult to assess the contribution of phosphorus from anthropogenic sources. Potassium, another nutrient evaluated in this report, can also be from both anthropogenic and natural sources. However, an analysis of the data indicates that several springs in the network have potassium concentrations that are from fertilizer or other human-related sources.

Salinity Indicators

Twenty-five percent of the springs in the network are significantly influenced by natural sources of saline water. Sodium, chloride, potassium, sulfate, and specific conductance are all chemical indicators of salinity. There are two categories of saline influenced springs and these are separated regionally. Most of the springs in the network that are located in the Springs Coast Basin of southwest Florida are influenced by salinity to varying degrees due to their proximity to the coast and sea water. These include the Homosassa Springs Group and the Chassahowitzka Springs among others. The Spring Creek springs of the Ochlocknee-St. Marks Basin are similarly influenced by sea water because of their coastal setting. Another saline influence, deep naturally mineralized ground water in areas near the St. Johns River, is responsible for the saline characteristics of springs like Salt, Alexander, Volusia Blue, and several others.

Ground Water-Surface Water Interaction Indicators

Some chemical characteristics of spring water can be used to evaluate the sources of water being discharged by springs and springs' potential vulnerability to surface sources of contamination. Concentrations of parameters such as dissolved oxygen (DO), calcium, sulfate, total dissolved solids, organic carbon, and fecal coliform bacteria can be used to identify springs that may at times have a surface water component, ones that are readily recharged by rainfall and ones that obtain their water from deep, stable ground water sources. For example, these indicators suggest that Jackson Blue, Rainbow, Fern Hammock, and several other springs discharge a higher percentage of "new" water that is more similar to rainwater. Springs in the Spring Creek group are among a group of springs that often backflow and later discharge surface water. Springs like Wekiwa and Volusia Blue appear to be discharging water that is more consistent with deeper ground water instead of surface water or water from shallow, rainfall-influenced sources.

Discharge

Monitoring changes in discharge is important for spring protection as Florida's population and water supply needs continue to increase. Historically and more recently, climatic and/or human influences have reduced the discharge of many springs and caused some

springs to cease flowing. The value in measuring discharge is that it provides direct information related to the effects of precipitation and ground water withdrawal on springs in susceptible areas. Several examples in the report provide information on long-term trends of discharge relative to other factors. The long historical record for Silver River was used in this report as an example of changes in spring discharge in Silver Springs and the possible causes. Other springs will be included in this type of analysis in the future. Discharge data is also essential when pollutant loads to receiving surface waters are being calculated. As more discharge measurements are made under this program, it will be possible to more thoroughly analyze the impacts of precipitation and water usage on spring flow and water quality.

Recommendations

The following are priority issues that are recommended for the coming years:

- Expand the scope of future reports to include information on ecological effects in addition to water quality and flow;
- Modify the existing quarterly monitoring network to include other springs that have potential issues or provide information from under-represented regions of the state;
- Develop consistency within FDEP and between agencies in naming convention and GIS locations for spring monitoring stations;
- Review the monitoring plan and expand the network to include a more diverse selection of background springs;
- Integrate, to a greater degree, assessments of discharge data in annual reporting; and
- Expand the collection of data and information on a larger number of springs by collaborating with other organizations that also conduct monitoring and discharge measurements.

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INTRODUCTION

Objective

The statewide springs monitoring network began in 2001 when the legislature first provided funding for the Florida Springs Initiative. The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the first 5 years of monitoring water quality and spring discharge by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Data available for this report were collected from 2001 through 2006.

Springs Initiative Research and Monitoring Program

The degrading condition of springs in Florida was recognized in 1999 by the Governor and FDEP Secretary who directed the formation of a multi-agency Springs Task Force to recommend strategies to protect and restore springs. The task force produced a report, *Florida's Springs: Strategies for Protection and Restoration*, which identified existing problems in Florida's spring systems and produced recommendations for specific steps to address them. The 2001 Florida Legislature provided the initial funding for the Florida Springs Initiative. Since then, the program has used annual appropriates to focus on three broad areas: education and outreach; protection and restoration; and research and monitoring.

The Springs Task Force recommendations led to a variety of research and characterization activities to better understand spring systems, their relationship to the geology and land uses in their capture areas, their water quality, and their discharge. The 2007 springs program update, *2007 Florida Springs Initiative Program Summary and Recommendations*, contains information on the research and monitoring activities performed since the program began. This document can be found at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/springs/reports/files/FSIreport2007FINAL.PDF>. The spring water quality and discharge monitoring program described in this report was developed and implemented in response to the Springs Task Force recommendations.

BACKGROUND

Florida Springs

Florida is one of the few places in the world with natural limestone springs and is unique in having the greatest number of first magnitude springs (large springs with discharges historically greater than 100 cubic feet per second). Thirty-nine of Florida's 67 counties have springs, or include areas of land that contribute water to springs (known as springsheds). These 39 counties comprise roughly half of the state's land area. Springs exist in four of the state's Water Management Districts and four of the FDEP regulatory districts. In addition to providing a unique recreational resource, our springs provide important base discharge to rivers and streams, freshwater to estuaries, and critical habitat to plants and animals that are unique to springs. The distribution of springs in Florida is shown in **Figure 1**.

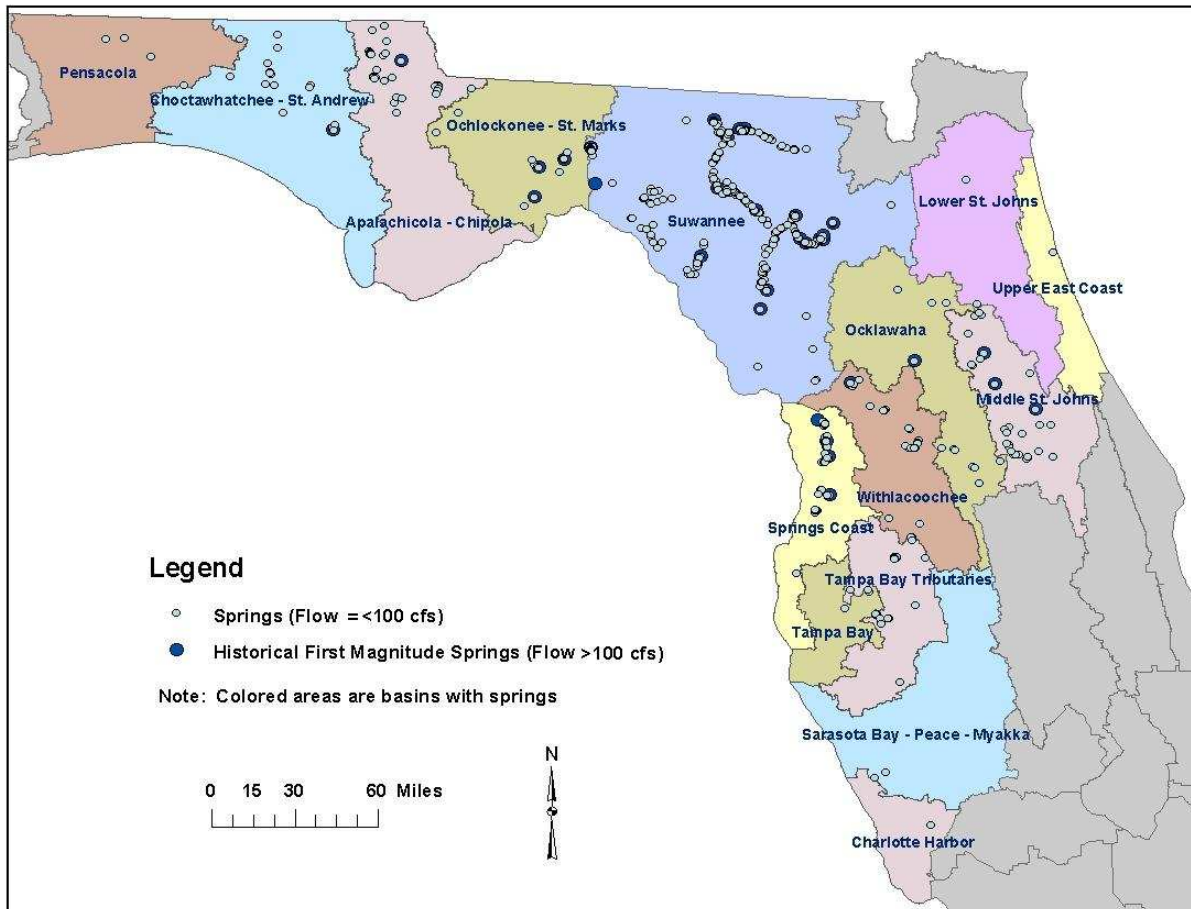


Figure 1 Distribution of Springs in Florida

Between 1950 and 2000, Florida's population has increased five-fold (U.S. Census Bureau, 2005). With growth has come an unavoidable increase in ground water withdrawals, as well as extensive land use changes. During the twentieth century, reductions in discharge have been noted for many of Florida's springs. Incompatible land use practices in vulnerable areas along with increasing ground-water withdrawals have resulted in some springs that have poor water

quality or decreased discharges. Since the 1970s, scientists have observed degrading water quality in many of Florida springs, which in many cases may be related to increases in nutrient loadings, specifically nitrogen. Contaminants that reach ground water and are discharged by springs are often related to agricultural and residential fertilizer applications, animal waste, urban stormwater runoff, and human wastewater from septic tanks and wastewater spray fields.

Spring Issues

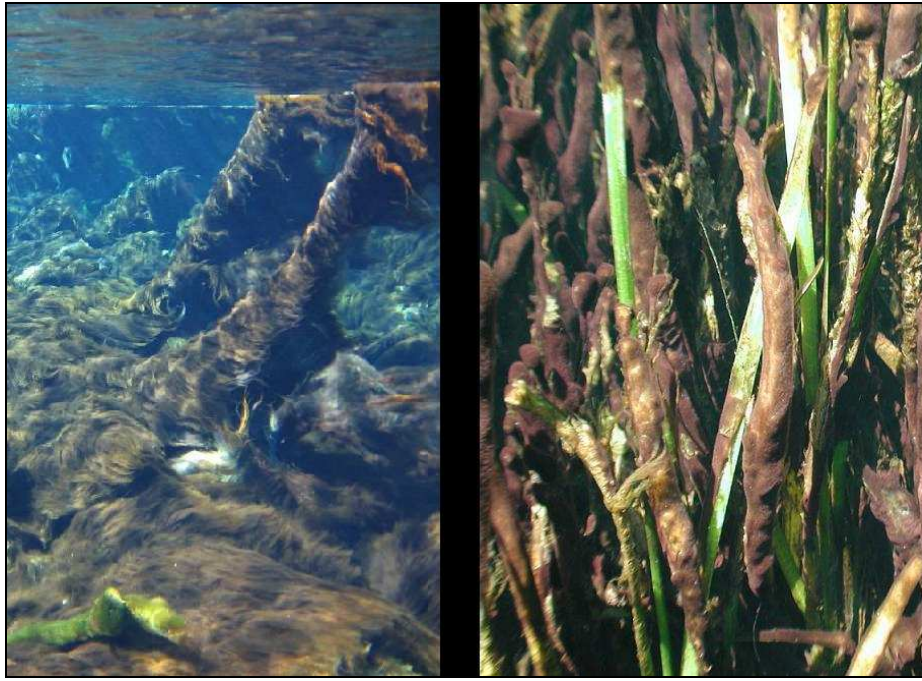
Over the years, people who live near springs and visit springs have seen them degrade, in some places due to changes in the amount of water discharged and in others due to algae growth and decreased biological diversity that may stem from degraded water quality. The condition of many springs has also been physically degraded because of poor land management practices or overuse.

Ecological Imbalances Caused by Nutrients

Spring water is generally a composite of mainly ground water and a smaller contribution of water from the surface, depending on the spring. If water from the surface enters the aquifer that is connected to a nearby spring, the water can move quickly through the aquifer and discharge at the spring vent (United States Geological Survey, 2009). Elevated concentrations of nutrients in water discharged from a spring vent can cause ecological imbalances in the spring system. In response to the nutrient enrichment, coupled with other factors, many spring openings (or vents) and their receiving waters have experienced abnormal and profuse growths of algae and/or aquatic vascular plants such as the invasive exotic plant *hydrilla*. This overgrowth may replace native plants and make spring runs less hospitable to fish, snails, crayfish, turtles and other animals that depend on the spring habitat. . In some of the more profound examples such as Silver Springs and Weeki Wachee Spring, algal mat accumulations can be feet in thickness. Nitrate-nitrogen (nitrate) is considered the main chemical indicator of nutrient enrichment of springs and nitrate concentrations have increased dramatically since the 1970s in many of the springs that have been sampled over the decades.

Excessive algal growth has been studied and is considered a “nuisance” in rocky streams when there is a >20% cover (Mattson 2009 pers. comm.). Periphyton (including benthic algae, filamentous algae, *Nitella sp.*, etc.) is commonly used to determine the percent of growth on the stream or creek bottom near springs. Excessive growth of periphyton can inhibit the growth of other submerged aquatic vegetation, which is considered the most important aquatic habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms. Ecosystem indices are used to demonstrate the impairment and include gross primary productivity, net primary productivity, system respiration rate and ecological efficiency.

One algal group of major concern for springs in Florida is the filamentous cyanobacteria, primarily in the genus *Lyngbya* (Stevenson et al, 2007). Studies have shown that, with increased nutrient loading to a waterbody, the cyanobacteria frequently respond most prolifically (Gao, 2008). Increases in *Lyngbya* biomass is a management issue in many Florida springs (Stevenson et al., 2004). The photographs in **Figure 2** show examples of excessive algal growth due to nutrient enrichment. In the top photograph the cyanobacteria biomass has overtaken the native vegetation for Weeki Wachee in the Apalachicola-Chipola Basin (left) and Mission Spring Run in the Suwannee River Basin (right). In the bottom photograph Guaranto Spring has excessive plant growth and is choked with *hydrilla* and algae.



a) Cyanobacteria (Blue-Green Algae) in Weeki Wachee (left) and Mission Springs (right)



b) Floating Algal Mats in Guaranto Spring

Figure 2 Explosion of Algal Growth in Springs

(Photo of Weeki Wachee and Mission Springs by Aga Pinowska; Guaranto Spring by Joe North; FDEP Bureau of Watershed Restoration).

Biological studies in the past have suggested that excessive algal growth is linked to nutrients in many of our major springs. Laboratory experiments (Cowell and Dawes, 2004) and field studies (Hornsby et al., 2000) indicated that *Lyngbya* biomass and the biomass and diversity of the general cyanobacteria population increased with elevated nitrate concentration, especially when the nitrate concentration was higher than 0.30 mg/L. Field studies indicated that the percent biovolume of cyanobacteria in the algal community also increased with increased total phosphorus (TP) concentrations, especially when the TP concentration was higher than 0.090 mg/L (Potapova and Charles, 2005). However, there has still been uncertainty as to the linkage between algal growth and nutrient concentrations and researchers believe that other factors also contribute. A more recent study by microbiologists (Jennifer et al., 2008) also found that the dense blooms of *Lyngbya* are increasingly responsible for declining water quality and habitat degradation in springs however it did not find any clear correlation between the presence of *Lyngbya* and ionic strength, inorganic nitrogen, phosphorus or average N/P ratios. Joyner et al. 2008 also mentioned that nutrients and sunlight levels may control the overall biomass but do not affect the distribution of the species that seems to be randomly introduced. They postulated that perhaps birds and humans (recreational swimmers and boaters) may be responsible for accelerating the dispersal of *Lyngbya* filaments.

FDEP is researching some spring specific assessment tools that involve different approaches than the Stream Condition Index (SCI) that was originally designed for freshwater flowing streams. Springs frequently have lower dissolved oxygen and higher salinities than freshwater, streams making the SCI inappropriate to use. Some of the tools include habitat assessment, hydrologic modification scoring, qualitative periphyton collection, rapid periphyton survey and linear vegetation survey.

Reduced Spring Discharges

The source of the springs in the 39-county area is primarily ground water from the Floridan aquifer system, the underground limestone reservoir that many thought would provide unlimited amounts of water without adverse effects. Yet, in some areas, springs have dried up or have experienced significant declines in discharge due to declining ground water levels. Declining ground water levels can also be accompanied by water quality changes in springs as they begin to pick up more of the characteristics of deep mineralized zones of ground water in inland areas or seawater in coastal areas. Decreasing spring discharge may also be accompanied by increases in the growth of algae, which could be somewhat related to an increase in available light in a shallower water column and subtle water quality changes.

Variability in discharge of Florida springs is best viewed as a long-term phenomenon. Unfortunately, only a handful of these springs have enough historical discharge data to provide information on long-term trends. The Silver Springs group of springs in the Ocklawaha River Basin is an example that has enough data to evaluate long term changes in discharge, as measured in the Silver River just down river from the spring vents. The Silver River depends almost entirely on discharge from approximately 30 spring vents located along the upper mile of the river; therefore river discharge is approximately equivalent to the cumulative spring discharge. **Figure 3** shows the long-term trend of discharge in Silver River just below the cumulative spring vents (Station 02239501) along with precipitation and population trends. Over the period of measurement, discharge of the Silver River has decreased by more than 250 cubic feet per second (cfs). The net decrease in discharge over the last 56 years (shown with a trend line) reflects a discharge loss equivalent to two minimal first-magnitude springs.

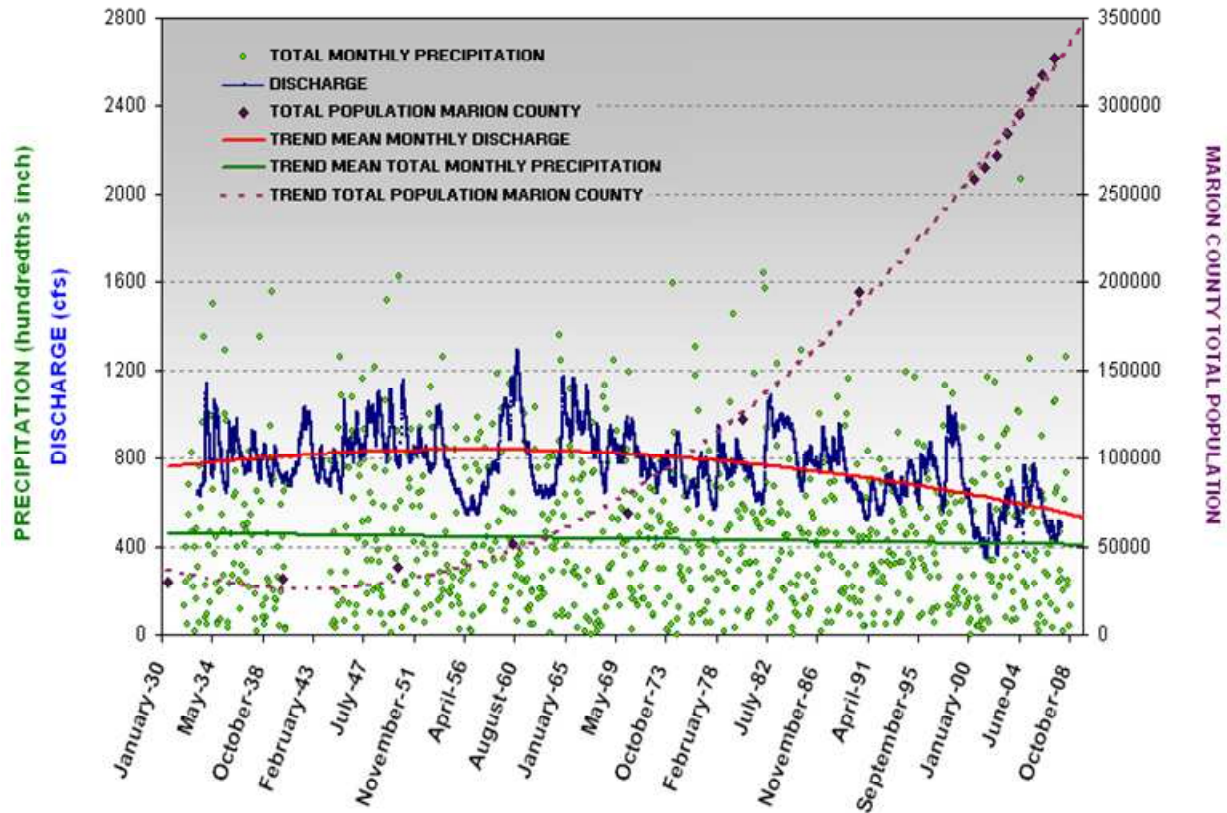


Figure 3 Trends in Silver River Discharge, Precipitation and Population in Marion County, Florida

Long-term discharge data for Silver River show decreases in discharge that occurred in the 1950s, late 1960s and again in the early 2000s. The trends in precipitation and population growth are important keys in determining contributing factors in evaluating these decreases. Periods of low rainfall correspond with most of the time periods during which discharge went down. In particular, a lowering of discharge occurred during a severe period of drought in late 1998 to 2003. While there is only a slight decrease in the long-term precipitation trend, the precipitation data indicate fewer significant episodic events of over 12 inches of monthly rainfall have occurred since the early 1980s. This illustrates the fact that episodic tropical precipitation events make significant contributions to ground water recharge and thus spring discharge.

Drought influence on discharge is amplified by ground water consumption. In fact, increased ground water withdrawals coincident with population growth can be an even more significant factor affecting spring discharge during periods of drought. In some areas of central and southwest Florida, the withdrawals to meet demands of growth on top of drought conditions have caused severe ground water supply issues and could be influencing spring discharge.

An increasing number of Florida springs have stopped discharging entirely or only exist as barely discernable seeps where flowing water was once abundant. Long-term withdrawals of ground water can lower water levels in the aquifer until there is no longer a sufficient pressure gradient to cause a spring to flow. This can occur gradually as in the case of White Sulphur Springs (aka White Springs) in Hamilton County or rather suddenly as in the case of Kissengen Spring in Polk County. Kissengen Spring was once a second-magnitude spring and a heavily-

visited recreational site that initially showed declining average annual flows and then three years later (1950) abruptly ceased flowing completely. Discharging at a rate as high as 43.6 cfs in 1933, Kissingen Spring had its discharge decline to a 40-year record low of 15 cfs, then ceased discharging altogether in 1950. This was due to dewatering activities associated with phosphate mining. Well withdrawals for agricultural and public supply needs also contributed to the decline of ground water levels (Rosenau, 1977). **Figure 4** shows photographs of Kissingen Spring before and after it ceased flowing.

In some cases, springs have been altered for private or commercial uses or have been vandalized to the extent that the springs have a completely stopped flowing. This occurred at Seven Springs (also known as Sisters Spring) in western Pasco County where a concrete bunker was constructed; Phillippi Spring in Pinellas County where persistent vandalism resulted in plugging of the spring vent with rocks and trash; and Bobhill Spring in Hernando County where construction of a concrete pool deck and drought conditions caused the spring to stop flowing in May 2000.

Examples of springs that do not consistently flow today and are not expected to recover include Palma Ceia (now a park fountain), Purity, Eureka (flow only during summer), Six Mile Creek Springs in Hillsborough County, Pettis Spring in Madison County, Seven Springs in Pasco County, Phillipi Spring in Pinellas County, and Ewing Spring in Taylor County. Examples of springs that recently stopped flowing and it is not know if they will recover include Hornsby Spring in Alachua County (a historical first-magnitude spring) and White Sulphur Springs in Hamilton County (a historical second-magnitude spring).



(a) Year 1923



(b) Year 2008

Figure 4 Historical and Recent Photographs of Kissingen Springs Site

Note: (a) photo from a postcard published in 1923 (State Archives of Florida); (b) photo taken in 2008 shows former spring pool now dry (Clint Kromhout, Florida Geological Survey).

SPRING DATA

Spring Monitoring Network

The current Florida Springs Water Quality Monitoring Network is a fixed-station network consisting of 49 spring vents (**Table 1**) and several wells that intersect underwater conduits. The spring vent data are discussed in this report. These stations represent 23 historical first-magnitude and 9 second-magnitude springs located in the basin groups of northwest, north-central, and central Florida (**Figure 5**). These springs were selected for monitoring because of their value as unique ecological and recreational resources. Most are located in state parks or are on other public lands.

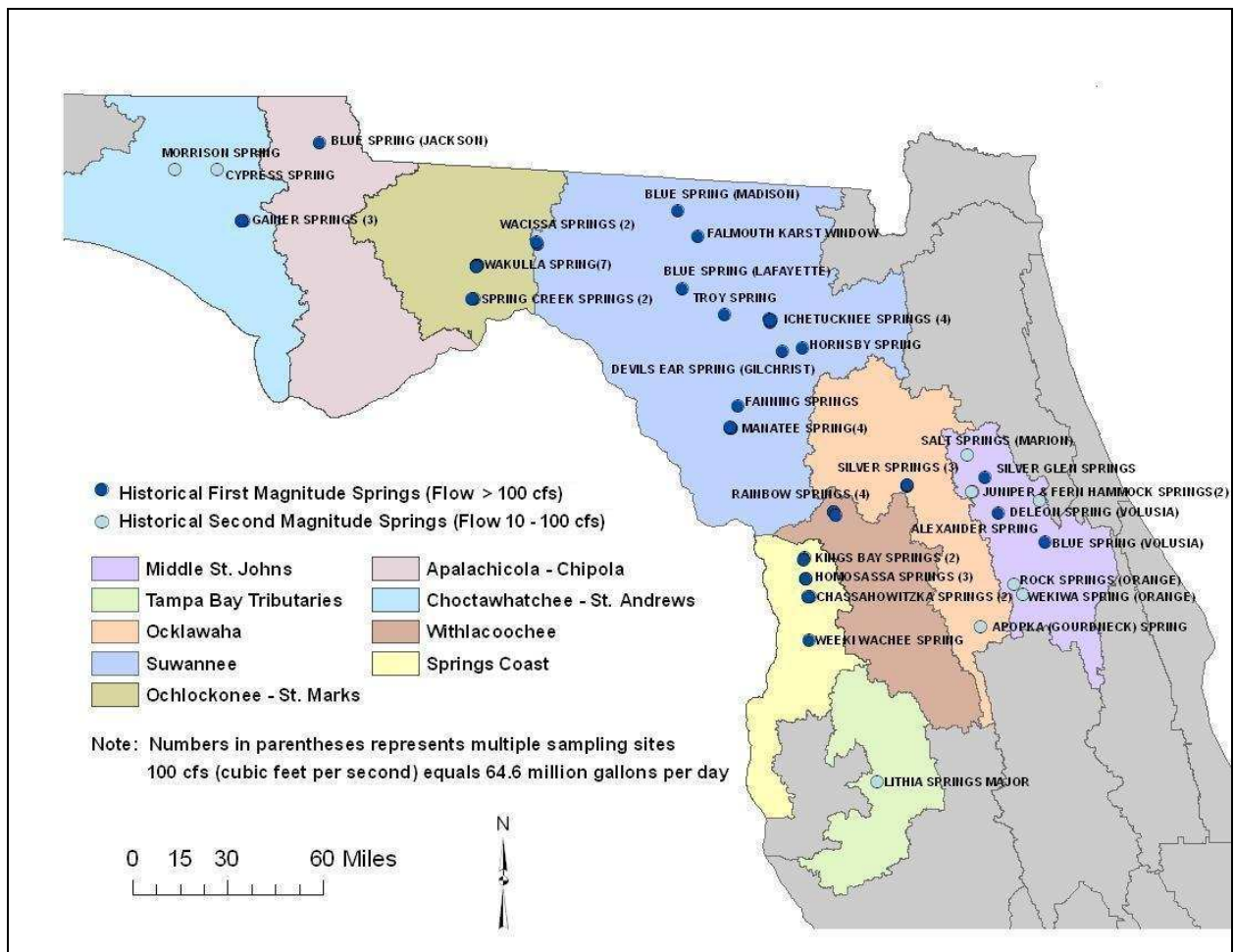


Figure 5 Quarterly Spring Monitoring Station Locations

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Table 1 Spring Monitoring Network-Water Quality and Discharge Stations

STATION ¹	WATERBODY NAME	WATER QUALITY		DISCHARGE	
		SAMPLING EVENTS	PERIOD OF RECORD	SAMPLING MEASUREMENTS	PERIOD OF RECORD ²
Apalachicola - Chipola Basin					
9674	JACKSON BLUE SPRING	21	2001-2006	19	01-2002 - 10-2006
Choctawhatchee - St. Andrew Basin					
9700	MORRISON SPRING	21	2001-2006	6	07-2002 - 10-2006
9739	GAINER SPRING #1C	21	2001-2006	19	01-2002 - 10-2006 (Gainer Spgs Group)
9740	GAINER SPRING #2	21	2001-2006	19	01-2002 - 10-2006 (Gainer Spgs Group)
9741	GAINER SPRING #3	21	2001-2006	19	01-2002 - 10-2006 (Gainer Spgs Group)
11371	CYPRESS SPRING	12	2002, 2004-2006	14	10-2001 - 10-2006
Middle St. Johns Basin					
9670	ALEXANDER SPRING	21	2001-2006	10	10-2001 - 10-2006
9673	VOLUSIA BLUE SPRING	21	2001-2006	8	10-2001 - 10-2006
9687	SILVER GLEN SPRINGS	21	2001-2006	10	10-2001 - 10-2006
10786	SALT SPRINGS (MARION)	10	2004-2006	10	07-2004 - 10-2006
11390	DELEON SPRING (VOLUSIA)	11	2002, 2004-2006	10	07-2004 - 10-2006
11403	WEKIWA SPRING (ORANGE)	15	2002-2006	10	10-2002 - 10-2006
11456	FERN HAMMOCK SPRINGS	6	2002, 2005-2006	1	Oct-06
11463	JUNIPER SPRINGS	12	2002-2006	9	07-2004 - 10-2006
11479	ROCK SPRINGS (ORANGE)	11	2002, 2004-2006	10	07-2004 - 10-2006
Ochlockonee - St. Marks					
9692	SPRING CREEK RISE MAIN	18	2001-2006	0	n/a
9695	WAKULLA SPRING	21	2001-2006	17	01-2002 - 10-2006
9744	SPRING CREEK RISE #2	19	2001-2006	1	Oct-06
Ocklawaha Basin					
6989	APOPKA SPRING	10	2002-2006	0	n/a
9720	SILVER SPRING MAIN	21	2001-2006	2	07-2006 - 10-2006
9722	BLUE GROTTA SPRING	21	2001-2006	2	07-2006 - 10-2006
11395	RECEPTION HALL SPRING	14	2002-2006	1	Oct-06
Springs Coast Basin					
9704	HOMOSASSA SPRING #2	21	2001-2006	3	01-2005 - 10-2006 (Homosassa Group)
9705	HOMOSASSA SPRING #1	21	2001-2006	3	01-2005 - 10-2006 (Homosassa Group)
9706	HOMOSASSA SPRING #3	21	2001-2006	3	01-2005 - 10-2006 (Homosassa Group)
9707	CHASSAHOWITZKA SPRING MAIN	21	2001-2006	2	07-2006 - 10-2006
9708	CHASSAHOWITZKA SPRING #1	21	2001-2006	9	07-2004 - 10-2006
9709	HUNTER SPRING	21	2001-2006	1	Jul-06
9710	TARPON HOLE SPRING	21	2001-2006	0	n/a
9716	WEEKI WACHEE SPRING	21	2001-2006	4	04-2005 - 10-2006
Suwannee River Basin					
9671	LAFAYETTE BLUE SPRING	14	2001-2006	5	07-2004 - 10-2006
9672	MADISON BLUE SPRING	14	2001-2006	6	07-2004 - 10-2006
9677	DEVILS EAR SPRING (GILCHRIST)	17	2001-2006	2	07-2006 - 10-2006
9678	FANNING SPRINGS	15	2001-2006	7	10-2001 - 10-2006
9681	HORNSBY SPRING	3	2001, 2006	2	07-2006 - 10-2006
9683	MANATEE SPRING	17	2001-2006	9	10-2001 - 10-2006
9694	TROY SPRING	13	2001-2006	5	07-2004 - 10-2006
9713	ICHETUCKNEE HEAD SPRING (COLUMBIA)	18	2001-2006	6	07-2005 - 10-2006
9714	MILL POND SPRINGS (COLUMBIA)	10	2001, 2004-2006	6	07-2005 - 10-2006
9717	BIG SPRING (BIG BLUE SPRING) (JEFFERSON)	18	2001-2002, 2004-2006	9	07-2004 - 10-2006
9719	WACISSA SPRING #2	18	2001-2006	0	n/a
9743	BLUE HOLE SPRING (COLUMBIA)	18	2001-2002, 2004-2006	2	07-2006 - 10-2006
10499	FALMOUTH SPRING	3	2001, 2006	2	07-2006 - 10-2006
11386	MISSION SPRINGS	9	2001-2002, 2004-2006	2	07-2006 - 10-2006
Tampa Bay Tributaries Basin					
11383	LITHIA SPRING MAJOR	12	2002-2006	10	07-2004 - 10-2006
Withlacoochee Basin					
9699	BUBBLING SPRING	21	2001-2006	10	07-2004 - 10-2006
9701	RAINBOW SPRING #1	21	2001-2006	2	07-2006 - 10-2006
9702	RAINBOW SPRING #4	21	2001-2006	2	07-2006 - 10-2006
9721	RAINBOW SPRING #6	21	2001-2006	2	07-2006 - 10-2006

Note:

¹ Station Numbers refer to FDEP Springs Initiative Monitoring Network and OGWIS database.

² Period of record for quarterly manual discharge measurements may include data gaps.

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Spring water quality samples are collected quarterly by a Florida Geological Survey (FGS) sampling team that is dedicated to springs monitoring. Most of these samples are collected from spring vents, but a few are collected from wells that intersect spring conduits. Chemical and field analytes collected routinely at each station on a quarterly basis are shown in **Table 2**. In addition to the core analytes, trace metals has been collected on a multi-year rotating basis.

Table 2 Spring Water Quality Sampling Analytes

Analytes included in quarterly monitoring		Analytes included in special surveys	
Calcium	D, T	Aluminum	D, T
Magnesium	D, T	Arsenic	D, T
Sodium	D, T	Barium	D, T
Potassium	D, T	Boron	D, T
Chloride	D, T	Cadmium	D, T
Sulfate	D, T	Cobalt	D, T
Fluoride	D, T	Chromium	D, T
Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	D, T	Copper	D, T
Nitrate + Nitrite	D, T	Iron	D, T
Ammonia	D, T	Manganese	D, T
Kjeldahl Nitrogen	D, T	Nickel	D, T
Total Phosphorous	D, T	Lead	D, T
ortho-Phosphate	D	Selenium	D, T
Specific Conductance	D	Tin	D, T
Organic Carbon	T	Strontium	D, T
Dissolved Solids	T	Zinc	D, T
Suspended Solids	T		
Turbidity	T		
Color	T		
Total Coliform	T		
Fecal Coliform	T		
Enterococci	T		
Water Temperature	X		
pH	X		
Specific Conductance/Salinity	X		
Dissolved Oxygen	X		
Secchi Depth	X ^{/1}		
Estimated Sample Depth	X		
Stage	X ^{/1}		
Discharge	X ^{/1}		

Notes:

T=total, unfiltered sample

D=dissolved, filtered sample

X=field measurement

/1=not collected at all stations

As part of the Springs Initiative Monitoring Program, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) collects stage and/or discharge data at 35 stations near springs. **Table 3** contains a list of these sites and their pertinent data. Most of them are “real-time” sites, with up-to-the-minute data available online at http://waterdata.usgs.gov/fl/nwis/current/?type=discharge&group_key=NONE.

In addition, the program measures discharge to coincide with water quality sampling at some of the network springs. Spring stations with discharge data are shown in **Table 1**. Discharge is measured manually at these stations within 24 hours of water quality sampling. The FGS and the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) began collecting discharge measurements in July 2004, and since July 2006, the USGS has collected these data.

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Table 3 Fixed Station Discharge Measurement Sites Associated with Springs

U.S. Geological Survey Station	Waterbody	Real-time Data Availability	Measurement Frequency	Period of Record
02358975 ^{/1}	Jackson Blue Spring near Marianna	Yes	continuous	4/2003 – present
02327022 ^{/1}	Wakulla River near Crawfordville	Yes	continuous	10/2004 – present
02327030 ^{/1}	Spring Creek near Spring Creek	Yes	continuous	new gage
02327033 ^{/1}	Lost Creek near Arran	Yes	continuous	1928-1981; 10/1988 – present
02326993 ^{/1}	Fisher Creek near Tallahassee	Yes	continuous	new gage
02320250 ^{/1}	Troy Spring near Branford	Yes	continuous	1942–1995; 1998; 3/2002 – present
02322685 ^{/1}	Ichetucknee Head Spring	Yes	continuous	2/2002 – present
02322687 ^{/1}	Cedar Head Spring	Yes	continuous	2/2002 – present
02322688 ^{/1}	Blue Hole Spring	Yes	continuous	2/2002 – present
02322691 ^{/1}	Mission Group	Yes	continuous	2/2002 – present
02322694 ^{/1}	Devil's Eye Spring	Yes	continuous	2/2002 – present
02322695 ^{/1}	Mill Pond Spring	Yes	continuous	2/2002 – present
02322698 ^{/1}	Ichetucknee River at Dampier's Landing	Yes	continuous	2/2002 – present
02322699 ^{/1}	Coffee Spring	No	7 measurements per year	2/2002 – present
02322700 ^{/1}	Ichetucknee River at U.S. 27	Yes	continuous	2/2002 – present
02323502 ^{/1}	Fanning Spring near Wilcox	Yes	continuous	1930-1998; 6/2001 – present
02323505 ^{/1}	Little Fanning Spring near Wilcox	no	7 measurements per year	
02323566 ^{/1}	Manatee Spring near Chiefland	Yes	continuous	1932-1998; 1/2001 – present
02310545 ^{/1}	Weeki Wachee River near Weeki Wachee	Yes	continuous	1984-85; 10/2000 – present
02310650 ^{/1}	Chassahowitzka Springs nr Homosassa Springs	Yes	continuous	1964-1978; 1985; 1988; 1997 – present
02310678 ^{/1}	Homosassa Springs near Homosassa	Yes	continuous	1931-33; 1936; 1956; 1961; 1963-1978; 1988-89; 10/1995 – present
02310747 ^{/1}	Crystal River at Bagley Cove near Crystal River	Yes	continuous	10/2002 – present
02236160 ^{/1}	Silver Glen Springs near Astor	Yes	continuous	11/2002 – present
02235500	Blue Springs near Orange City, FL	Yes	continuous	3/1932 – present
02239500	Silver River near Ocala, FL	Yes	continuous	10/1932 – present
02302000	Crystal Springs near Zephyrhills, FL	Yes	continuous	10/1934 – present
02306000	Sulphur Springs at Sulphur Springs, FL	Yes	continuous	1917, 1929, 1930-35, 1945-46, 1956 – present
02310660	Ruth Springs Run near Homosassa, FL	Yes	continuous	5/2006 – present
02310675	Hidden River near Homosassa, FL	Yes	continuous	1/1997 – present
02310690	Halls River near Homosassa, FL	Yes	continuous	10/2000-11/2003; 6/2006 – present
02312764	Gum Springs near Holder, FL	Yes	continuous	10/2003 – present
02313100	Rainbow Springs near Dunnellon, FL	Yes	continuous	1899; 1905; 1907; 1917; 1929 – present
02319302	Madison Blue Spring near Blue Springs, FL	Yes	continuous	1932; 1946; 1956; 1961; 1963; 1974; 1977; 1985; 1990-91; 1993; 1995-96; 1998; 2/2002 – present
02326900	St. Marks River near Newport	Yes	continuous	1956-1994; 7/1996 – present
02235000	Wekiva River near Sanford, FL	Yes	continuous	10/1931 – present

Notes: /1 - Funded by Springs Initiative

In addition to water quality and discharge measurements, quarterly to biannual bioassessments are performed in selected spring runs by the FDEP Environmental Assessment Section. These bioassessments include assessing riparian zone health, habitat description, biological sampling and limited water quality sampling. Reports on the biological assessments produced by the Environmental Assessment Section are available online from FDEP at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/labs/cgi-bin/reports/results.asp>.

Quality Assurance

Water quality sampling procedures are outlined in the *Springs Initiative Monitoring Standard Operating Procedures*, which adhere to the FDEP standard operating procedures for sampling and analysis program activities (<http://www.floridadep.org/labs/qa/sops.htm>). All water quality samples collected through this effort are analyzed by the FDEP Central Chemistry Laboratory, a facility certified by the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program.

Adherence to standard field protocols is verified by periodic internal and external field audits of the sampling program. These field audits are carried out by Springs Initiative staff, working with the Environmental Assessment Section. Assessment of field measurement accuracy is accomplished through internal (FDEP) and external (USGS) field reference sample programs. Formalized procedures for computerized and manual data review, developed for the FDEP Status Network, are also applied to spring monitoring program data.

Data Management

Water quality samples are tracked from the field to the laboratory via the FDEP Automated Data Management (ADM) program. Analytical results are transferred electronically from the FDEP Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) to the FDEP Watershed Monitoring Section, where they are processed and merged with corresponding field data, and linked to the corresponding site data. Computerized accuracy and completeness checks are automatically run, in addition to a variety of other quality assurance checks. Data files are then manually checked; using field sheets and results from the computerized reviews to identify obvious random or systematic errors.

After preliminary data review for a project is completed, a copy of the project file is transferred to the samplers for their review. After data review for a project is completed, the data are considered “release quality”, ready to be made available to the general public. The Springs Initiative network data used in this report are from 2001 through 2006.

Manual discharge data from quarterly sampling sites have been collected by FGS, NFWFMD and USGS staff. These measurements are performed using USGS standard operating procedures for collecting stream profile discharge. USGS fixed-station (“real-time”) discharge measurements are collected from automated stations using index-velocity or stage-discharge gages. Acoustic Doppler profiling sondes are used at some locations.

All field measurements and water quality data collected through the quarterly Springs Network are housed in the FDEP Oracle-based Generalized Water Information System (OGWIS). From here, data are periodically uploaded to Florida STORET and are also exported to Hydroport, a ground-water quality data retrieval and analysis tool currently under development. Data included in this report represents a subset that met the quality assurance standards for the program.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR KEY ANALYTES

Nutrients

Nutrient over-enrichment is the cause of many of our impaired surface waters, including springs. The two major nutrient groups that are monitored include nitrogen and phosphorus. Nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) are essential nutrients to plant life, including algae. For aquatic vegetation and algae to grow, both nutrients have to be present. In fact, one can be present in excess but if the other is not present, overgrowth of vegetation or algae is not likely to occur. Historically, many spring systems have had sufficient phosphorus to cause an overabundance of plant growth but this was limited by very low concentrations of nitrogen.

Nitrogen is found in several forms and is ubiquitous in the environment. Nitrate is the form of nitrogen that is most frequently detected and occurs in the highest concentrations in ground water and springs. Nitrite-nitrogen is an intermediate form of nitrogen that is almost entirely converted to nitrate in the nitrogen cycle. While nitrate and nitrite are frequently analyzed and reported together as one concentration (nitrate+nitrite-nitrogen), the nitrite contribution is always insignificant. Historically nitrogen was only a minor constituent of spring water and typical nitrate concentrations in Florida were less than 0.2 mg/L in the early 1970s. Today, many springs in Florida have nitrate concentrations higher than 1.0 mg/L. With sufficient phosphorus in the water column, seemingly low nitrogen concentrations can actually cause a significant shift in the balance of spring ecological communities, leading to the degradation of biological systems due to overgrowth of algae and sometimes aquatic plants.

Research into the relationship of nutrients to algal growth in springs has provided basis for some science-based values that can serve as thresholds. In an FDEP-funded study, Michigan State University researchers found that algal species reductions occurred at nitrogen concentrations below 0.591 mg/L for the algal genus *Vaucheria* spp. and below 0.250 mg/L for the more prevalent *Lyngbya wollei* (Stevenson et al., 2007). Another reference threshold was provided in documentation supporting spring run-related Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Wekiva River and Rock Springs Run by FDEP (Gao, 2008). This Wekiva River/Rock Springs Run TMDL was based on a nitrogen threshold of 0.286 mg/L, established at a level that would reduce overall periphyton biomass concentration to an acceptable level. Another example of research going into the development of a nitrate threshold was used for the TMDL developed for the Suwannee River and several springs. This method employed a change point analysis that was performed to help understand the functional relationship between periphyton growth and nitrate concentration (Hallas and Magley, 2008). It provided a statistical analysis of the range of nitrate concentrations over which periphyton growth would occur. Based on the combined body of this research, FDEP has proposed a surface water standard for nitrogen in spring vents of 0.35 mg/L, which applies to both nitrate and nitrate+nitrite and is based on the FDEP assessment methodology using binomial statistics (set forth in Chapter 62-303.420, F.A.C).

Ammonia-nitrogen is seldom detected in spring water because of its tendency to degrade rapidly to other nitrogen forms. However, when detected, it can be an important indicator of sources of potential contamination. As organic nitrogen decomposes, it converts first to ammonia, then to nitrite plus nitrogen gas, and finally to nitrate. This process is shortened if the nitrogen is from an inorganic source like fertilizer or the atmosphere. The nitrification process can be incomplete in areas of poor drainage or high water-table conditions, in which case some ammonia can be transported to ground water and remain somewhat stable for a period of time.

Phosphorus, the other essential nutrient governing algal growth in aquatic systems, has a critical concentration that is much lower than the nitrogen threshold. Stevenson et al. (2007) found that when nitrogen was present at elevated concentrations, the phosphorus thresholds for

Vaucheria spp. and *Lyngbya wollei* were 0.026 and 0.033 mg/L, respectively. For the Wekiva River and Rock Springs Run TMDLs, the conservative phosphorus threshold was established at 0.065 mg/L (Gao, 2008). This target phosphorus threshold used by Gao (2008) was higher than what may be appropriate for other springs because the Wekiwa and Rock Springs are in the Middle St. Johns Basin where phosphorus concentrations are naturally elevated in the Floridan aquifer. Phosphorus in water can originate from natural sources, primarily phosphate-rich subsurface material, and anthropogenic sources that include fertilizers, animal waste, human wastewater, biosolids, and industrial wastewater effluent. The tendency for phosphorus to leach to ground water at a particular application or disposal site is based on soil characteristics and phosphorus application rates. Phosphorus tends to readily adsorb to clay and organic material in soil and is more likely to be mobile in sandy soil or areas where the soil adsorptive capacity for phosphorus has been exceeded. However, inputs of phosphorus from anthropogenic sources affecting ground water and springs are not easily traced because a significant amount of phosphorus in ground water and springs comes from natural sources. Ambient phosphorus concentrations in ground water in the recharge areas or springsheds of springs are frequently higher than the algae-based thresholds offered by Stevenson et al. (2007).

Another major nutrient, potassium (K), occurs naturally under some conditions, but under others it can be an indicator of human impacts. Common inorganic agricultural fertilizers contain nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (N-P-K) as their major components. Potassium can be mobile in ground water and when nitrate and potassium concentrations are both elevated in spring samples, the source is often inorganic fertilizers. However, potassium can also be present from land application of manures and municipal wastewaters. The fate of potassium once it infiltrates to the ground water is controlled mainly by cation exchange where the affinity of geologic material for potassium is greater than for calcium, magnesium and/or sodium. Potassium is also a significant component of sea water, thus springs near the coastline or those discharging water from deeper mineralized ground water would be naturally high in potassium. In a following section of this report, the potassium–sodium (K-Na) ratio is discussed as a possible way to differentiate between natural and anthropogenic sources.

Nitrogen

The spring monitoring program includes data for ammonia and nitrate+nitrite, which are summarized in **Table 4**. The median values for nitrate+nitrite and ammonia for the entire 2001-2006 monitoring period are shown and compared to medians for 2006, the most recent complete year of data. Most springs have not had detectable concentrations of ammonia and the ones that did had ammonia at very low concentrations. Detectable concentrations of ammonia were found consistently (at low levels) in DeLeon and Volusia Blue Springs (Middle St. Johns River Basin), Spring Creek Rise #1 and #2 (Ochlocknee-St. Marks River Basin), Homosassa Spring #1 and #2 (Springs Coast Basin) and Lafayette Blue (Suwannee River Basin Group). DeLeon Spring and Spring Creek Rise #1 had the highest ammonia concentrations. Overall, ammonia concentrations for 2006 were essentially the same as the median values for the 2001 to 2006 period, which suggests that there are no significant trends in ammonia for the springs that had detections.

As discussed previously, elevated nitrate-nitrogen is an issue for most of Florida's springs that have been sampled. Depending on location, the nitrogen found in ground water and spring water has been found by isotope analysis to be from inorganic sources such as fertilizer, organic sources such as human wastewater or animal manure, or a combination of the two (Katz, 1999; Katz, 2005; Kendall, 1998). The network springs show that elevated nitrate

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Table 4 Ammonia and Nitrate+Nitrite in Spring Network (2001-2006)

BASIN & SPRING NAME	Ammonia (610)						Nitrate+Nitrite as N (630)					
	2001-2006			2006			2001-2006			2006		
	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max
Apalachicola - Chipola Basin												
Jackson Blue Spring	0.005	0.005	0.08	0.005	0.005	0.08	0.34	3.3	3.7	3	3.35	3.7
Choctawhatchee - St. Andrew Basin												
Cypress Spring	0.005	0.005	0.012	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.34	0.36	0.42	0.35	0.375	0.39
Gainer Spring #1C	0.005	0.005	0.038	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.15	0.18	0.24	0.18	0.195	0.2
Gainer Spring #2	0.005	0.005	0.035	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.18	0.23	0.25	0.21	0.23	0.23
Gainer Spring #3	0.005	0.005	0.015	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.19	0.2	0.21	0.19	0.21	0.21
Morrison Spring	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.15	0.165	0.19	0.15	0.16	0.17
Middle St. Johns Basin												
Alexander Springs	0.005	0.005	0.018	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.029	0.053	0.065	0.045	0.055	0.059
DeLeon Spring	0.012	0.041	0.092	0.027	0.0555	0.072	0.58	0.99	1.3	0.58	0.795	1.1
Fern Hammock Springs	0.005	0.005	0.015	0.005	0.005	0.013	0.078	0.0865	0.09	0.078	0.0845	0.088
Juniper Springs	0.005	0.005	0.012	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.073	0.089	0.094	0.089	0.0895	0.091
Marion Salt Springs	0.005	0.005	0.018	0.005	0.005	0.013	0.09	0.1	0.11	0.092	0.093	0.096
Rock Springs	0.005	0.005	0.013	0.005	0.005	0.005	1.3	1.5	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.6
Silver Glen Springs	0.005	0.005	0.022	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.046	0.049	0.055	0.046	0.0485	0.049
Volusia Blue Spring	0.005	0.005	0.096	0.005	0.0155	0.058	0.31	0.645	1.1	0.42	0.61	0.79
Wekiwa Spring	0.005	0.005	0.029	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.29	1.4	1.7	0.97	1.035	1.5
Ochlockonee - St. Marks												
Spring Creek Rise #1	0.005	0.038	0.091	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.018	0.14	0.27	0.23	0.23	0.23
Spring Creek Rise #2	0.005	0.0195	0.06	0.011	0.0355	0.06	0.016	0.17	0.27	0.016	0.103	0.19
Wakulla Spring	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.37	0.69	1	0.51	0.555	0.66
Ocklawaha Basin												
Apopka Spring	0.005	0.005	0.041	0.005	0.005	0.005	4.1	4.55	5.1	4.4	4.5	4.7
Blue Grotto Spring	0.005	0.005	0.07	0.005	0.005	0.038	1.3	1.5	3.2	1.5	1.5	1.7
Reception Hall Spring	0.005	0.005	0.029	0.005	0.005	0.005	1.2	1.4	2.6	1.4	1.55	1.6
Silver Spring Main	0.005	0.005	0.1	0.005	0.005	0.1	0.91	1.1	1.2	0.99	0.995	1.2
Springs Coast Basin												
Chassahowitzka Spring #1	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.49	0.575	0.65	0.53	0.6	0.63
Chassahowitzka Spring Main	0.005	0.005	0.014	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.43	0.53	0.61	0.51	0.56	0.57
Homosassa Spring #1	0.005	0.0155	0.028	0.01	0.0135	0.02	0.18	0.51	0.57	0.49	0.51	0.52
Homosassa Spring #2	0.018	0.0285	0.034	0.022	0.0335	0.034	0.43	0.5	0.53	0.45	0.49	0.51
Homosassa Spring #3	0.005	0.005	0.014	0.005	0.005	0.01	0.49	0.54	0.6	0.53	0.53	0.54
Hunter Spring	0.005	0.005	0.015	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.34	0.39	0.47	0.4	0.41	0.42
Tarpon Hole Spring	0.005	0.005	0.031	0.005	0.005	0.01	0.093	0.185	0.21	0.15	0.185	0.2
Weeki Wachee Main Spring	0.005	0.005	0.067	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.66	0.765	0.93	0.75	0.765	0.78
Suwannee River Basin												
Big Spring	0.005	0.005	0.029	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.1	0.165	0.19	0.16	0.17	0.18
Blue Hole Spring	0.005	0.005	0.08	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.51	0.695	0.79	0.72	0.755	0.79
Devil's Ear Spring	0.005	0.005	0.017	0.005	0.005	0.005	1.1	1.6	2	1.5	1.65	1.7
Falmouth Spring	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.39	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Fanning Springs	0.005	0.005	0.037	0.005	0.005	0.005	3.7	5.2	6.3	4.8	4.85	5.5
Hornsby Spring	0.005	0.005	0.011	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.3	0.48	0.68	0.48	0.58	0.68
Ichetucknee Head Spring	0.005	0.005	0.015	0.005	0.005	0.01	0.66	0.77	0.84	0.74	0.8	0.83
Lafayette Blue Spring	0.005	0.0085	0.059	0.005	0.005	0.012	1.7	2.2	2.7	1.7	2.3	2.5
Madison Blue Spring	0.005	0.005	0.028	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.97	1.5	2	1.3	1.5	1.5
Manatee Spring	0.005	0.005	0.014	0.005	0.005	0.005	1.6	1.8	2	1.7	1.8	2
Mill Pond Spring	0.005	0.005	0.012	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.31	0.46	0.56	0.46	0.52	0.56
Mission Spring	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.37	0.58	0.64	0.58	0.61	0.64
Troy Spring	0.005	0.005	0.012	0.005	0.005	0.005	1.1	2.2	3	1.8	2.2	2.6
Wacissa Spring #2	0.005	0.005	0.012	0.005	0.005	0.012	0.24	0.4	0.47	0.34	0.41	0.43
Tampa Bay Tributaries Basin												
Lithia Springs Major	0.005	0.005	0.011	0.005	0.005	0.011	2.2	2.9	5.5	2.2	2.8	5.5
Withlacoochee Basin												
Bubbling Spring	0.005	0.005	0.018	0.005	0.005	0.011	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5
Rainbow Spring #1	0.005	0.005	0.015	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.96	1.35	1.8	1.7	1.75	1.8
Rainbow Spring #4	0.005	0.005	0.013	0.005	0.005	0.005	1.3	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7
Rainbow Spring #6	0.005	0.005	0.011	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1

Values in red are higher than the Nitrate + Nitrite and Ammonia threshold of 0.33 mg/L (total nitrogen proposed DEP springs nutrient criteria).

(expressed as nitrate+nitrite-total) is a problem throughout the state, as is shown in **Figure 6**. Three benchmarks can be used to evaluate nitrate-nitrogen data in this report: the median value for all network springs, the proposed nitrate standard, and the natural background nitrate concentration. The median nitrate+nitrite concentration for all springs in the network combined was 0.65 mg/L. This median is almost twice as high as the proposed FDEP springs nitrogen standard of 0.35 mg/L. Based on the proposed standard, about two-thirds (almost 74 percent) of the network springs would have median nitrate+nitrite concentrations high enough to promote algal growth problems.

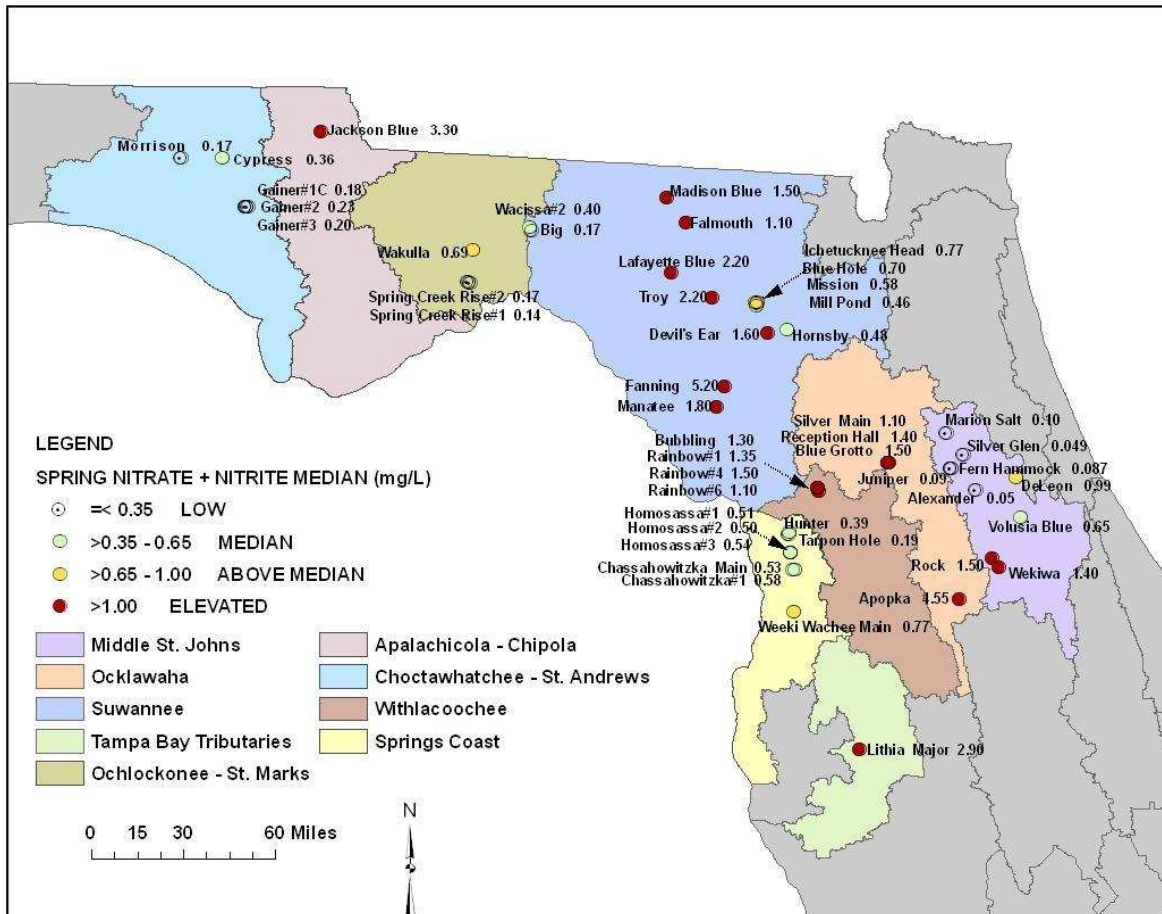


Figure 6 Median Concentrations of Nitrate+Nitrite in Spring Network (2001-2006)

The third benchmark is the nitrate-nitrogen concentration in background springs. In a pristine setting, the concentration of nitrate in a spring is at least an order of magnitude lower than the proposed nitrate standard of 0.35 mg/L. Based on data from multiple sources, there are presently only a small number of springs in the state that exhibit nitrate concentrations close to background conditions shown in **Table 5**. The concentrations of nitrate+nitrite in these springs are believed to be due to atmospheric deposition since they are mostly located in remote settings such as national forests or away from land use activities considered as nitrogen sources.

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Table 5 Nitrate+Nitrite Concentrations in Background Springs with Available Data

Spring	Basin	County	Magnitude	Nitrate+Nitrite Median (mg/L)
Alexander Spring	Middle St. Johns	Lake	1	0.044
Beecher Spring	Middle St. Johns	Putnam	2	0.007
Clifton Springs	Middle St. Johns	Seminole	3	0.009
Copper Spring	Suwannee	Dixie	2	0.010
Dobes Hole Spring	Withlacoochee	Pasco	Unknown	0.020
Green Cove Springs	Lower St. Johns	Clay	2	0.002
Mud Spring (Putnam)	Middle St. Johns	Putnam	3	0.022
Newport Spring	Ochlocknee – St. Marks	Wakulla	3	0.005
Orange Spring (Marion)	Ocklawaha	Marion	3	0.004
Satsuma Spring	Middle St. Johns	Putnam	3	0.007
Silver Glen Springs	Middle St. Johns	Marion	1	0.046
Snail Springs	Middle St. Johns	Lake	5	0.015
Sun Eden Spring	Ocklawaha	Lake	4	0.030
Suwannee Springs	Suwannee	Suwannee	2	0.020
Sweetwater Springs	Middle St. Johns	Marion	2	0.037
Waldo Spring	Suwannee	Taylor	3	0.007
Warm Mineral Spring	Sarasota Bay - Peace – Myakka	Sarasota	3	0.007
Washington Blue Spring (Choctawhatchee)	Choctawhatchee–St. Andrew	Washington	2	0.027
Welaka Spring	Lower St. Johns	Putnam	3	0.034
Background Springs	Overall Median			0.018
Statewide Springs	Overall Median			0.670
First-magnitude Springs	Overall Median			0.570

Note:

Sources of data include FDEP, water management districts and the USGS. Springs in **BOLD** are included in the FDEP Spring Network. Background springs have nitrate-nitrogen levels < 0.05 mg/L.

Only 2 of the 49 network springs (3 percent) have nitrate+nitrite concentrations that are at or below background when using other sources of data in addition to the network data. The lowest nitrate+nitrite concentrations for first and second magnitude springs in the monitoring network (**Figure 6**) were found in the Ocala National Forest. Silver Glen, Fern Hammock, and Alexander Springs, all located in the Middle St. Johns Basin, have low nitrate-nitrogen concentrations due to their remote locations and absence of regional sources of contamination. Other relatively low concentrations are also found in the western panhandle in the Choctawhatchee River–St. Andrew Bay Basin Group with Cypress Spring, Morrison Spring and

the Gainer Group. These lower concentrations correspond with land uses that include less agriculture and lower population density. Morrison and Cypress Spring are located in a dense gum and cypress forest. The Gainer Group is located where there are heavily forested lands, some in public ownership.

Jackson Blue, Fanning, Apopka and Lithia Major Springs are among the most nitrate-laden springs in the network, with nitrate+nitrite concentrations approaching 3 mg/L or higher. Of these, Fanning Spring has the highest nitrate+nitrite concentration. It is noteworthy that these three springs are located in areas that include agriculture and/or former agricultural areas undergoing urbanization.

Jackson Blue Spring (**Figure 6**), in the Chipola River Basin of the Apalachicola-Chipola River Basin Group, has the highest nitrate concentration of all first magnitude springs in the state, and thus provides the highest loading of nitrate to a receiving surface water, which in its case is Merritts Mill Pond. The source area of Jackson Blue Springs includes areas of intensive farming in northern Jackson County and southern Alabama.

The Suwannee River Basin Group (equivalent to the area covered by the Suwannee River Water Management District) has more springs than any of the other basins and the nitrate+nitrite concentrations vary geographically across the area. Springs in the least-developed western part of the area have much lower nitrate+nitrite concentrations in comparison to many springs in the rest of the basin. Generally the northern, central and eastern regions of the area all have springs with elevated nitrate+nitrite concentrations (**Figure 6**). These regions include a significant amount of agriculture, especially the Middle Suwannee Basin, which includes dairies, hay fields, row crops and poultry farms.

The Ocklawaha River Basin includes Silver Springs, a group of springs that has the largest aggregate discharge of all springs in Florida. Silver Spring Main, Reception Hall and Blue Grotto Spring are the main springs in the Silver Spring Group. These all have nitrate+nitrite concentrations greater than 1 mg/L and lie to the east of an urban area as well as numerous horse farms and other agricultural properties. Further south in the Ocklawaha River Basin is Apopka Spring (located in Lake Apopka), which has an elevated median nitrate+nitrite concentration of 4.55 mg/L. Apopka Spring is surrounded by a region of historically intensive agricultural land uses, including row crops, nurseries and citrus groves. Ground water in this area also has very high nitrate concentrations in localized hot spots and Lake Apopka is hypereutrophic due to the high nutrient loads it receives.

The Rainbow Springs Group, in the Withlacoochee River Basin, consists of a cluster of spring vents in the northern portion of the basin. The Rainbow Springs Group includes multiple springs that have nitrate+nitrite concentrations greater than 1 mg/L. These springs create the headwaters of the Rainbow River which flows southward to the Withlacoochee River. Sources of nitrogen in this area include agricultural lands transitioning to horse farms and residential developments.

The Springs Coast Basin includes several springs in the network, most of which exceed 0.35 mg/L for nitrate+nitrite. Further to the south in the Tampa Bay Tributaries Basin, Lithia Major Spring, the furthest south of all springs in the network, has a nitrate+nitrite median of 2.9 mg/L. Agriculture and urban landscape and lawns exist as past and present sources of the nitrogen in these basins.

Phosphorus

Phosphorus is measured as both total phosphorus and orthophosphate by the spring monitoring program. Total phosphorus consists of organic and inorganic fractions. The soluble inorganic form of phosphorus is orthophosphate. Since there is very little organic phosphorus in ground water, with few exceptions only inorganic (orthophosphate) is found in springs. Orthophosphate is also the natural form of phosphorus found in geologic material and the form of phosphorus found in conventional fertilizers. Throughout much of Florida, the Miocene-age Hawthorn Group is a massive geologic unit that is naturally rich in phosphorus. This material is often in contact with the porous and permeable limestone in which spring systems occur and it can provide a continuing source of phosphorus to the ground water.

The natural abundance of phosphorus varies across the state and as a result background ground water concentrations vary. **Table 6** provides a summary of median orthophosphate concentration in ground water of the surficial, intermediate and Floridan aquifer systems in the eight basin groups that have springs. The Suwannee, Ocklawaha, Middle St. Johns, Withlacoochee, and Tampa Bay Tributaries basins all have elevated concentrations of orthophosphate in ground water from one or more aquifer system in comparison to the phosphorus thresholds proposed by Stevenson, et al. (2007). In the Suwannee River Basin Group, all three aquifers have elevated orthophosphate – with median concentrations as high as 0.092 mg/L. In the Middle St. Johns Basin, median orthophosphate concentrations in ground water were as high as 0.105 mg/L. Phosphorus is usually higher in the intermediate aquifer as shown in the data for most basins. The intermediate-aquifer wells are representative of ground water from the Hawthorn Group, usually a significant source of phosphate.

Table 6 Summary of Background Orthophosphate Concentrations in Ground Water

Basin	Median Orthophosphate Concentrations in Aquifer Systems (mg/L) 1985-2006		
	Surficial	Intermediate	Floridan
Apalachicola-Chipola	0.275	0.1	0.04
Choctawhatchee-St. Andrew Bay	0.025	0.008	0.012
Middle St. Johns	0.049	0.105	0.067
Ochlocknee-St. Marks	0.025	0.05	0.0255
Ocklawaha	0.146	0.089	0.056
Springs Coast	0.116	N/A	0.027
Suwannee	0.066	0.092	0.061
Tampa Bay Tributaries	0.088	0.011	0.034
Withlacoochee	0.074	0.002	0.058

Note: Ground water data from the FDEP historical Background and current Probabilistic monitoring networks

Springs in the Suwannee River Basin Group and the Middle St. Johns River Basins had the highest orthophosphate concentrations, with many of them having phosphorus concentrations higher than the 0.03 mg/L median value as shown in **Figure 7**. A summary of median orthophosphate concentrations in the individual springs is provided in **Table 7**.

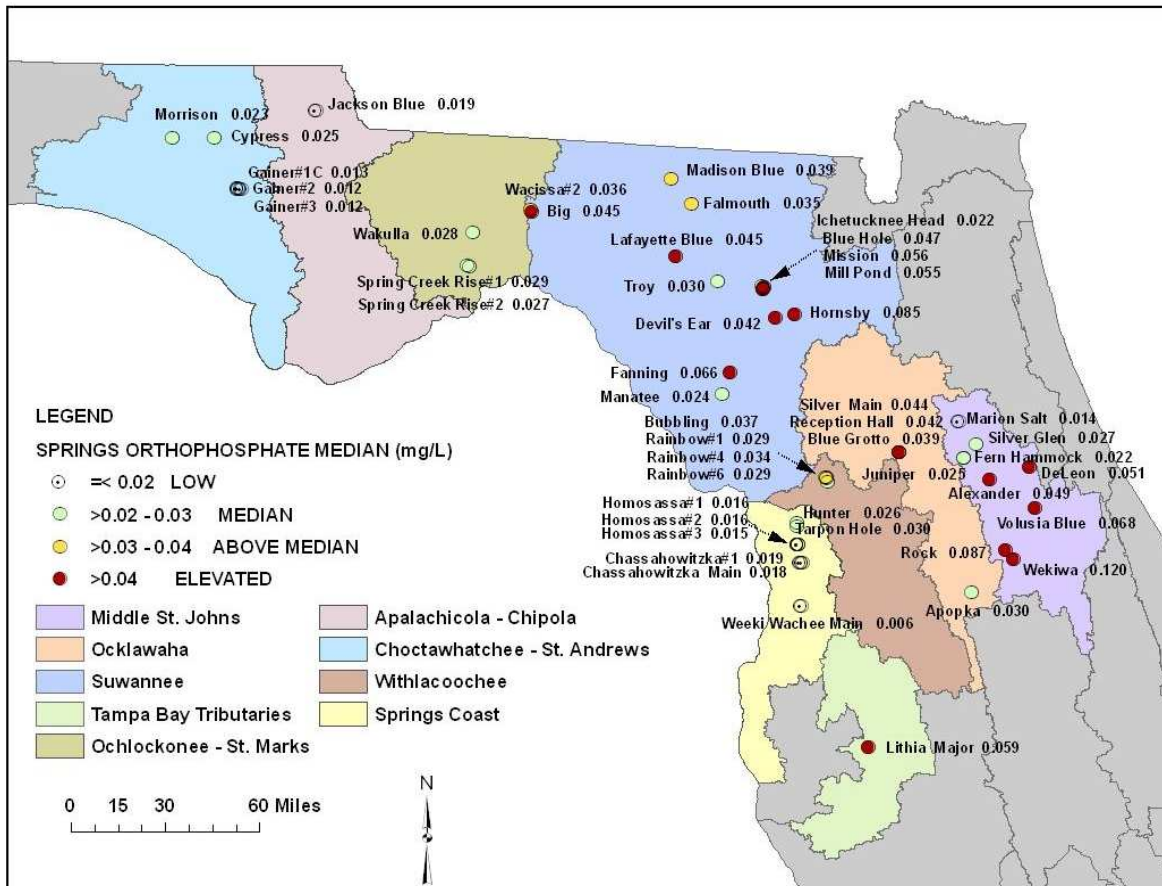


Figure 7 Median Orthophosphate Concentrations in Spring Network (2001-2006)

The springs in the network with the highest orthophosphate concentrations are Wekiwa, Rock, Hornsby, Volusia Blue, Fanning, Lithia Springs Major, Ichetucknee Group, DeLeon, Alexander, Lafayette, and Big Springs. Springs in the Choctawhatchee-St. Andrew Basin, similar to ground water, have low concentrations of phosphorus. Overall most spring orthophosphate concentrations in 2006 were relatively unchanged compared to median values for 2001-2006, so no significant trends are obvious for this 5-year period. Also, there is no obvious correlation between orthophosphate and nitrate concentration in these data (**Figure 8**).

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Table 7 Orthophosphate and Potassium in Spring Network (2001-2006)

BASIN & SPRING NAME	Orthophosphate (671)						Potassium (937)					
	2001-2006			2006			2001-2006			2006		
	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max
Apalachicola - Chipola Basin												
Jackson Blue Spring	0.012	0.019	0.022	0.012	0.014	0.017	0.25	0.3	0.36	0.3	0.32	0.36
Choctawhatchee - St. Andrew Basin												
Cypress Spring	0.023	0.0245	0.027	0.024	0.024	0.025	0.35	0.4	0.45	0.37	0.425	0.45
Gainer Spring #1C	0.01	0.013	0.015	0.01	0.011	0.013	0.23	0.27	0.37	0.27	0.285	0.33
Gainer Spring #2	0.01	0.012	0.016	0.01	0.011	0.012	0.23	0.26	0.34	0.23	0.3	0.34
Gainer Spring #3	0.002	0.012	0.014	0.009	0.0095	0.012	0.24	0.26	0.29	0.25	0.285	0.29
Morrison Spring	0.021	0.023	0.029	0.021	0.021	0.022	0.55	0.57	0.62	0.57	0.59	0.6
Middle St. Johns Basin												
Alexander Springs	0.043	0.049	0.052	0.049	0.0495	0.05	3.24	3.7	4.2	3.6	3.785	4
DeLeon Spring	0.036	0.051	0.065	0.047	0.0505	0.052	3.9	4.8	6.8	3.9	4.05	4.8
Fern Hammock Springs	0.022	0.022	0.033	0.022	0.022	0.024	0.25	0.265	0.32	0.25	0.27	0.32
Juniper Springs	0.019	0.0245	0.027	0.024	0.0245	0.026	0.24	0.26	0.32	0.26	0.29	0.31
Marion Salt Springs	0.01	0.014	0.015	0.01	0.0135	0.015	28.7	37.4	40.4	31.1	36.2	40.4
Rock Springs	0.082	0.0865	0.092	0.084	0.0875	0.092	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4
Silver Glen Springs	0.022	0.0265	0.037	0.024	0.0255	0.028	7.2	8.7	9.4	7.2	8.215	8.8
Volusia Blue Spring	0.058	0.068	0.079	0.063	0.0655	0.069	3.9	5.755	8.6	4.7	5.405	7.7
Wekiwa Spring	0.088	0.12	0.13	0.1	0.125	0.13	1.58	1.7	1.74	1.6	1.7	1.74
Ochlockonee - St. Marks												
Spring Creek Rise #1	0.008	0.0295	0.035	0.032	0.032	0.032	10.9	79.55	229	39.2	39.2	39.2
Spring Creek Rise #2	0.016	0.027	0.033	0.025	0.0265	0.028	6.7	35.5	196	10.8	96.4	182
Wakulla Spring	0.014	0.028	0.034	0.016	0.026	0.03	0.5	0.56	0.69	0.55	0.61	0.69
Ocklawaha Basin												
Apopka Spring	0.01	0.03	0.032	0.022	0.029	0.032	1.00	1.3	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.35
Blue Grotto Spring	0.03	0.039	0.055	0.037	0.0385	0.055	0.59	0.63	0.73	0.63	0.685	0.73
Reception Hall Spring	0.034	0.042	0.046	0.036	0.0365	0.039	0.58	0.66	0.76	0.66	0.685	0.76
Silver Spring Main	0.03	0.044	0.049	0.042	0.042	0.043	0.52	0.58	0.68	0.56	0.575	0.58
Springs Coast Basin												
Chassahowitzka Spring #1	0.015	0.019	0.024	0.015	0.0165	0.019	1.21	2.5	5.8	2.2	4.45	5.6
Chassahowitzka Spring Main	0.014	0.018	0.022	0.014	0.0155	0.019	2	7.6	19.9	8	15.95	19.9
Homosassa Spring #1	0.013	0.016	0.022	0.014	0.014	0.015	14.2	21.55	30.3	19.2	22.2	26.9
Homosassa Spring #2	0.008	0.016	0.023	0.012	0.013	0.015	29.1	35.7	41.4	31.7	37.35	38.5
Homosassa Spring #3	0.01	0.015	0.021	0.013	0.013	0.013	4.1	7.1	12.9	4.3	8.9	11.6
Hunter Spring	0.017	0.026	0.03	0.017	0.022	0.025	0.67	1.25	2.1	1.3	1.6	1.7
Tarpon Hole Spring	0.014	0.03	0.035	0.024	0.0275	0.03	4.1	9.3	35.5	7.2	14.15	35.5
Weeki Wachee Main Spring	0.002	0.006	0.013	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.21	0.325	0.38	0.32	0.365	0.38
Suwannee River Basin												
Big Spring	0.041	0.045	0.057	0.041	0.045	0.047	0.35	0.415	0.6	0.41	0.445	0.46
Blue Hole Spring	0.038	0.047	0.053	0.039	0.045	0.047	0.29	0.35	0.48	0.34	0.355	0.41
Devil's Ear Spring	0.038	0.042	0.053	0.038	0.0395	0.041	0.4	0.43	0.52	0.41	0.455	0.5
Falmouth Spring	0.033	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.26	0.36	0.45	0.26	0.355	0.45
Fanning Springs	0.058	0.066	0.076	0.064	0.0655	0.066	2.4	3.1	4	3.6	3.65	4
Hornsby Spring	0.075	0.085	0.088	0.085	0.0865	0.088	1	1	1.1	1	1.05	1.1
Ichetucknee Head Spring	0.019	0.022	0.024	0.019	0.0205	0.023	0.075	0.14	0.22	0.14	0.17	0.18
Lafayette Blue Spring	0.04	0.045	0.061	0.042	0.044	0.047	0.84	1	1.3	1.1	1.19	1.2
Madison Blue Spring	0.03	0.0395	0.052	0.036	0.037	0.038	0.4	0.485	0.99	0.41	0.47	0.62
Manatee Spring	0.018	0.024	0.027	0.018	0.022	0.025	1	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4
Mill Pond Spring	0.047	0.055	0.058	0.047	0.0555	0.057	0.5	0.56	0.71	0.56	0.62	0.65
Mission Spring	0.048	0.056	0.061	0.048	0.055	0.057	0.45	0.5	0.56	0.47	0.5	0.56
Troy Spring	0.024	0.030	0.059	0.026	0.029	0.03	0.79	1.2	1.57	1.1	1.3	1.57
Wacissa Spring #2	0.03	0.036	0.037	0.032	0.0325	0.037	0.38	0.42	0.5	0.39	0.465	0.5
Tampa Bay Tributaries Basin												
Lithia Springs Major	0.056	0.0595	0.064	0.06	0.062	0.064	0.78	0.86	1	0.79	0.86	0.87
Withlacoochee Basin												
Bubbling Spring	0.03	0.037	0.04	0.033	0.034	0.037	0.075	0.17	0.19	0.15	0.16	0.19
Rainbow Spring #1	0.022	0.029	0.034	0.024	0.027	0.029	0.055	0.12	0.16	0.055	0.115	0.14
Rainbow Spring #4	0.029	0.034	0.041	0.029	0.0325	0.034	0.055	0.13	0.18	0.055	0.13	0.18
Rainbow Spring #6	0.022	0.029	0.036	0.023	0.027	0.029	0.14	0.29	0.34	0.29	0.305	0.32

Values in red are higher than the Springs Initiative network median of 0.030 mg/L for phosphorus/orthophosphate and 0.63 mg/L for potassium.

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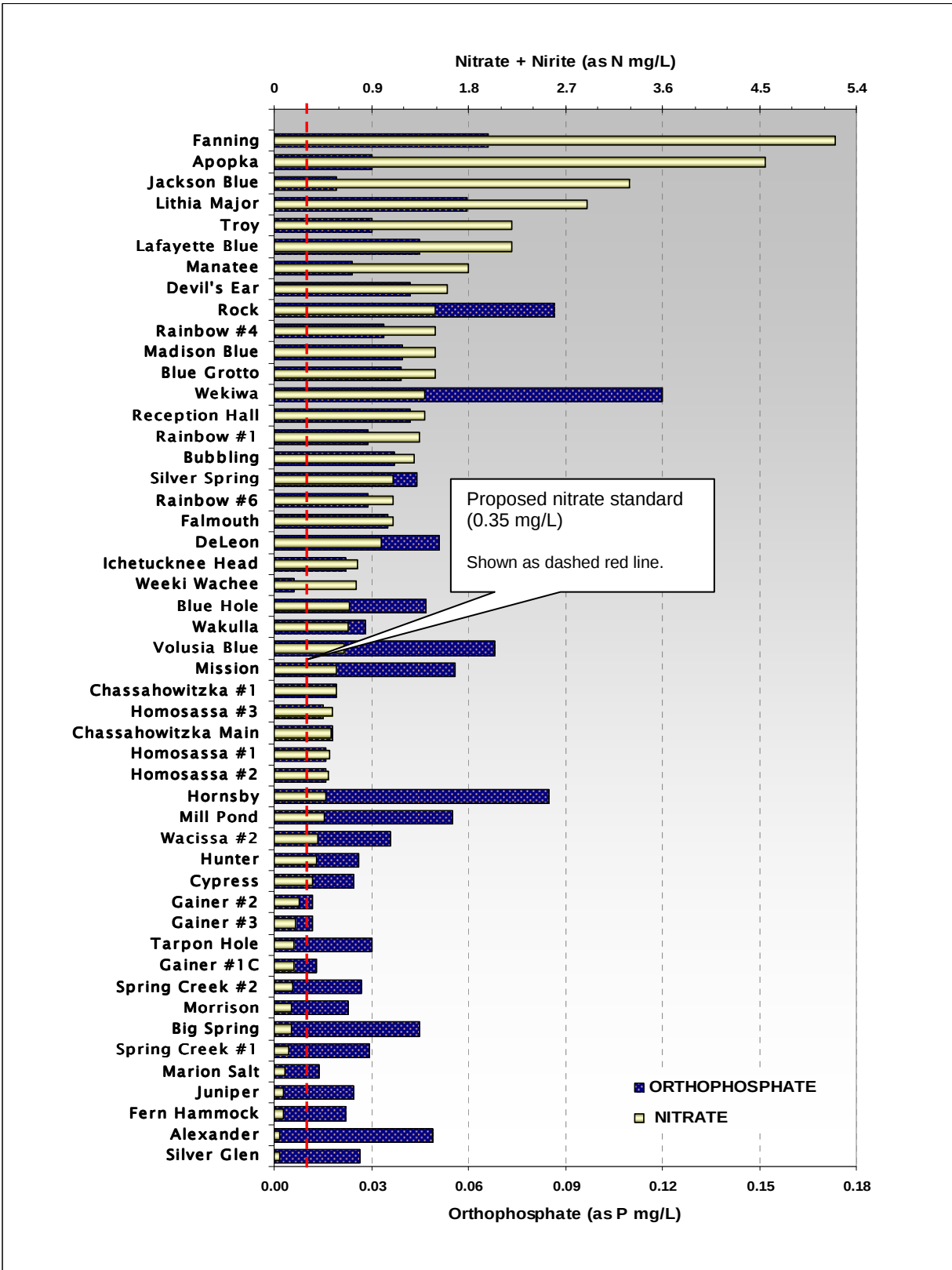


Figure 8 Nitrate and Orthophosphate in Network Springs (2001-2006)

Potassium

Potassium has been measured as total and dissolved potassium in the monitoring network. There was little difference between the results for dissolved and total forms in the descriptive statistics and this discussion refers to total concentrations. As discussed previously, potassium can serve as an indicator of either saline water influence or contamination from sources such as fertilizers. Median potassium values for the network springs are shown in **Table 7** and the distribution of potassium in the spring network is shown in **Figure 9**.

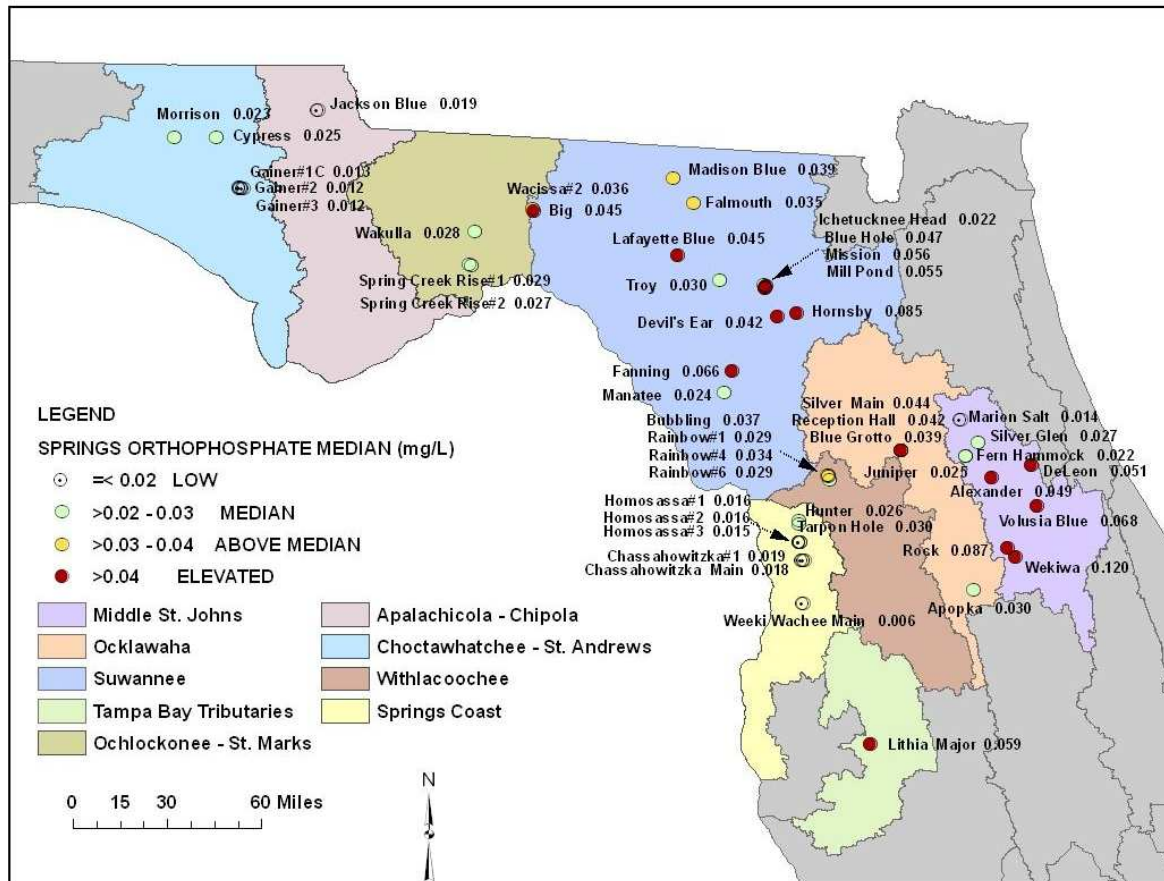


Figure 9 Median Potassium Concentrations in Spring Network (2001-2006)

Potassium is one of the major components of seawater, which commonly has potassium concentrations as high as 390 mg/L. In network springs, the highest concentrations are found in springs in coastal regions and in interior regions where deep ground water is highly mineralized. The Springs Coast Basin has many coastal springs in tidal areas subject to seawater influences. These include Homosassa Springs #1, #2, and #3, Tarpon Hole and Chassahowitzka Main Spring, which all have elevated potassium. In the Springs Coast Basin, over half of the samples from the Upper Floridan aquifer and most of the samples from the Lower Floridan aquifer exceeded the median for potassium in the network springs (0.63 mg/L). Potassium in the two Spring Creek Springs (#1 and #2) located in a tidal creek along the coast line of the Ochlocknee-St. Marks River Basin is also elevated. However, these springs function tidally and

saline water from the estuary often backflows into them for periods of time. So when discharging, the Spring Creek Springs often are discharging recycled seawater.

Ground water and many springs in the Middle St. Johns River Basin, have elevated potassium concentrations due to another type of natural occurrence. The Floridan aquifer in this area near the St. Johns River is naturally highly mineralized to saline and deeper saline water within it has a tendency to migrate upward (or upwell). This naturally high mineral content is due to sea water that was trapped in the limestone material when it was deposited. The springs within this area discharge ground water that is enriched in potassium as well as sodium and chloride. Most of the ground water samples from the FDEP ambient monitoring wells in the Middle St. Johns Basin, regardless of aquifer, exceed the spring network median for potassium of 0.63 mg/L because of the naturally mineralized water.

The relationship between potassium and sodium, along with other chemical data, can sometimes be used to help differentiate between naturally occurring potassium due to salinity and potassium from other sources. The premise is that sodium and potassium concentrations in salinity-influenced springs should be similarly proportional where the potassium-sodium ratio is less than 0.04:1. Based on that assumption, potassium-sodium ratios higher than 0.04:1 may indicate that the potassium is not associated with salinity but may instead be from an anthropogenic source such as inorganic fertilizer, septic tanks, animal manure and/or land-applied wastewater. **Table 8** provides a more detailed breakdown of springs showing that those with saline influence have a predominance of naturally occurring potassium (potassium-sodium ratio <0.04:1) compared to those with higher potassium-sodium ratios. **Table 8** also shows springs with potential correlation between elevated potassium, high potassium-sodium ratios and elevated nitrate. Where fertilizer is a source of nitrate, potassium may also be elevated.

Figure 10 is a graph showing potassium and nitrate concentrations along with potassium-sodium ratios. The springs with the highest potassium-sodium ratios (>0.20:1), correspond with some of the highest spring nitrate-nitrogen concentrations throughout the state. The comparison of nitrate, potassium and the potassium-sodium ratios may help identify those springs that are degraded from recent or historical fertilizer use.

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Table 8 Significant Potassium Concentrations in Springs and their Correlation with Sodium and Nitrate+Nitrite

Spring	Basin	Potassium median (mg/L)	Sodium median (mg/L)	Potassium-Sodium Ratio X:1	Nitrate median (mg/L)
<i>Potassium Mainly Due to Saline Water Influence (Potassium-Sodium Ratio <0.04:1)</i>					
Alexander	Middle St. Johns	3.7	133	0.03	0.05
Marion Salt	Middle St. Johns	37.4	1200	0.03	0.10
Sliver Glen	Middle St. Johns	8.7	253	0.03	0.05
Spring Creek #2	Ochlockonee- St. Marks	35.5	1021	0.03	0.17
Tarpon Hole	Springs Coast	9.3	268	0.03	0.19
Chassahowitzka #1	Springs Coast	2.5	66	0.04	0.58
Chassahowitzka Main	Springs Coast	7.6	211	0.04	0.53
Homosassa #1	Springs Coast	21.6	588	0.04	0.51
Homosassa #3	Springs Coast	7.1	194	0.04	0.54
Hunter	Springs Coast	1.3	33	0.04	0.39
Spring Creek #1	Ochlockonee- St. Marks	79.6	2170	0.04	0.14
Volusia Blue	Middle St. Johns	5.8	155	0.04	0.65
<i>Potassium Potentially Due to Anthropogenic Sources (Potassium-Sodium Ratios 0.10:1-0.20:1)</i>					
Blue Grotto	Ocklawaha	0.63	6.6	0.10	1.50
Fern Hammock	Middle St. Johns	0.27	2.7	0.10	0.09
Juniper	Middle St. Johns	0.26	2.6	0.10	0.09
Reception Hall	Ocklawaha	0.66	6.7	0.10	1.40
Wakulla	Ochlockonee-St. Marks	0.56	5.3	0.11	0.69
Mill Pond	Suwannee	0.56	5.0	0.11	0.46
Blue Hole	Suwannee	0.35	3.0	0.12	0.70
Hornsby	Suwannee	1.00	8.5	0.12	0.48
Devils Ear	Suwannee	0.43	3.6	0.12	1.60
Big Spring	Suwannee	0.42	3.3	0.12	0.17
Cypress	Suwannee	0.40	3.1	0.13	0.36
Wacissa	Suwannee	0.42	3.2	0.13	0.40
Mission	Suwannee	0.50	3.8	0.13	0.58
Falmouth	Suwannee	0.36	2.6	0.14	1.10
Gainer #3	Choctawhatchee-St. Andrew	0.26	1.8	0.15	0.20
Madison Blue	Suwannee	0.49	3.3	0.15	1.50
Gainer #1C	Choctawhatchee-St. Andrew	0.27	1.7	0.16	0.18
Gainer #2	Choctawhatchee-St. Andrew	0.26	1.6	0.17	0.23
Jackson Blue	Apalachicola-Chipola	0.30	1.8	0.17	3.30
Wekiwa	Middle St. Johns	1.70	9.8	0.17	1.40
<i>Potassium Most Likely Due to Anthropogenic Sources (Potassium-Sodium Ratio >0.20:1)</i>					
Lafayette Blue	Suwannee	1.00	4.88	0.20	2.20
Apopka	Middle St. Johns	1.30	5.70	0.23	4.55
Rock	Middle St. Johns	1.30	5.20	0.25	1.50
Manatee	Suwannee	1.10	4.19	0.26	1.80
Morrison	Choctawhatchee-St. Andrew	0.57	1.86	0.31	0.17
Troy	Suwannee	1.20	3.10	0.39	2.20
Fanning	Suwannee	3.10	5.42	0.57	5.20

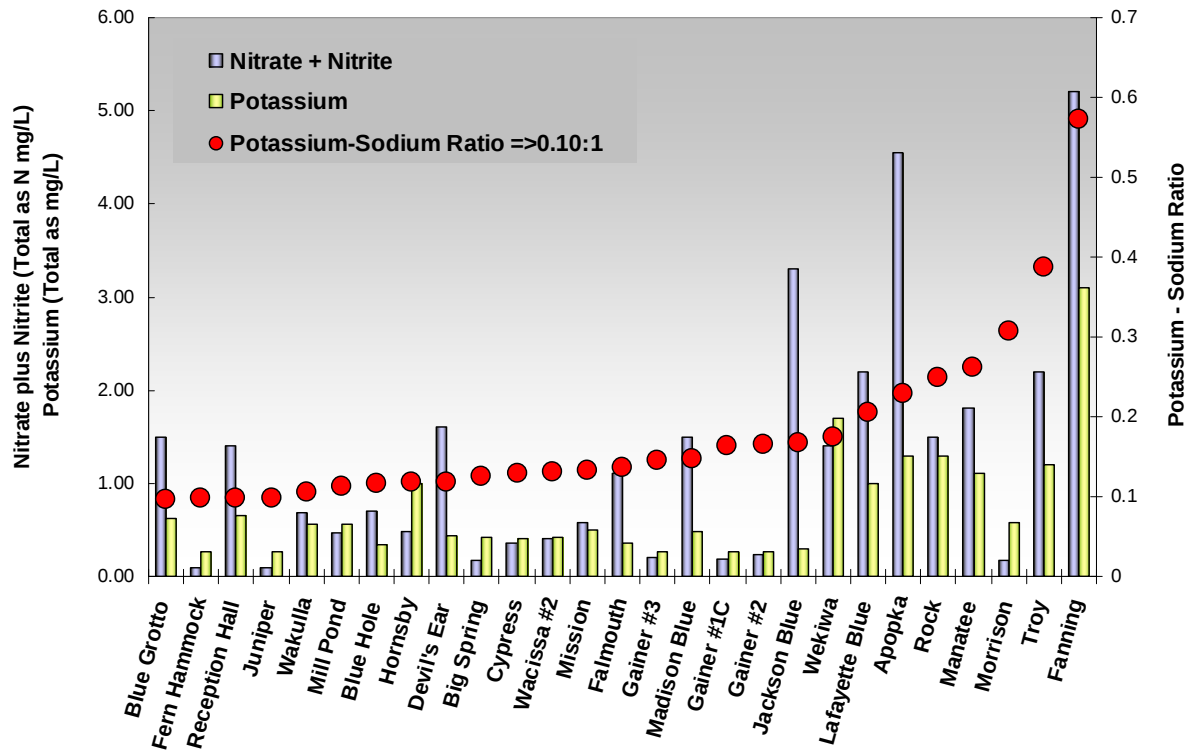


Figure 10 Potassium and Nitrate+Nitrite Concentrations and Potassium-Sodium Ratios in Select Springs

Salinity Indicators

Although most springs are considered to be fresh waters, fresh and saline characteristics are important to document to evaluate changes in spring chemistry. Springs can be characterized based on their salinity analyte levels and mineral content. Salinity analytes commonly used as indicators include chloride, sodium, sulfate, and specific conductance. Concentrations of these indicators can in some cases be used to identify ground water chemistry changes due to drought and/or anthropogenic influences. Increasing trends in these salinity indicators could be caused by lack of recharge during low-rainfall periods, over pumping the aquifer, or a combination of the two. Coastal springs that are tidally influenced cannot be easily evaluated for any trends in salinity since the concentrations vary with the tidal cycle. However, long-term increasing trends for salinity indicators in coastal springs could indicate saltwater intrusion.

Sodium and chloride are the major saline components of seawater. Elevated sodium concentrations shown on **Figure 11** are generally limited to springs in coastal areas and springs in the Middle St. Johns River Basin which includes an area where the Floridan aquifer is naturally saline due to sea water that was trapped in the limestone material when it was deposited. For the most part, the same springs that have elevated potassium also have elevated sodium and chloride due to this mineralized ground water. The median sodium and

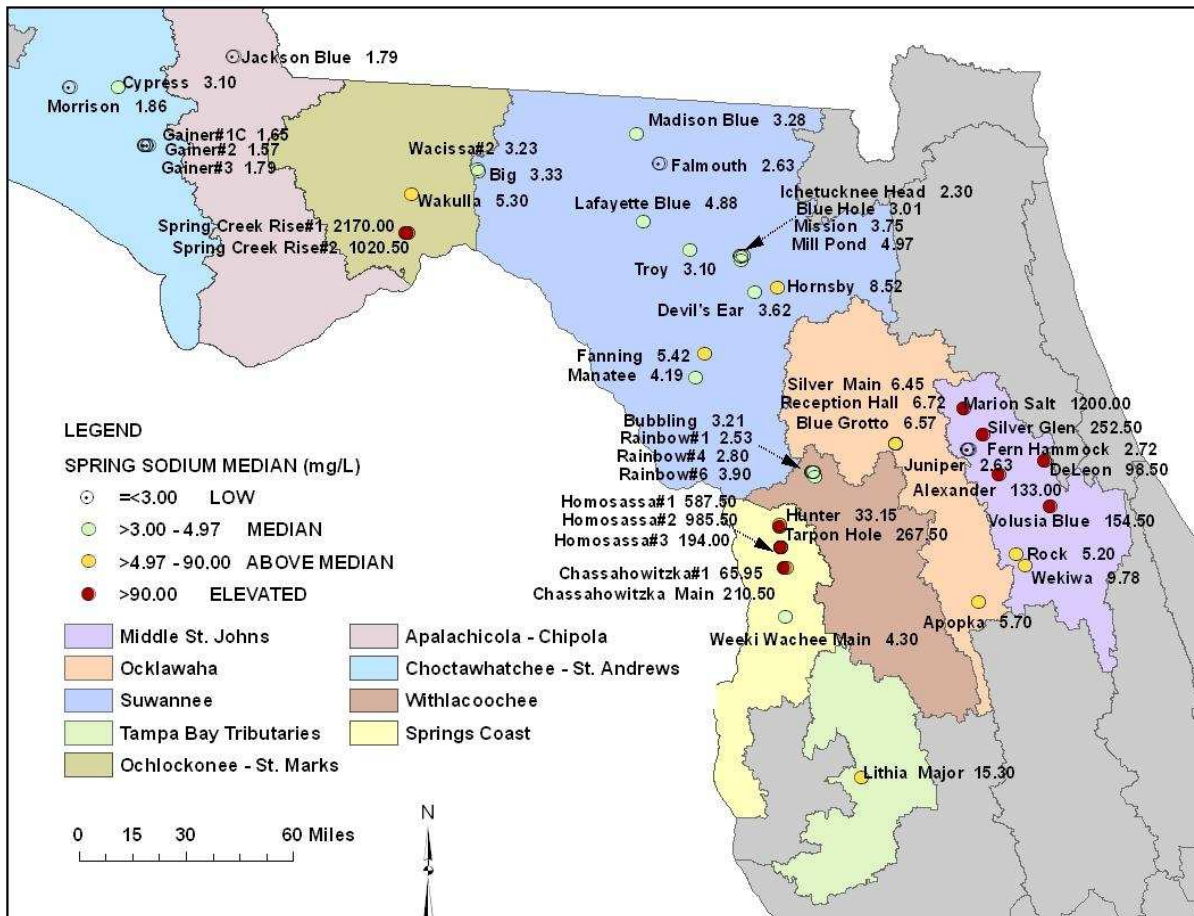


Figure 11 Median Sodium Concentrations in Spring Network (2001-2006)

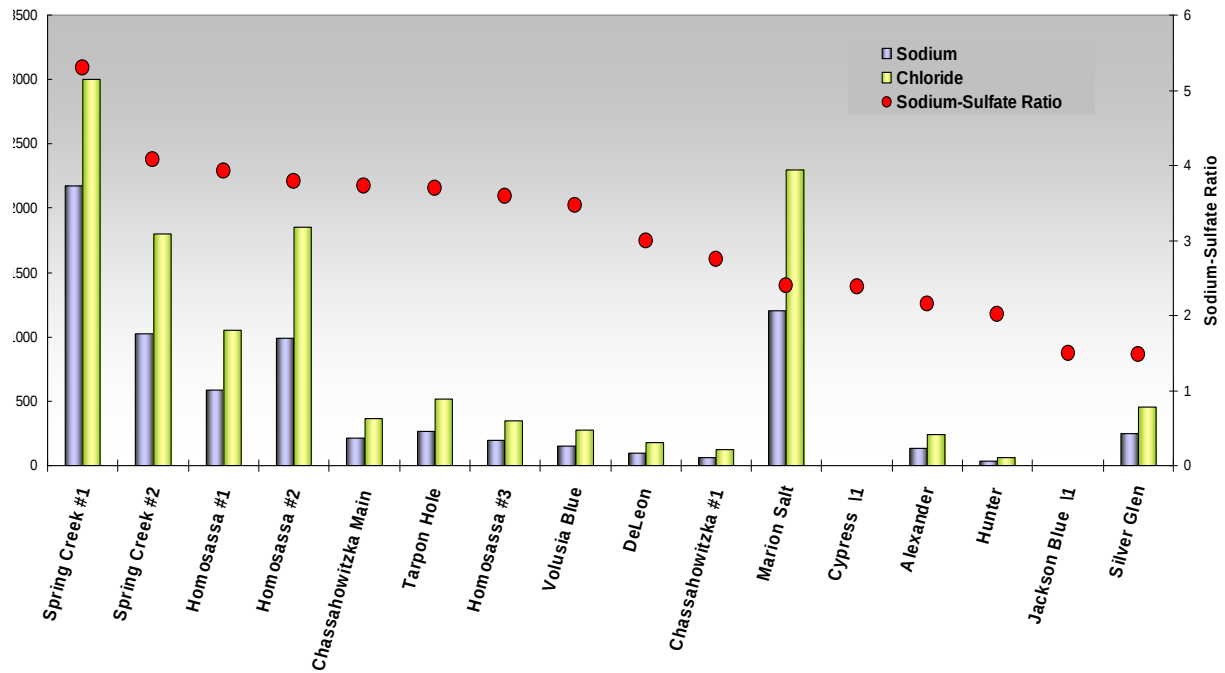
chloride concentrations of all springs in the sampling network are 4.97 and 8.6 mg/L, respectively.

In the more saline springs, sodium and chloride concentrations are both greater than 1,000 mg/L. Those with the highest sodium and chloride concentrations include Springs Creek Rise #1 and #2, Marion Salt, Homosassa #1, #2, #3, and Tarpon Hole. Silver Glen, Chassahowitzka Spring Main, Volusia Blue, and Alexander Springs are mineralized springs that also have elevated sodium. Once again, most of these springs are either in coastal areas or in the inland area of saline ground water in the Middle St. Johns River Basin.

The mineral content of springs with naturally higher salinity can have an influence on biological diversity within their receiving waters and is therefore important to consider when evaluating their ecological health. The sodium-chloride (Na-Cl) and sodium-sulfate (Na-SO₄) ratios were used to categorize the springs into low salinity and those influenced by high salinity sources (including coastal and inland mineralized ground water). These are shown in **Figure 12**. All of the springs in the Springs Coast Basin (with the exception of Weeki Wachee) are included in the high salinity-influenced group. Many of the springs in the area of mineralized ground water near the St. Johns River are also included in the high salinity-influenced group.

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(a) springs most influenced by salinity¹



¹ **Note:** Jackson Blue and Cypress Springs have low chloride and sodium levels, are not tidally influenced, and not known to tap mineralized water yet their sodium-sulfate ratio is atypical compared to other freshwater springs.

(b) springs less influenced by salinity

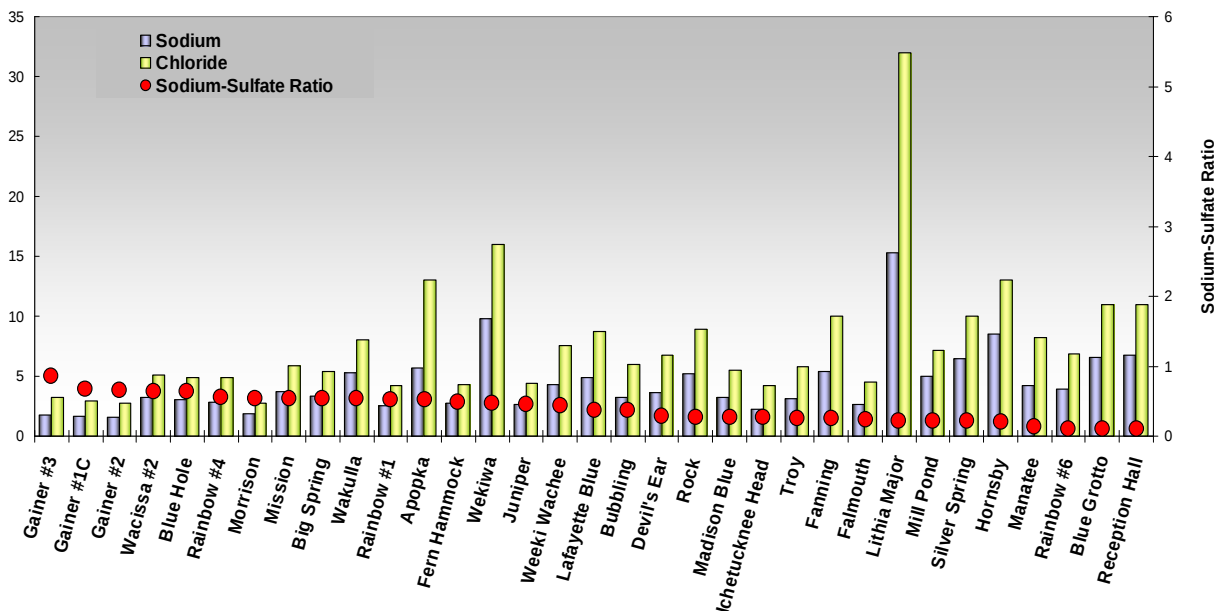


Figure 12 Salinity Influence on Select Springs as Indicated by Sodium-Sulfate Ratio

Cypress and Jackson Blue Spring have anomalously higher Na-SO₄ ratios than expected because neither is tidally influenced and not known to tap mineralized water. Both springs are located relatively close together in the northern panhandle region and may be expressing a distinctive ground water chemistry that could be naturally occurring or influenced in some way by anthropogenic sources. As expected, the specific conductance of the more saline springs exceeds the upper limit for freshwater of 500 micromhos/cm (only Hunter Spring is slightly below).

Sodium, chloride, specific conductance and sulfate concentrations for the springs in the monitoring network are shown in **Tables 9** and **10**. The salinity-influenced springs that are also tidally influenced were found to have high variation in concentrations of sodium, chloride and other salinity indicators. Most of the tidally influenced springs with elevated sodium and chloride concentrations also had a higher sodium-sulfate ratio (**Figure 12**). The tidally influenced springs, based on these parameters, include Spring Creek #2 and the majority of the network springs in the Springs Coast Basin (Chassahowitzka Spring Main, Tarpon Hole, Homosassa #1, #2, and #3, Chassahowitzka #1, and Hunter Springs).

Springs with decreases in sodium (by 3 mg/L or more when comparing the 2000-2005 median and the 2006 concentration) include DeLeon, Volusia Blue, Silver Glen, and Alexander Springs. Springs that had notable decreases in chloride medians (by 2 mg/L or more) include DeLeon, Spring Creek #1, Volusia Blue, Silver Glen and Marion Salt. Decreases in salinity indicators were noted for several springs in the Middle St. Johns Basin. These could be due to the dilution created by aquifer recharge during wetter climatic periods.

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Table 9 Sodium and Chloride in Spring Network (2001-2006)

BASIN & SPRING NAME	Total Sodium (mg/L) (929)						Total Chloride (mg/L) (940)					
	2001-2006			2006			2001-2006			2006		
	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max
Apalachicola - Chipola Basin												
Jackson Blue Spring	1.5	1.79	2.1	1.75	1.86	2	3.7	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.25	4.4
Choctawhatchee - St. Andrew Basin												
Cypress Spring	2.32	3.1	3.8	2.75	2.89	3.1	3.1	4	4.8	3.6	3.75	4
Gainer Spring #1C	1.4	1.645	2.2	1.79	1.825	1.89	2.5	2.9	3.2	2.9	2.9	3
Gainer Spring #2	1.2	1.57	2.3	1.54	1.67	1.71	2.3	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.7
Gainer Spring #3	1.5	1.785	2.4	1.96	1.975	2.01	2.9	3.25	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.5
Morrison Spring	1.7	1.855	1.9	1.88	1.88	1.9	2.5	2.75	3	2.7	2.8	2.8
Middle St. Johns Basin												
Alexander Springs	110	133	153	125	130	138	210	240	270	230	240	260
DeLeon Spring	67.7	98.5	158	67.7	72.45	98.5	130	180	250	130	135	180
Fern Hammock Springs	2.3	2.715	2.9	2.67	2.815	2.9	4	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.5
Juniper Springs	2.2	2.63	2.86	2.76	2.81	2.86	4	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.5
Marion Salt Springs	982	1200	1360	1050	1220	1360	1800	2300	2500	1900	2200	2500
Rock Springs	4.4	5.2	5.76	5.42	5.585	5.76	8.1	8.9	9.4	9.1	9.3	9.4
Silver Glen Springs	207	252.5	285	216	247	257	380	450	480	380	420	480
Volusia Blue Spring	97.2	154.5	228	121	140	211	160	280	420	230	255	390
Wekiwa Spring	8.4	9.78	10.5	9.6	10.05	10.3	14	16	17	16	16	17
Ochlocknee - St. Marks												
Spring Creek Rise #1	300	2170	6530	1100	1100	1100	520	3000	12000	1900	1900	1900
Spring Creek Rise #2	182	1020.5	5590	306	2633	4960	330	1800	9800	500	5000	9500
Wakulla Spring	4.4	5.3	7.35	5.33	5.82	7.35	7.6	8	11	8	8.65	11
Ocklawaha Basin												
Apopka Spring	4.94	5.695	6.04	5.57	5.965	6.03	12	13	15	13	13	14
Blue Grotto Spring	5.4	6.565	7.39	6.66	7.205	7.39	8.9	11	12	11	11	12
Reception Hall Spring	5.7	6.72	7.41	6.75	7.27	7.41	8.8	11	12	11	11	11
Silver Spring Main	5	6.45	7	6.41	6.575	6.72	9	10	11	9.6	10	10
Springs Coast Basin												
Chassahowitzka Spring #1	31.5	65.95	162	58	124	152	61	125	290	97	235	280
Chassahowitzka Spring Main	51	210.5	564	216	458	564	87	365	1000	380	840	1000
Homosassa Spring #1	391	587.5	855	544	619.5	772	680	1050	1600	980	1100	1400
Homosassa Spring #2	830	985.5	1140	903	1045	1090	1500	1850	2100	1600	1850	1900
Homosassa Spring #3	113	194	359	118	258	332	210	350	650	210	465	610
Hunter Spring	14.4	33.15	56.3	34.2	45.1	56.3	26	61.5	110	55	80	110
Tarpon Hole Spring	113	267.5	988	203	416	988	200	515	1800	330	775	1800
Weeki Wachee Main Spring	3.6	4.295	5.24	4.47	4.955	5.24	6.7	7.55	8	7.7	7.9	8
Suwannee River Basin												
Big Spring	2.9	3.33	5	3.44	3.445	3.9	5	5.4	6	5.2	5.4	5.6
Blue Hole Spring	2.67	3.005	3.54	2.97	3.17	3.54	4.3	4.9	5.5	4.8	4.9	5
Devil's Ear Spring	3.15	3.615	5.1	3.52	3.615	4.08	6.3	6.75	8.7	6.3	6.6	7.1
Falmouth Spring *	2.47	2.63	2.72	2.47	2.595	2.72	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Fanning Springs	4.15	5.42	6.39	5.42	5.65	5.83	8.3	10	12	10	10	11
Hornsby Spring *	8.46	8.52	8.55	8.52	8.535	8.55	12	13	13	13	13	13
Ichetucknee Head Spring	2.1	2.3	2.76	2.4	2.62	2.76	3.6	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.45	4.5
Lafayette Blue Spring	4.2	4.88	6.8	4.96	5.64	5.68	7.9	8.7	12	8.6	9.7	10
Madison Blue Spring	2.77	3.275	4.4	3.04	3.38	3.67	4.7	5.5	6.7	5.3	5.4	5.9
Manatee Spring	3.69	4.19	4.85	4.28	4.39	4.85	7.2	8.25	9	8.2	8.7	9
Mill Pond Spring	4.3	4.97	6.08	4.81	5.085	5.58	6.8	7.2	8.1	6.8	7.05	7.2
Mission Spring	3.5	3.75	4.51	3.75	4.015	4.51	5.4	5.9	6.3	5.6	5.75	5.9
Troy Spring	2.68	3.1	3.9	3.1	3.37	3.5	5.3	5.8	7.3	5.5	5.9	6.1
Wacissa Spring #2	2.79	3.23	3.83	3.32	3.4	3.83	4.8	5.1	5.6	5	5.2	5.5
Tampa Bay Tributaries Basin												
Lithia Springs Major	12.6	15.3	18.3	14.3	15.2	16	26	32	35	29	30.5	32
Withlacoochee Basin												
Bubbling Spring	2.6	3.21	3.5	3.15	3.33	3.34	5.2	6	6.4	5.7	6	6.1
Rainbow Spring #1	2	2.525	2.78	2.67	2.725	2.78	3.6	4.2	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.8
Rainbow Spring #4	2.2	2.8	3.06	2.82	2.945	3.06	4.2	4.95	5.4	5.3	5.35	5.4
Rainbow Spring #6	2.89	3.9	4.22	4.09	4.215	4.22	4.8	6.9	7.3	6.9	7.2	7.3

Values in red are higher than the Springs Initiative network median of 4.97 mg/L for sodium and 8.6 mg/L for chloride.

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Table 10 Specific Conductance and Sulfate in Spring Network (2001-2006)

BASIN & SPRING NAME	Specific Conductance (uS/cm) (94)						Total Sulfate(mg/L) (945)					
	2001-2006			2006			2001-2006			2006		
	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max
Apalachicola - Chipola Basin												
Jackson Blue Spring	238	249	270	247	254	263	0.92	1.2	1.4	0.99	1.15	1.2
Choctawhatchee - St. Andrew Basin												
Cypress Spring	208	215	232	215	217.5	232	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3
Gainer Spring #1C	117	138	160	136	139.5	142	2.3	2.45	2.7	2.3	2.4	2.5
Gainer Spring #2	108	115	143	117	117.5	121	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.5
Gainer Spring #3	114	121.5	130	124	125.5	129	2	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.15	2.2
Morrison Spring	200	221.5	241	223	227	241	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.4
Middle St. Johns Basin												
Alexander Springs	928	1050	1160	990	1080	1140	56	62	68	62	62	64
DeLeon Spring	699	853	1180	699	765	853	24	33	41	24	25.5	33
Fern Hammock Springs	111	114	120	111	114	120	5	5.55	5.9	5	5.55	5.9
Juniper Springs	109	113.5	122	112	115.5	122	5.5	5.7	5.9	5.5	5.75	5.9
Marion Salt Springs	6300	7800	8120	6350	7695	8120	400	500	540	400	475	540
Rock Springs	246	254	276	248	262.5	276	18	19	19	18	19	19
Silver Glen Springs	1540	1905	2050	1540	1925	1970	150	170	180	150	165	170
Volusia Blue Spring	848	1240	1780	1030	1235	1600	29	44.5	67	37	41	58
Wekiwa Spring	327	339	362	331	347	362	20	21	22	21	21.5	22
Ochlocknee - St. Marks												
Spring Creek Rise #1	2100	8980	31900	6240	6240	6240	85	410	1600	270	270	270
Spring Creek Rise #2	1400	5250	34400	1800	18100	34400	59	250	1300	77	688.5	1300
Wakulla Spring	286	306	360	303	308.5	323	9	10	12	10	10.5	12
Ocklawaha Basin												
Apopka Spring	243	249.5	268	249	256.5	268	10	11	12	11	11	11
Blue Grotto Spring	440	461	518	491	504	518	59	63.5	82	68	69	70
Reception Hall Spring	460	502	534	493	509.5	521	57	72.5	82	67	68.5	72
Silver Spring Main	430	451	510	440	446.5	462	21	30.5	65	21	24.5	26
Springs Coast Basin												
Chassahowitzka Spring #1	504	782	1590	620	1150	1300	14	24	46	19	38	45
Chassahowitzka Spring Main	590	1540	3880	1540	3155	3820	18	56.5	150	59	120	150
Homosassa Spring #1	2560	3760	5200	3310	3860	4910	100	150	220	140	155	190
Homosassa Spring #2	4920	6090	7030	5340	6050	6700	210	260	300	230	245	280
Homosassa Spring #3	922	1415	12200	922	2170	12200	33	54	96	34	68	85
Hunter Spring	287	417	598	378	462	598	12	16.5	22	15	17.5	22
Tarpon Hole Spring	943	2010	6620	1430	2765	6620	30	72.5	250	49	105.5	250
Weeki Wachee Main Spring	293	317	341	327	332	341	8.8	10	11	10	10	10
Suwannee River Basin												
Big Spring	298	326	370	328	335.5	339	5.5	6.2	6.6	6.2	6.25	6.6
Blue Hole Spring	287	297.5	309	293	304	309	4.2	4.7	28	4.3	4.4	4.6
Devil's Ear Spring	356	371.5	388	372	383.5	388	12	13	15	12	12	13
Falmouth Spring *	396	400	400	396	398	400	11	11	11	11	11	11
Fanning Springs	440	475	498	483	488	490	19	21	23	22	22	23
Hornsby Spring *	434	436	490	434	435	436	40	42	83	40	41	42
Ichetucknee Head Spring	305	320	340	327	334	340	8.2	8.7	9.3	8.2	8.55	8.8
Lafayette Blue Spring	416	428.5	454	447	450	454	10	13	14	13	13	14
Madison Blue Spring	268	282	309	286	290	291	9.8	12	17	12	12	13
Manatee Spring	452	474.5	528	473	483	497	24	32.5	42	31	33	35
Mill Pond Spring	337	350	363	345	348	356	19	23	29	19	21	23
Mission Spring	283	304	311	304	307	309	5.3	6.9	8.7	5.3	5.7	5.9
Troy Spring	266	362	388	374	383.5	388	11	12	13	12	12	13
Wacissa Spring #2	230	267	300	258	280	285	3.9	5	5.3	5	5	5.3
Tampa Bay Tributaries Basin												
Lithia Springs Major	464	500.5	532	464	488.5	517	51	70	88	51	66.5	67
Withlacoochee Basin												
Bubbling Spring	314	332.5	357	323	332	348	7.6	8.6	10	7.6	7.8	8
Rainbow Spring #1	133	151	161	144	156	160	4.4	4.8	5.2	4.8	4.85	4.9
Rainbow Spring #4	237	250	267	244	258	264	4.5	5.05	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.1
Rainbow Spring #6	234	331	355	321	339.5	355	8.5	37	44	34	36	36

Values in red are higher than the Springs Initiative network median 16.5 mg/L for sulfate and surface water criteria of 1275 uS/cm for specific conductance.

Ground Water – Surface Water Interaction

The source of water from springs is largely ground water, however, there can also be contributions from surface water depending on the spring. Several indicator analytes can be used to evaluate the relative inputs of surface water or “newer” water from recent precipitation.

Low dissolved oxygen (DO) is a normal characteristic of ground water and is understandably a typical characteristic of spring water. However, springs that have greater recent surface and rain water contributions and those that have more local recharge generally have higher-than-typical DO concentrations. Many springs that have continuously higher-than-typical DO concentrations are shallow, have shallow flow systems and receive a lot of recharge from local precipitation. High DO can also occur in springs in or adjacent to rivers. These springs may have DO concentrations that fluctuate based on precipitation and river stage. During normal conditions, the discharge from these springs closely resembles ground water in water quality. However, in response to river stage rises during wetter periods or after significant storm events, some of these springs can reverse flow and receive surface water and for a time afterward discharge water that is more like surface water in chemical composition than ground water. This can also occur for some tidal springs that on occasion can receive surface water during high tide.

The medians for DO in network springs are summarized in **Table 11** and are plotted relative to typical spring and surface water DO concentrations in **Figure 13**. Springs with the highest DO concentrations (greater than 5 mg/L) include Jackson Blue, Rainbow Spring #1, Juniper, Fern Hammock, Rainbow #6, Rainbow #4, and Hunter Springs. These springs are presumably under significant surface water influence and/or receive rapid recharge from local precipitation. Eight springs have DO concentrations less than 1 mg/L. These include Big, Lafayette Blue, Rock, Falmouth, Mission, Mill Pond, Volusia Blue, Troy, DeLeon, Wekiwa, and Hornsby Springs. These data suggest that ground water is usually the predominant source of water to them and their interaction with local sources of recharge is somewhat dampened, perhaps by a confining geologic unit.

One issue that becomes apparent upon review of the DO data is that for some springs, the maximum values are sometimes significantly greater than the median DO values. This type of variation could indicate that although the primary source water may be ground water, there could be times when significant surface water fluxes occur. Temporary anthropogenic effects on DO can even occur at springs frequented by recreational scuba divers in instances where the spring retains the diver's expended oxygen. This may explain why DO in Volusia Blue Spring, a spring frequented by divers, has been as high as 6.7 mg/L in comparison to its median, which is less than 1.0 mg/L.

Evaluating other indicators can help in understanding the sources of water and vulnerability to contamination in springs. **Figure 14** shows the total dissolved solids (TDS), calcium and sulfate medians for network springs relative to one another. Medians for TDS, calcium and sodium are also presented in **Tables 12, 11** and **10**, respectively. The springs at the top of the chart are significantly influenced by fresh surface water; in the center the predominant influence is ground water and those at the bottom are influenced by either modern seawater or deep saline ground water. The elevated TDS, calcium and sulfate concentrations that indicate saline water influence are notable for some of the coastal springs and those in the area of mineralized ground water near the St. Johns River. Some of the springs with low DO also have elevated concentrations of in calcium and sulfate, suggesting a chemical signature consistent with the Floridan aquifer, whereas others have higher DO concentrations and corresponding lower sulfate, calcium and TDS, more characteristic of fresh surface waters.

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Table 11 Dissolved Oxygen and Calcium in Spring Network (2001-2006)

BASIN & SPRING NAME	Dissolved Oxygen (299)						Total Calcium (916)					
	2001-2006			2006			2001-2006			2006		
	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max
Apalachicola - Chipola Basin												
Jackson Blue Spring	0	7.08	9.38	6	6.555	6.75	41.4	46.1	19.2	44.2	47.9	48.8
Choctawhatchee - St. Andrew Basin												
Cypress Spring	3.87	4.615	5.25	3.87	4.365	4.78	30.8	36.3	38	36.2	37.35	38
Gainer Spring #1C	1.33	1.72	2.95	1.33	1.45	1.74	17.9	22.9	34.6	22.1	22.95	23.4
Gainer Spring #2	1.65	2.05	3.04	1.65	1.99	2.58	15.8	18.25	23.7	17.7	18.6	19.1
Gainer Spring #3	1.42	1.825	2.59	1.42	1.625	1.86	17.1	18.65	20.8	19.2	19.7	20.8
Morrison Spring	2.76	3.08	3.71	2.76	2.9	3.08	30.8	33.8	34.8	33.7	33.9	34.8
Middle St. Johns Basin												
Alexander Springs	0.92	1.13	1.56	1.12	1.205	1.39	39.2	46.3	148	44.1	45.8	48.5
DeLeon Spring	0.17	0.38	2.14	0.17	0.26	1.14	50.8	54.8	72.7	53.2	53.8	55.4
Fern Hammock Springs	5.44	6.145	6.61	5.44	5.165	6.61	12.4	13.15	22.5	13	13.5	22.5
Juniper Springs	5.86	6.22	7.67	5.86	6.015	6.21	10.9	13.6	14.5	13.7	14.1	14.5
Marion Salt Springs	2.23	2.56	3.92	2.23	2.345	2.55	160	197	219	182	196	219
Rock Springs	0.67	0.88	1.51	0.69	0.78	1.04	30.2	31.5	33.8	31.5	32.45	33.8
Silver Glen Springs	2.03	2.775	4.1	2.56	2.625	3.04	62.7	72.95	79.1	67.2	73	74.6
Volusia Blue Spring	0.27	0.55	6.7	0.3	0.43	0.63	56.1	63.65	76.4	63.6	69.3	76.4
Wekiwa Spring	0.18	0.35	0.58	0.18	0.26	0.3	39.6	43	61.5	42.7	43.05	43.6
Ochlockonee - St. Marks												
Spring Creek Rise #1	0.2	2.005	8.94	1.36	1.36	1.36	52.5	118.25	264	80.7	80.7	80.7
Spring Creek Rise #2	0.12	1.36	7.48	1.27	2.12	2.97	41.4	78.6	234	53.5	141.75	230
Wakulla Spring	1.17	1.92	4.78	1.17	1.485	1.92	38.1	44.3	46.7	42	45.65	46.7
Ocklawaha Basin												
Apopka Spring	2.01	2.105	2.79	2.01	2.09	2.11	29	31.5	32.4	31.3	32.4	32.4
Blue Grotto Spring	2.77	3.61	6.08	3.59	3.645	4.08	67.30	75.5	94.2	81.3	84.1	94.2
Reception Hall Spring	2.93	3.57	5.99	3.34	3.575	3.73	71.9	80.75	91.5	85.5	86.05	86.8
Silver Spring Main	1.18	1.67	2.45	1.18	1.37	1.67	73.1	77.4	81.2	78.3	79.65	81.2
Springs Coast Basin												
Chassahowitzka Spring #1	3.9	4.48	5.76	4.22	4.385	4.56	48.5	54.3	60.9	54.4	56.85	60.9
Chassahowitzka Spring Main	2.63	4.31	5.6	4.02	4.275	4.43	49.9	59.2	75.1	60.5	72.3	75.1
Homosassa Spring #1	3.1	3.805	4.74	3.48	3.56	3.76	54.6	62.15	340	58.3	63.25	74
Homosassa Spring #2	1.78	3.67	5.52	3.2	3.415	3.54	70.7	80.3	88.9	77.7	80.3	88.9
Homosassa Spring #3	3.28	4.1	5.4	3.59	3.95	4.14	36.8	43.8	53.4	40.1	48.65	53.4
Hunter Spring	4.03	5.11	6	4.73	4.935	5.15	28.6	30.8	35.2	31.1	33.8	35.2
Tarpon Hole Spring	1.78	2.425	2.98	2.33	2.335	2.44	43.5	52.85	88.7	49.9	62.8	88.7
Weeki Wachee Main Spring	1.11	1.56	2.13	1.11	1.4	1.71	48.2	52.2	59.1	52.4	56.5	59.1
Suwannee River Basin												
Big Spring	0.75	0.975	2.95	0.75	0.85	1.36	48.5	54.25	67.8	55.3	57.1	58.1
Blue Hole Spring	1.26	1.83	2.76	1.85	1.955	2.14	47.9	53.95	56.8	52.5	55.5	56.8
Devil's Ear Spring	2.37	3.42	5.21	3.55	3.725	5.21	62	66.7	70.3	67.5	69.55	70.3
Falmouth Spring	0.58	0.64	1.28	0.58	0.61	0.64	62.8	63.1	67.3	62.8	65.05	67.3
Fanning Springs	0.75	2.04	2.63	1.87	1.97	2.1	77.7	85.8	105	88	89.6	91.6
Hornsby Spring	0.29	0.3	0.47	0.29	0.295	0.3	72.6	72.9	74.3	72.6	72.75	72.9
Ichetucknee Head Spring	3.25	3.53	4.81	3.37	3.445	3.81	47.4	57.6	70.3	60.8	61.6	63.4
Lafayette Blue Spring	0.52	0.96	1.97	0.76	1	1.2	67.2	72.75	76.7	73.5	75	75.1
Madison Blue Spring	1.01	1.94	2.34	1.94	2.03	2.03	39.3	42.3	47.1	41.3	44.4	47.1
Manatee Spring	1.03	1.565	3.09	1.11	1.31	1.35	82.4	89.05	97.1	89.9	93.5	95.8
Mill Pond Spring	0.21	0.61	2.61	0.38	0.59	0.61	52.6	56.8	59.6	54.2	57.1	58.4
Mission Spring	0.35	0.63	1.48	0.59	0.655	0.77	47.1	50.8	55.9	50.3	53.6	55.9
Troy Spring	0.29	0.53	2.1	0.49	0.53	0.72	37.6	64.5	70.8	64.5	68.2	70.8
Wacissa Spring #2	2.17	2.71	5.55	2.48	2.775	2.97	35.8	41.7	46	42.7	44	46
Tampa Bay Tributaries Basin												
Lithia Springs Major	1.66	2.02	2.98	1.66	1.755	2.17	64.1	71	78.8	69.3	71	72.1
Withlacoochee Basin												
Bubbling Spring	3.94	4.45	7.38	3.94	4.305	4.36	49.6	58.2	66.5	58.2	58.45	59.1
Rainbow Spring #1	5.68	6.58	7.02	5.68	6.36	6.58	18.7	22.45	24.8	22.3	22.8	24
Rainbow Spring #4	4	5.17	6.01	4	4.76	5.05	38.1	42.55	67.4	41.9	44.15	67.4
Rainbow Spring #6	4.75	5.74	7.19	5.35	5.685	5.71	38.1	54.4	60.1	54.4	57.25	60.1

Values in red are higher than the Springs Initiative network median of 54.3 mg/L for calcium and surface water criteria of 5 mg/L for DO.

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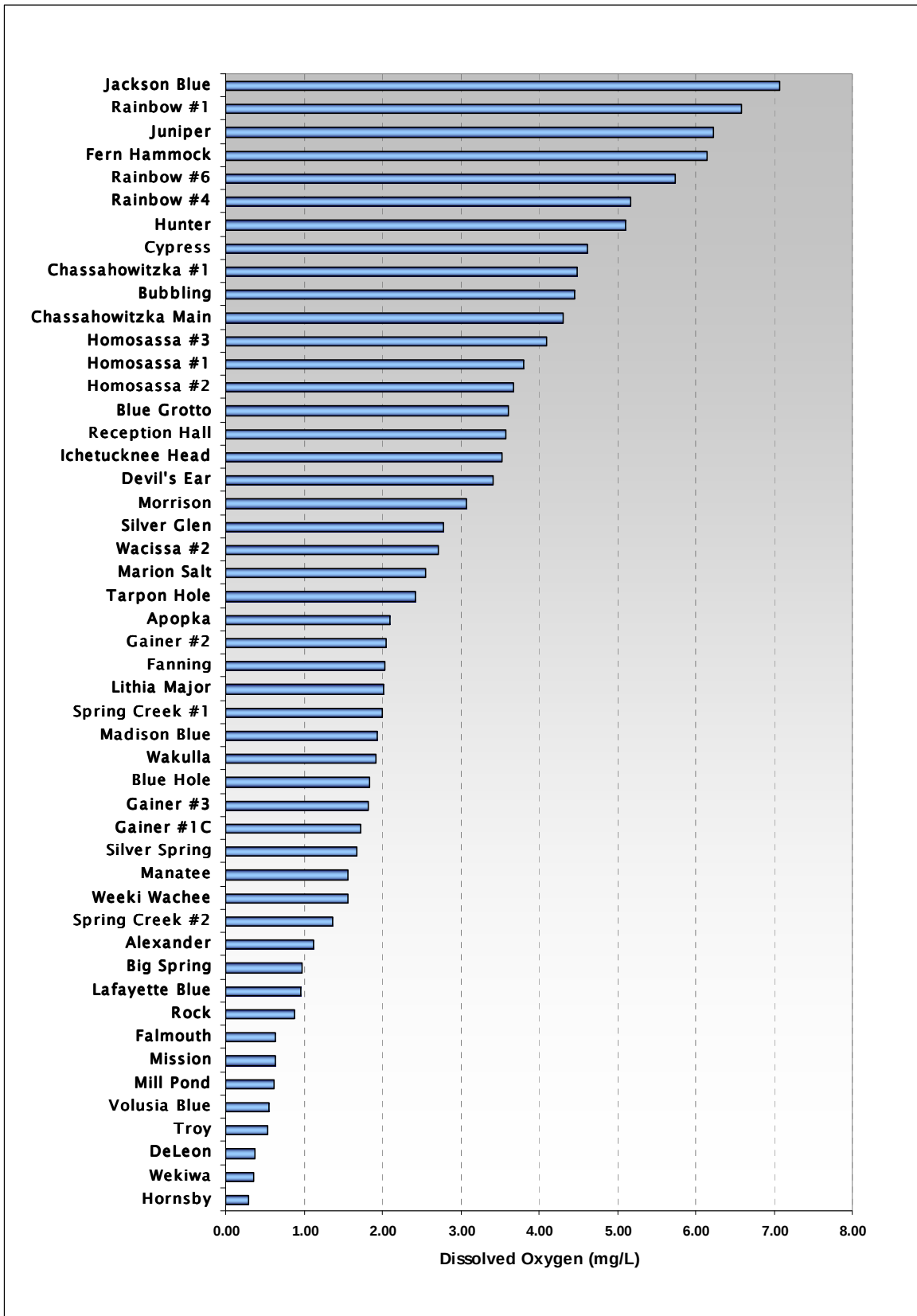


Figure 13 Plot of Median Dissolved Oxygen Concentrations in Network Springs

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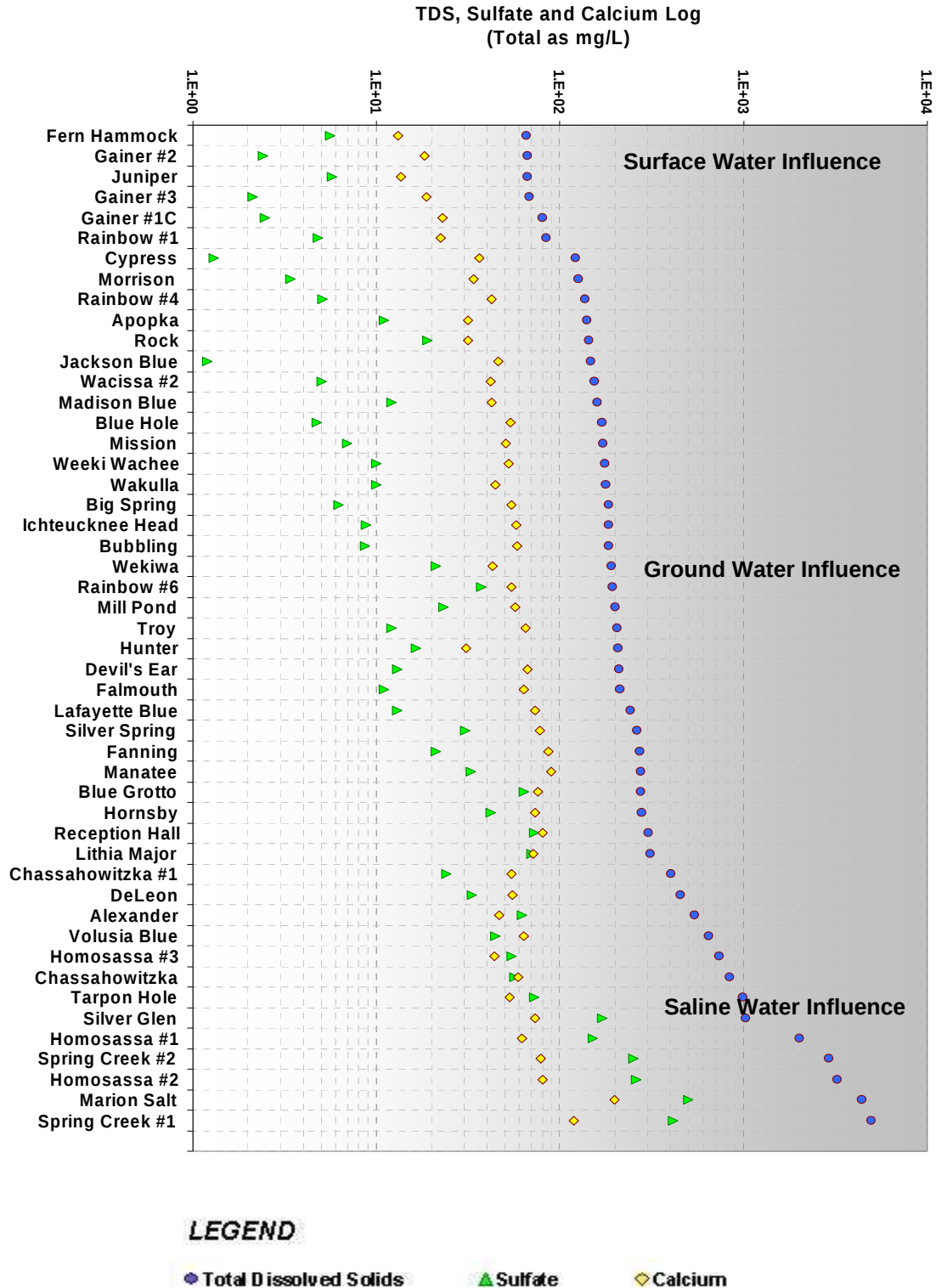


Figure 14 Plot of Median Total Dissolved Solids, Sulfate and Calcium Concentrations in Network Springs

Median values for several other indicators of surface water influence are provided in this report. These include turbidity (**Table 12**); color and total organic carbon (**Table 13**); and pH and fecal coliform bacteria (**Table 14**). The concentration and variability of these ground water–surface water interaction indicators might be useful in identifying springs that are more readily or least likely to be influenced by surface water or direct recharge from rainfall. Median and maximum values for turbidity and total organic carbon were relatively low for all network springs with the exception of Spring Creek Rise #1 and #2. Spring Creek Rise #1 and #2 were among the few springs that had notable fluctuations in color and pH, which like DO, suggests a fluctuation between water sources. High levels of color and total organic carbon with corresponding low pH can indicate that tannic surface water such as a swamp or blackwater stream is an intermittent source of water to the spring.

There were significant fluctuations in fecal coliform counts for many of the network springs as shown in **Table 14** when comparing median to maximum coliform values. The median values for fecal coliform were below detection for most of the network springs. The maximum values for several springs indicated they had intermittent small spikes in fecal coliform counts that fall within expected levels for healthy natural waters.

Fern Hammock Springs and Big Spring both had samples that were over the Class III freshwater threshold of 400 colonies/100 mL for fecal coliform bacteria. The data for Big Spring indicate that increased precipitation and severe storm events may be related to episodic higher bacteria counts that occurred from 2003 to 2005. However, Fern Hammock Spring, which consistently had high fecal coliform counts. A chronic bacteria issue like this usually suggests that there is a persistent source of bacteria nearby. This finding of elevated fecal coliform in Fern Hammock Spring agrees with annual FDEP EcoSummaries for Juniper Creek, downstream from Fern Hammock, which have frequently reported the detection of elevated enterococci bacteria counts in Juniper Creek. These bacteria in both waters may be from the same or a similar source.

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Table 12 Total Dissolved Solids and Turbidity in Spring Network (2001-2006)

BASIN & SPRING NAME	Total Dissolved Solids (70300)						Turbidity (76)					
	2001-2006			2006			2001-2006			2006		
	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max
Apalachicola - Chipola Basin												
Jackson Blue Spring	125	145	173	125	136.5	147	0.025	0.1	1.7	0.1	0.175	1.7
Choctawhatchee - St. Andrew Basin												
Cypress Spring	102	120.5	143	102	113.5	130	0.025	0.1	0.75	0.05	0.125	0.15
Gainer Spring #1C	68	79	125	69	76	125	0.025	0.2	6.6	0.1	0.125	1.2
Gainer Spring #2	50	66	82	58	65.5	68	0.1	0.15	0.65	0.1	0.225	0.4
Gainer Spring #3	58	67.5	74	60	68.5	71	0.025	0.15	0.45	0.1	0.225	0.4
Morrison Spring	106	124	132	106	109	126	0.025	0.1	0.25	0.1	0.1	0.1
Middle St. Johns Basin												
Alexander Springs	498	538	601	529	533	541	0.025	0.1	4.1	0.05	0.1	0.35
DeLeon Spring	328	446	620	328	367.5	446	0.15	0.55	0.8	0.45	0.5	0.7
Fern Hammock Springs	55	65	78	61	67	78	0.15	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.225	0.6
Juniper Springs	53	66	76	58	65	75	0.05	0.15	0.4	0.1	0.125	0.2
Marion Salt Springs	3440	4360	4560	3570	4085	4560	0.2	0.35	0.7	0.25	0.325	0.7
Rock Springs	132	142.5	155	140	144	155	0.025	0.15	0.3	0.15	0.2	0.3
Silver Glen Springs	854	1020	1060	854	1020	1060	0.025	0.1	0.35	0.1	0.1	0.25
Volusia Blue Spring	396	640	898	531	574.5	816	0.05	0.25	19	0.1	0.35	19
Wekiwa Spring	175	188	201	186	193	201	0.1	0.15	0.75	0.1	0.125	0.2
Ochlockonee - St. Marks												
Spring Creek Rise #1	1120	4895	20000	3380	3380	3380	0.3	1	2	0.59	0.59	0.59
Spring Creek Rise #2	767	2890	16700	976	8338	15700	0.1	0.65	2.8	0.6	1.7	2.8
Wakulla Spring	160	175	187	160	169.5	178	0.025	0.15	1	0.15	0.2	0.25
Ocklawaha Basin												
Apopka Spring	122	138	159	122	135.5	144	0.10	0.225	0.6	0.1	0.175	0.25
Blue Grotto Spring	217	273	301	217	287	301	0.025	0.1	0.45	0.05	0.1	0.3
Reception Hall Spring	277	301	319	306	307.5	319	0.025	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.125	0.15
Silver Spring Main	199	259	302	229	243.5	257	0.025	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.245	0.5
Springs Coast Basin												
Chassahowitzka Spring #1	267	396	843	321	553.5	651	0.025	0.1	0.45	0.05	0.175	0.25
Chassahowitzka Spring Main	310	825	2100	825	1615	1950	0.1	0.25	1.3	0.15	0.25	0.3
Homosassa Spring #1	1310	2000	2940	1800	2030	2460	0.55	1.2	7.2	1	1.2	1.9
Homosassa Spring #2	2710	3220	4080	2970	3220	3620	0.5	1.9	3	1	1.55	3
Homosassa Spring #3	480	727	1260	511	938	1140	0.15	0.325	0.9	0.2	0.35	0.45
Hunter Spring	143	206	302	196	230.5	294	0.025	0.1	1.3	0.05	0.125	0.25
Tarpon Hole Spring	488	983	3250	744	1450	3250	0.25	0.5	6.8	0.5	0.725	1
Weeki Wachee Main Spring	150	174	190	170	182	186	0.025	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Suwannee River Basin												
Big Spring	166	182	221	166	180	187	0.1	0.25	13	0.2	0.25	0.25
Blue Hole Spring	149	167.5	203	150	155.5	164	0.025	0.15	1.4	0.15	0.225	0.4
Devil's Ear Spring	196	208.5	228	197	215.5	228	0.025	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.125	0.3
Falmouth Spring	204	209	210	204	206.5	209	0.25	0.3	0.3	0.25	0.275	0.3
Fanning Springs	254	268	323	254	257	276	0.05	0.25	1	0.1	0.25	1
Hornsby Spring	247	275	313	247	261	275	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.1	0.15	0.2
Ichetucknee Head Spring	164	182	204	164	179	184	0.025	0.2	2.7	0.1	0.175	0.35
Lafayette Blue Spring	222	238.5	263	238	239	248	0.1	0.375	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.35
Madison Blue Spring	147	158	171	147	151	160	0.15	0.25	0.95	0.15	0.2	0.25
Manatee Spring	251	272.5	304	251	271	283	0.2	0.3	1	0.2	0.45	1
Mill Pond Spring	168	198	244	189	195.5	199	0.025	0.15	0.55	0.1	0.15	0.45
Mission Spring	151	170	178	151	166	178	0.025	0.1	0.45	0.1	0.125	0.25
Troy Spring	171	203	214	196	213	214	0.025	0.2	2.7	0.1	0.2	0.25
Wacissa Spring #2	136	153	195	136	150	157	0.05	0.25	1.1	0.25	0.45	1.1
Tampa Bay Tributaries Basin												
Lithia Springs Major	264	306.5	317	266	282.5	309	0.025	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.15	0.2
Withlacoochee Basin												
Bubbling Spring	155	183	200	155	171	180	0.025	0.1	0.25	0.05	0.175	0.25
Rainbow Spring #1	68	83	102	69	80.5	96	0.025	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.125	0.15
Rainbow Spring #4	127	135	146	127	136.5	146	0.025	0.1	1.6	0.05	0.2	0.25
Rainbow Spring #6	125	190	207	175	184.5	203	0.025	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.1	0.15

Values in red are higher than Total Dissolved Solids statewide median for Springs Initiative stations of 202.5 mg/L and Turbidity threshold of 29 mg/L based on surface water criteria for Class I Potable and Class III Fresh waters

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Table 13 Color and Total Organic Carbon in Spring Network (2001-2006)

BASIN & SPRING NAME	Color (81)						Total Organic Carbon (680)					
	2001-2006			2006			2001-2006			2006		
	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max
Apalachicola - Chipola Basin												
Jackson Blue Spring	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	2.5	5	0.5	0.5	4.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Choctawhatchee - St. Andrew Basin												
Cypress Spring	2.5	2.5	30	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Gainer Spring #1C	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	3.75	5	0.5	0.5	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Gainer Spring #2	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	5	5	0.5	0.5	5.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Gainer Spring #3	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	3.75	5	0.5	0.5	2.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Morrison Spring	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Middle St. Johns Basin												
Alexander Springs	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	2.5	5	0.5	0.5	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
DeLeon Spring	2.5	2.5	10	2.5	5	5	0.5	1.3	2	0.5	1.2	1.4
Fern Hammock Springs	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	3.75	5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Juniper Springs	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Marion Salt Springs	2.5	2.5	10	5	5	5	0.5	1	1.3	1	1	1
Rock Springs	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	5	5	0.5	0.5	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
Silver Glen Springs	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	3.75	5	0.5	0.5	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Volusia Blue Spring	2.5	2.5	10	2.5	5	10	0.5	1.7	2.5	0.5	1.55	1.7
Wekiwa Spring	2.5	2.5	5	5	5	5	0.5	1.2	1.7	0.5	1.2	1.2
Ochlockonee - St. Marks												
Spring Creek Rise #1	2.5	55	200	60	60	60	1.6	6.1	16	6.3	6.3	6.3
Spring Creek Rise #2	2.5	60	200	20	40	60	1.7	5.4	16	3.8	5.4	7
Wakulla Spring	2.5	5	30	2.5	3.75	10	0.5	0.5	2.9	0.5	0.5	1.1
Ocklawaha Basin												
Apopka Spring	2.5	2.5	10	2.5	2.5	5	0.50	0.5	2.7	0.5	0.5	0.5
Blue Grotto Spring	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.50	0.5	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
Reception Hall Spring	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Silver Spring Main	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Springs Coast Basin												
Chassahowitzka Spring #1	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	5	5	0.5	0.5	1.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Chassahowitzka Spring Main	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	3.75	5	0.5	0.5	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Homosassa Spring #1	2.5	2.5	20	5	5	10	0.5	1	3.1	0.5	0.8	1.2
Homosassa Spring #2	2.5	2.5	15	5	7.5	15	0.5	1.1	3.3	1	1.25	2.5
Homosassa Spring #3	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	3.75	5	0.5	1.05	2.9	0.5	0.75	1.1
Hunter Spring	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	3.75	5	0.5	0.5	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
Tarpon Hole Spring	2.5	2.5	10	5	5	5	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.5	0.5	1
Weeki Wachee Main Spring	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	2.5	5	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Suwannee River Basin												
Big Spring	2.5	2.5	30	2.5	5	5	0.5	0.5	3.2	0.5	0.5	1.1
Blue Hole Spring	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Devil's Ear Spring	2.5	2.5	10	2.5	3.75	10	0.5	0.5	2.2	0.5	0.5	2.2
Falmouth Spring	2.5	5	5	5	5	5	0.5	1.1	1.8	0.5	0.8	1.1
Fanning Springs	2.5	2.5	5	5	5	5	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Hornsby Spring	2.5	10	10	10	10	10	1	1.5	2	1.5	1.75	2
Ichetucknee Head Spring	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Lafayette Blue Spring	2.5	5	40	5	5	5	0.5	1.55	5.2	1.2	1.4	1.5
Madison Blue Spring	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	5	5	0.5	0.5	3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Manatee Spring	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	5	5	0.5	0.5	1.6	0.5	0.5	1.1
Mill Pond Spring	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	2.5	5	0.5	0.5	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
Mission Spring	2.5	2.5	10	2.5	2.5	5	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Troy Spring	2.5	5	60	5	5	5	0.5	0.5	7.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
Wacissa Spring #2	2.5	2.5	40	2.5	5	10	0.5	0.5	4.2	0.5	0.5	1.1
Tampa Bay Tributaries Basin												
Lithia Springs Major	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	5	5	0.5	0.5	2.7	0.5	0.5	0.5
Withlacoochee Basin												
Bubbling Spring	2.5	2.5	10	2.5	5	5	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Rainbow Spring #1	2.5	2.5	10	2.5	5	5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Rainbow Spring #4	2.5	2.5	10	2.5	2.5	5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Rainbow Spring #6	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	2.5	5	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Values in red are higher than the Color threshold of 20 Pt-co based on current official application of the Lake Condition Index and Total Organic Carbon statewide median for Springs Initiative stations of 0.5 mg/L												

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Table 14 pH and Fecal Coliform in Spring Network (2001-2006)

BASIN & SPRING NAME	pH (406)						Fecal Coliform (31616)					
	2001-2006			2006			2001-2006			2006		
	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max	min	median	max
Apalachicola - Chipola Basin												
Jackson Blue Spring	7.17	7.525	8.06	7.3	7.4	7.6	0	0	6	0	0.5	2
Choctawhatchee - St. Andrew Basin												
Cypress Spring	7.35	7.69	7.82	7.5	7.65	7.8	0	0	2	0	0	1
Gainer Spring #1C	7.58	8.02	8.57	7.7	8.05	8.2	0	0	20	0	0	1
Gainer Spring #2	7.58	8.19	8.78	7.8	8.05	8.2	0	0	18	0	0	1
Gainer Spring #3	7.68	8.15	8.78	7.9	8	8.2	0	0	12	0	0	1
Morrison Spring	7.4	7.6	7.9	7.6	7.8	7.9	0	0	1	0	0	1
Middle St. Johns Basin												
Alexander Springs	7.32	7.7	7.87	7.6	7.65	7.8	0	0	1	0	0	0
DeLeon Spring	7.14	7.32	7.56	7.2	7.35	7.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fern Hammock Springs	7.73	8	8.3	7.8	8	8.1	88	175	422	132	293	422
Juniper Springs	8	8.225	8.7	8.2	8.2	8.3	0	0	2	0	0	0
Marion Salt Springs	7	7.46	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rock Springs	7.13	7.585	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.8	0	0	4	0	0	0
Silver Glen Springs	7.43	7.735	7.92	7.7	7.75	7.8	0	0	1	0	0	0
Volusia Blue Spring	7.07	7.3	7.44	7.2	7.25	7.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wekiwa Spring	6.83	7.21	7.5	7.1	7.2	7.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ochlocknee - St. Marks												
Spring Creek Rise #1	6.83	7.23	7.91	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0	8	0	0	0
Spring Creek Rise #2	6.84	7.22	7.75	7.1	7.35	7.6	0	2	8	1	1.5	2
Wakulla Spring	7.2	7.48	7.93	7.4	7.41	7.6	0	0	2	0	0.5	2
Ocklawaha Basin												
Apopka Spring	7.51	7.82	8	7.6	7.75	8	0	0	30	0	0	0
Blue Grotto Spring	7.02	7.32	7.43	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	0	100	0	1	7
Reception Hall Spring	7	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	0	10	0	1	4
Silver Spring Main	6.99	7.28	7.4	7.2	7.25	7.4	0	0	24	0	0	0
Springs Coast Basin												
Chassahowitzka Spring #1	7.28	7.5	8.08	7.3	7.4	7.5	0	0	22	0	0	4
Chassahowitzka Spring Main	7.29	7.48	7.75	7.4	7.4	7.4	0	0	70	0	0	0
Homosassa Spring #1	7.28	7.51	7.67	7.4	7.5	7.6	0	0	2	0	0	2
Homosassa Spring #2	7.1	7.445	7.62	7.4	7.4	7.6	0	0	2	0	0	2
Homosassa Spring #3	7.29	7.575	7.81	7.4	7.45	7.7	0	0	10	0	0	0
Hunter Spring	7.6	7.91	8.02	7.6	7.85	7.9	0	0	2	0	0	0
Tarpon Hole Spring	7.39	7.54	7.72	7.4	7.5	7.6	0	0	15	0	0	0
Weeki Wachee Main Spring	7.17	7.5	7.72	7.4	7.45	7.5	0	0	2	0	0	2
Suwannee River Basin												
Big Spring	7	7.36	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.6	0	0	3200	0	3	44
Blue Hole Spring	7.14	7.495	7.72	7.3	7.5	7.5	0	0	8	0	0	0
Devil's Ear Spring	7.1	7.31	7.5	7.1	7.35	7.5	0	0	2	0	0	2
Falmouth Spring	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.3	0	4	74	0	2	4
Fanning Springs	6.97	7.1	7.35	7	7.05	7.3	0	0	10	0	0	8
Hornsby Spring	7.15	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	3	12	0	0	0
Ichetucknee Head Spring	7.2	7.43	7.91	7.3	7.35	7.6	0	0	5	0	0	0
Lafayette Blue Spring	6.9	7.115	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.3	0	2	14	0	2	4
Madison Blue Spring	7.43	7.595	7.8	7.5	7.7	7.8	0	0	4	0	0	0
Manatee Spring	7	7.115	7.43	7	7.1	7.2	0	0	16	0	0	2
Mill Pond Spring	7.09	7.38	7.5	7.3	7.4	7.5	0	0	4	0	0	2
Mission Spring	7.17	7.4	7.91	7.3	7.4	7.6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Troy Spring	7.24	7.37	7.56	7.3	7.35	7.47	0	0	6	0	0	0
Wacissa Spring #2	6.97	7.5	7.73	7.4	7.6	7.7	0	0	88	0	3	10
Tampa Bay Tributaries Basin												
Lithia Springs Major	7.16	7.3	7.41	7.3	7.3	7.34	0	0	0	0	0	0
Withlacoochee Basin												
Bubbling Spring	7.1	7.38	7.96	7.2	7.3	7.5	0	0	4	0	0	0
Rainbow Spring #1	7.8	8.01	8.7	7.6	7.95	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rainbow Spring #4	7.35	7.59	8.18	7.4	7.45	7.6	0	0	2	0	0	2
Rainbow Spring #6	7.2	7.57	7.75	7.3	7.4	7.5	0	0	6	0	0	0
Values in red are higher than pH Range of acceptable values (6 to 8.5) based on surface water criteria for Class I Potable and Class III Fresh waters and Fecal Coliform of 4 col/100 mL - Class I Potable Water (Gainer Spring only); or 400 col/100 mL - Class III Fresh (all other springs)												

Discharge

Spring discharge is an important component of the Springs Initiative monitoring program. Discharge data are used to document current status relative to the past and help scientists understand the impacts of climatic fluctuations as well as human influences on changes in discharge over time. Regular (and in some instances continuous) discharge measurements coupled with water quality data also help us interpret discharge-related changes in water quality.

Two types of discharge data are collected in support of the Springs Initiative program, automated measurement at fixed gaging stations and quarterly spring discharge monitoring near water quality monitoring stations.

Long-term discharge and stage data have been collected by the USGS for only a few springs. However, in recent years more springs have been included in real-time stage and discharge gaging stations established by the USGS and Florida's water management districts. Under the Springs Initiative, the USGS has expanded the number of springs monitored for discharge. **Table 15** provides a summary of mean monthly discharges measured at USGS stations associated with springs in Florida. Most of these are "real-time" sites, with up-to-the-minute data available online at the following link:

http://waterdata.usgs.gov/fl/nwis/current/?type=flow&group_key=NONE.

In addition to fixed gaging stations, manual discharge measurements are collected within the same time frame and location as quarterly water quality sampling. This effort, begun in July, 2004, provides data for making loading estimates for nutrients and other analytes of interest.

Table 16 provides quarterly discharge data from locations at or near spring water quality monitoring stations for those springs that were selected to be included in the quarterly discharge monitoring stations.

The absence of discharge data for some springs listed in these tables, in part, reflects the lack of data prior to the Springs Initiative program which began in 2001. Until that time, there was no statewide program designed specifically to monitor baseline conditions at Florida's springs. Prior to this time, the discharge measurement work was conducted by the USGS and water management districts but it was not conducted for a large number of springs. Therefore, there is very little long-term (greater than 50 year) regular data collection for spring discharge and it is difficult to assess discharge trends over time. Fortunately, for a handful of Florida springs (notably Volusia Blue, Silver and Rainbow), the USGS has collected frequent and continuous discharge measurements since the late 1920s and early 1930s, which gives us some idea of how springs respond over a longer period of time. **Figure 14** shows long-term spring discharge trends for the Rainbow Group of the Withlacoochee Basin and Volusia Blue Spring of the Middle St. Johns Basin. The discharge trend for Silver River was presented as **Figure 3**.

The historical records of discharge by the Rainbow Springs Group and Volusia Blue Spring are most likely dictated by precipitation, similar to what was demonstrated for Silver Springs. Periods of low discharge seen in **Figure 14** would most likely be during periods of drought but discharge could also, in addition, be influenced by ground water withdrawals.

Table 15 U. S. Geological Survey Mean Monthly Discharge at Spring Stations

Basin/Discharge Station	Mean Monthly Average Discharge by Year (in cubic feet per second)					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Apalachicola - Chipola						
Jackson Blue Spring nr Marianna, FL	--	--	236.57	123.69	175.60	104.61
Middle St. Johns						
Silver Glen Springs nr Astor, FL	--	129.60	116.37	112.37	93.59	99.18
Volusia Blue Springs nr Orange City, FL	--	150.58	156.27	143.26	170.44	167.29
Wekiva River nr Sanford, FL ¹	242.21	321.34	412.23	329.81	341.90	270.97
Ochlockonee – St. Marks						
Wakulla River nr Crawfordville, FL ¹	--	--	--	427.55	631.85	605.29
Ocklawaha						
Silver River nr Ocala, FL ¹	444.94	501.08	686.92	537.21	--	--
Springs Coast						
Chassahowitzka River nr Homosassa, FL ¹	49.50	55.30	70.35	71.78	66.08	61.30
Crystal River @ Bagley Cove nr Crystal River, FL (Tidally-corrected) ¹	--	652.10	614.77	975.01	944.38	891.32
Homosassa Springs @ Homosassa Springs, FL	83.73	86.57	103.12	103.32	96.62	84.57
Weeki Wachee River nr Brooksville, FL ¹	131.13	141.33	206.61	209.30	193.78	155.37
Suwannee River						
Blue Hole Spring nr Hildreth, FL	--	74.73	--	--	191.47	156.10
Cedar Head Spring nr Hildreth, FL	--	3.15	--	--	12.10	10.15
Devil's Eye Spring nr Hildreth, FL	--	39.44	--	--	56.77	48.12
Fanning Springs nr Wilcox, FL	54.14	59.03	57.38	95.67	73.04	62.57
Ichetucknee Head Spring nr Hildreth, FL	--	22.07	--	--	70.50	69.56
Ichetucknee River @ U.S. 27nr Hildreth, FL ¹	--	198.51	--	--	--	--
Madison Blue Spring nr Blue Springs, FL	--	58.41	114.99	143.07	129.98	69.42
Manatee Spring nr Chiefland, FL	102.14	90.43	134.75	198.55	220.38	159.96
Mill Pond Spring nr Hildreth, FL	--	15.91	--	--	37.00	30.97
Mission Springs Complex nr Hildreth, FL	--	58.17	--	--	112.60	93.13
Troy Spring nr Branford, FL	--	77.85	136.38	85.46	132.97	146.52
Withlacoochee						
Rainbow Springs nr Dunnellon, FL	543.65	548.41	625.08	648.28	693.28	619.12

Notes:

¹ - Includes aggregate spring discharge from multiple springs

-- - Indicates no discharge measured that year

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Table 16 Quarterly Discharge in Spring Network (2001-2006)

Basin/Spring Name	Discharge by Month/Year in Cubic Feet per Second									
	07/2004	10/2004	01/2005	04/2005	07/2005	10/2005	01/2006	04/2006	07/2006	10/2006
Apalachicola - Chipola										
Jackson Blue Spring	96.60	98.50	126.00	231.00	108.13	112.96	168.66	96.64	106.00	64.80
Choctawhatchee - St. Andrews										
Cypress Spring	93.20	91.07	108.42	80.00	70.20	66.86	99.26	97.32	92.30	83.40
Gainer Springs Group	180.00	162.00	179.00	160.09	120.65	190.57	158.86	30.09	150.00	160.00
Morrison Spring	46.90	49.20	--	--	--	--	--	46.38	67.20	85.90
Middle St. Johns										
Alexander Springs	90.86	166.03	137.53	93.76	104.37	--	93.55	200.84	80.20	126.00
DeLeon Spring	15.94	46.93	32.35	21.61	11.43	31.32	35.92	248.15	28.90	28.70
Fern Hammock Springs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12.10
Juniper Springs	6.46	20.99	13.41	6.72	5.40	--	3.33	5.37	24.10	12.80
Marion Salt Springs	72.24	91.04	110.29	67.35	55.83	67.32	75.88	103.09	86.50	77.80
Rock Springs	52.69	65.49	65.76	48.40	57.90	60.77	66.33	58.10	47.80	50.40
Silver Glen Springs	66.39	136.59	107.57	98.00	97.19	--	56.88	68.12	96.50	109.00
Volusia Blue Spring	--	--	208.42	150.87	--	123.37	188.82	159.12	159.00	144.00
Wekiwa Spring	50.82	92.92	85.27	--	76.98	64.47	68.05	82.14	60.30	63.00
Ochlockonee-St. Marks										
Spring Creek Rise #2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	366.00
Wakulla Spring	386.00	403.00	346.00	544.00	--	598.00	250.29	372.50	--	496.00
Wakulla River (County Rd 365)	391.00	416.00	368.00	620.50	--	616.00	296.84	266.00	818.50	657.50
Ocklawaha										
Reception Hall Spring (ss)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	304.00
Silver Spring Main	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	292.00	253.00
Springs Coast										
Chassahowitzka Spring #1	9.70	19.90	10.68	3.51	6.74	10.10	7.06	--	6.66	10.90
Chassahowitzka Main Spring	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27.10	60.20
Homosassa Springs Group	--	--	93.00	--	--	--	--	--	81.40	79.30
Weeki Wachee Main Spring	--	--	--	166.67	--	220.26	--	--	146.00	158.00
Suwannee River										
Big Spring (Wacissa)	38.21	83.34	73.48		57.74	56.20	56.59	44.26	53.60	48.80
Blue Hole Spring (Ichetucknee)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	133.00	118.00
Devil's Ear/Eye (Gilchrist)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	168.00	108.00
Fanning Springs	157.00	--	118.00	--	--	90.18	--	86.23	93.80	87.30
Ichetucknee Head Spring	--	--	--	--	69.43	39.56	19.69	47.73	64.30	60.30
Lafayette Blue Spring	50.39	--	--	--	--	109.66	--	117.17	67.00	44.50
Madison Blue Spring	96.02	--	184.85	--	--	145.84		117.01	84.00	64.10
Manatee Spring	138.00	123.00	156.00	--	--	170.67	140.71	172.38	168.00	135.50
Mill Pond Spring (Ichetucknee)	--	--	--	--	22.71	30.11	19.69	21.51	23.00	27.80
Mission Spring (Ichetucknee)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	75.40	77.60
Troy Spring	68.70	--	--	--	--	88.19		203.66	110.00	97.00
Tampa Bay Tributaries										
Lithia Springs Major	39.55	109.45	46.79	34.72	47.23	40.67	64.42	6.37	34.40	33.10
Withlacoochee										
Bubbling Spring (Rainbow)	26.32	81.92	53.92	31.07	21.21	47.51	18.56	80.66	18.30	12.00
Rainbow Spring #1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21.80	55.10
Rainbow Spring #4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	131.00	100.00

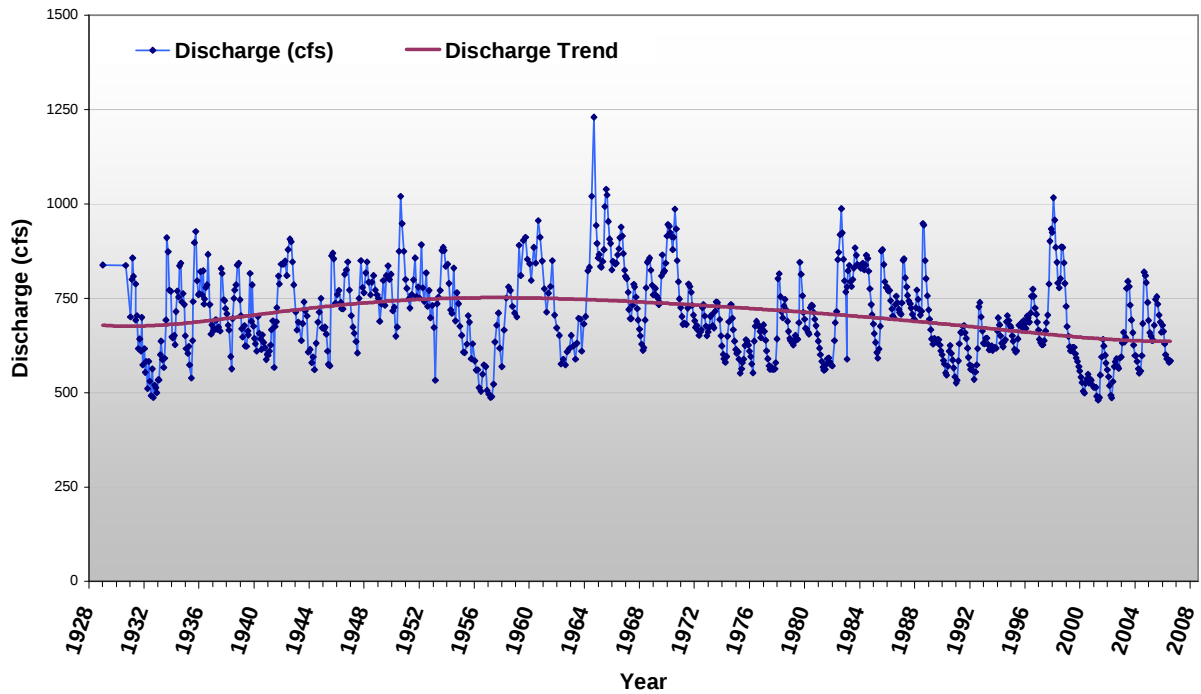
Notes:

All discharge measurements prior to 7/2006 were made by the Florida Geological Survey except for those in the Apalachicola-Chipola, Choctawhatchee-St. Andrew, and Ochlockonee-St. Marks Basins, which were made by the Northwest Florida Water Management District. Discharge measurements for 7/2006 and 10/2006 were made by the U. S. Geological Survey.

Springs in **BOLD** are "historical" first magnitude springs that historically had discharges of 100 cubic feet per second or greater. Values in *italics* reflect the mean of two or more discharge measurements, and dashes (--) reflect no data collected for that quarter.

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(a) Rainbow River below Rainbow Springs Group



(b) Volusia Blue Spring Run

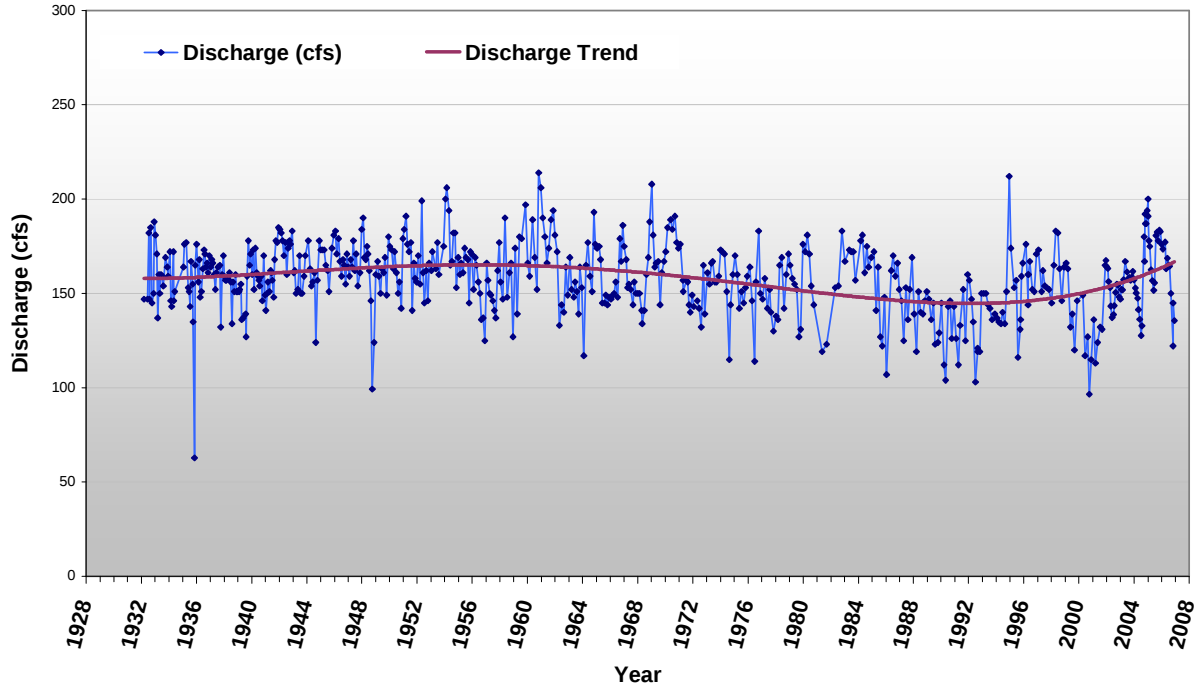


Figure 14 Historical Discharge Trends for Rainbow Springs Group and Volusia Blue Spring

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the results of the water quality and measurement work conducted under this program to date and to document the status of this particular set of high priority springs. These springs, selected based on their historical, recreational and/or ecological significance, generally represent the range of natural conditions and responses to human influences confronting first and second magnitude springs statewide.

Nutrients

One of the key findings in this report is the large number of springs that have elevated nitrate (nitrate+nitrite) concentrations relative to background and relative to the proposed nitrogen threshold). A background nitrate+nitrite concentration of 0.015 mg/L was calculated from median concentrations for the springs with lowest nitrate concentrations in the state. This concentration was exceeded by all 49 network springs. Of the network springs, Alexander, Silver Glen and Juniper Springs, located in the Ocala National Forest, had the lowest nitrate+nitrite concentrations. The FDEP-proposed nitrate standard for springs of 0.35 mg/L was exceeded by median nitrate+nitrite concentrations in 36 of the 49 springs in the network (approximately 73 percent). Elevated nitrate is not a regional issue since springs with elevated concentrations (above background and over the nutrient criteria) are found in every basin of the state with springs. Over 40 percent of network springs had nitrate+nitrite medians greater than 1 mg/L. Springs with the highest nitrate-nitrogen concentrations (in descending order) include Fanning, Apopka, Jackson Blue, Lithia Major, Troy, Lafayette Blue, Manatee, Devil's Ear, and Rock Springs.

Phosphorus, as orthophosphate, was found to occur at significant concentrations in ground water discharged by most springs in the network. While anthropogenic sources of phosphorus do exist in these areas, elevated concentrations correspond with natural background phosphorus concentrations in the Floridan aquifer. Phosphorus occurs at naturally high concentrations in some portions of the surficial aquifer and the Hawthorn Group material that lies on top of the Floridan aquifer throughout much of the state. This natural background condition makes it difficult to identify any potential anthropogenic inputs in areas where they could be a concern. Only the springs in the Choctawhatchee-St. Andrew Basin, where the Hawthorn Group material is absent, had low phosphorus concentrations.

Potassium is also an important nutrient that can be useful to help identify possible nutrient sources. Potassium concentrations and potassium–sodium ratios in springs were used to identify springs where potassium is most likely of an anthropogenic origin. Nearly as mobile as nitrate when in solution, potassium is a key component of inorganic fertilizers and was found at above background concentrations in several of the springs that also had elevated nitrate. The springs with the highest probability of significant anthropogenic potassium sources based on potassium-sodium ratios and corresponding elevated nitrate in descending order include Fanning, Troy, Morrison, Manatee, Rock and Apopka springs.

Salinity

Salinity indicators were used to identify the springs that are saline-influenced due to their setting near the coast or inland in an area that includes the St. Johns River of the Middle St. Johns River Basin. Saline-influenced springs were found to have naturally elevated concentrations of sodium, chloride, specific conductance, total dissolved solids, as well as potassium. The St. Johns River area and coastal waters in the Springs Coast Basin are two settings with

significantly elevated concentrations of these analytes. Interpreting trends in salinity indicator concentrations can be difficult due to many factors such as tidal fluctuations, changes in aquifer recharge due to fluctuations in precipitation or ground water withdrawal. At this time, the available quarterly monitoring data for network springs is not sufficient to establish long term salinity trends with adequate confidence. Future work will use the salinity indicators in conjunction with discharge data to evaluate springs with declining trends.

Ground Water-Surface Water Interaction

Ground water–surface water indicators that include DO, total dissolved solids, sulfate and calcium were used to compare spring water to ground water and surface water. This approach helped to identify the predominant sources of water influencing the various springs and identify those springs that are more vulnerable to recent ground water recharge or surface water. The springs with the highest DO concentrations (>4.0 mg/L), which may indicate a significant surface water component or more direct infiltration of rainfall, in decreasing order include Jackson Blue, Rainbow #1, Juniper, Fern Hammock, Rainbow #6, Rainbow #4, Hunter, Cypress, Chassahowitzka #1, Bubbling and Homosassa #1 springs. Persistently elevated fecal coliform bacteria counts in one spring, Fern Hammock Spring, point to a nearby source of contamination. Calcium, total dissolved solids and sulfate concentrations in many of these springs that interact most with water from the surface also have chemical signatures closer to surface water than ground water from the Floridan aquifer.

Discharge

Because of the lack of long-term discharge data for springs, significant trends are difficult to discern. The monitoring network data is helpful in determining short term changes and longer term changes when combined with data from other sources. Three springs with 50 to 75 year records—Silver, Rainbow and Volusia Blue – show a slow decline in discharge from the late 1950s and early 1960s to present. This trend is likely due to low rainfall but in some cases it could be worsened by ground water withdrawals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

One of the advantages of a multi-year monitoring program is that there are opportunities to review the plan and data and make adjustments when necessary. The following are proposed actions for future emphasis and recommendations for improving and enhancing the usefulness of this program and its reporting.

1. Include a focus on ecological impacts.

Evaluating the occurrence, trends, and impacts of nutrients on spring ecosystems is a major area of interest and a focus for upcoming springs monitoring and research. The TMDL Program relies on this program to provide information and data for springs so that their water quality and ecological conditions can be evaluated and the nutrient-impaired springs can be identified and addressed. Future reports will include more detailed information on spring water quality data and document nutrient-related impacts on spring ecosystems.

2. Expand the network to include other springs.

The original emphasis of monitoring under this program was on higher magnitude springs and/or those associated with state parks. However, other springs with potential issues and those representing water quality conditions in other regions of the state should also be considered for monitoring under this program. Limited and sporadic nitrate data have been compiled for some of these non-network springs from multiple sources (**Appendix A**). Many of these springs that represent water quality from smaller springsheds may have a greater and more immediate response to localized contaminant sources and monitoring data from them may be helpful in evaluating the impacts of springshed-scale land use and restoration activities including agricultural best management practices.

3. Implement consistency in spring naming convention and GIS locations for spring monitoring stations.

There has been an ongoing struggle to address inconsistencies in the spring naming convention between agencies and accuracy issues for spring sampling stations. Many of these issues have been resolved and an approach for identifying inconsistencies and making corrections has been proposed. The FDEP 2008 Springs Master List (**Appendix B**) contains the conventional names for known springs along with the best available information on station location. This master list also contains some updates to the 2004 *Springs of Florida* report, submitted as Bulletin 66 by the FGS. This list is offered as a means of obtaining consistency in naming convention with FDEP programs and for other agencies as well. The FDEP Springs Master List will also be made available as a GIS layer which will be updated when necessary and used to review potential new stations that might be added to the network in the future.

4. Re-evaluate the conventional list of background springs

There is also a need to review the list of background springs identified in this report that are found across the state and have not had recurring sampling for nitrate. There are only two background springs that are in the current network and both are located in the Ocala National Forest. Expanding the network so that it includes background springs from all areas of the state with springs may be helpful as we assess nitrate impacts in these areas.

5. Increase the amount of discharge data to evaluate discharge-related issues.

Discharge monitoring of Florida's springs should be continued, with a commitment to long-term data collection. This report includes a comprehensive assessment of available discharge data collected as part of the Springs Initiative Network and the USGS. The discharge data will be available for future assessment the influences on changes in spring discharge. The network discharge stations are measured at the same time water quality samples are collected. These data will be used in the future to help characterize contaminant loading and ground water transport issues. Future reports will also include discharge information on springs that have established minimum flows and levels.

6. Expand the reporting on spring water quality by collaborating with other organizations.

Future reports will not be limited to the Springs Initiative-collected data, but will include information from other data sources as well. An obvious way to achieve the goal of increasing the pool of available spring water quality and discharge data is to work with other organizations in the state to develop a common platform for sharing consistent, high quality data. It is

anticipated that a new FDEP water quality database is to be developed by the Bureau of Watershed Restoration and it may serve as a common data transfer and retrieval platform to exchange data between organizations that do monitoring. Three of the water management districts currently also perform routine spring monitoring and there are also occasional special projects that include spring data collection. One important action that is recommended for the upcoming year is to formalize an agreement between organizations to collaborate and share spring data, and work on common strategies as we collect new data. This collaboration will benefit the assessment of trends in springs and help identify springs that are impaired by nutrients and need restoration plans.

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APPENDIX A

SPRING NITRATE MEDIAN ¹ CATEGORIES (1998-2008)

LOW (=<0.20 mg/L)	MODERATE (>0.20 - 0.50 mg/L)	HIGH (>0.50 - 1.00 mg/L)	VERY HIGH (>1.00 - 3.00 mg/L)	EXTREME (>3.00 mg/L)
ALEXANDER SPRING [BKG] BEECHER SPRING [BKG] BELTONS MILLPOND HEAD SPRING 3 BIG SPRING (BIG BLUE SPRING) (JEFFERSON) BLUE ALGAE BOIL SPRING BLUE CREEK SPRING BLUEBERRY SPRING BOULDER SPRINGS BRADLEY SPRING BRIGHT ANGEL SPRING CAMP LE NO CHE SPRING CAMP SEMINOLE SPRINGS CATFISH SPRINGS (MARION) CEDAR ISLAND SPRING (TAYLOR) CEDAR SPRING CLIFTON SPRINGS [BKG] COL522981 (COLUMBIA) COLUMBIA SPRING COPPER SPRING[BKG] CROAKER HOLE SPRING DIX625991 (DIXIE) DIX625992 (DIXIE) DIX625993 (DIXIE) DOBES HOLE SPRING DROTY SPRING EVA SPRING FERN HAMMOCK SPRINGS [BKG] FOLSOM SPRING FOREST SPRING GAINER SPRING #1C GARNER SPRING GIL99974 (GILCHRIST) GINGER ALE SPRING GREEN ALGAE BOIL SPRING GREEN COVE SPRINGS [BKG] GREEN SPRING HAM522981 (HAMILTON)	ALA930971 (ALACHUA) ALAPAHA RIVER RISE AUCILLA SPRING BAIRD SPRING #1 BECKTON SPRING BETEEJAY SPRING BLACK SPRING (JACKSON) BLACK SPRINGS (CITRUS) BLUE HOLE SPRING (JACKSON) BLUE RUN SPRING BLUE SINK SPRING BOAT SPRING BRUNSON LANDING SPRING BUZZARD LOG SPRING CASSIDY SPRINGS CATFISH SPRING (CITRUS) CHASSAHOWITZKA SPRING MAIN CITRUS BLUE SPRING CORDLE SPRING CYPRESS SPRING DEVILS EYE SPRINGS (SUWANNEE) DIX625994 (DIXIE) FENNEY SPRING GAINER SPRING #2 GAINER SPRING #3 GATOR SPRING (HERNANDO) GIL729971 (GILCHRIST) GRASSY HOLE SPRING HALLS RIVER HEAD SPRING HAM54012 (HAMILTON) HOLMES BLUE SPRING HOMOSASSA SPRING #2 HORN SPRING HORNSBY SPRING HORSEHEAD SPRING HUNTER SPRING IDIOTS DELIGHT SPRING	ALLEN MILL POND SPRINGS BLUE HOLE SPRING (COLUMBIA) ** BLUEBIRD SPRINGS BOBHILL SPRING - BUGG SPRING (LAKE) CANAL 485A SPRING 2 CEDAR HEAD SPRING CHASSAHOWITZKA SPRING #1 - COFFEE SPRINGS COL1012972 (COLUMBIA) COL428981 (COLUMBIA) CRAB SPRING DARBY SPRING DELEON SPRING (VOLUSIA) * DOGWOOD SPRING DOUBLE SPRING (JACKSON) ELLAVILLE SPRING FALMOUTH SPRING - GADSEN SPRING GEMINI SPRINGS #3 GEMINI SPRINGS ** GUM SPRING #3 HAM610981 (HAMILTON) HIDDEN RIVER HEAD SPRING - HIDDEN RIVER SPRING #2 ** HOMOSASSA SPRING - HOMOSASSA SPRING #1 - HOMOSASSA SPRING #3 - ICHETUCKNEE HEAD SPRING (SUWANNEE) - JENKINS CREEK SPRING * LAF929972 (LAFAYETTE) LEVY BLUE SPRING LILLY SPRING LIME RUN SPRING OR SINK (SUWANNEE) LITTLE KING SPRING ** LITTLE SPRING (HERNANDO) LOG SPRING (MARION)	ALLEN SPRING ALLIGATOR HOLE SPRING ALLIGATOR SPRING (MARION) ** ANDERSON SPRING BATHTUB SPRING (SUWANNEE) BIG KING SPRING** BLUE GROTTO (LEVY)* BLUE GROTTO SPRING (MARION) - BONNET SPRING BOULWARE SPRINGS BRANFORD SPRING BRIDAL CHAMBER SPRING BUBBLING SPRING** BUCKHORN SPRING MAIN * CANAL 485A SPRING 1B - CATFISH CONVENTION HALL SPRING* CATFISH HOTEL SPRING CATFISH RECEPTION HALL CHRISTMAS TREE SPRING COL61982 (COLUMBIA) CRYSTAL BEACH SPRING (PINELLAS) CRYSTAL SPRINGS (PASCO)* CRYSTAL SWAMP SPRING #1 (PASCO) CRYSTAL SWAMP SPRING #2 (PASCO) CRYSTAL SWAMP SPRING #3 (PASCO) DEVILS EAR SPRING (GILCHRIST)** DEVILS KITCHEN A SPRING DEVILS KITCHEN B SPRING FIRST FISHERMANS PARADISE GARDEN OF EDEN SPRING GEYSER SPRING GILCHRIST BLUE SPRING** GINNIE SPRING- GLEN SPRING GREEN SINK GUARANTO SPRING GUM SPRING #1**	APOPKA SPRING* BALTZELL SPRING BETTY SPRING BOYETTE SPRING* CONVICT SPRING DOUBLE RUN SPRING (LAKE) FANNING SPRINGS** HAYS SPRING (JACKSON) HEALTH SPRING* JACKSON BLUE SPRING- LAF924971 (LAFAYETTE) LAKE BLUE SPRING- MOORING COVE SPRINGS OWENS SPRING RUTH SPRING (LAFAYETTE)** SHANGRI-LA SPRINGS SOCRUM SPRING SUW718971 (SUWANNEE)* SUW725971 (SUWANNEE) SUWANNEE BLUE SPRING- TRAIL SPRING TROOP SPRING

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HAM923973 (HAMILTON) HAMPTON SPRING (TAYLOR) HOLTON CREEK RISE IRON SPRING (LAFAYETTE) ISLAND SPRING JABO SPRING JAMISON SPRINGS JEF312991 (JEFFERSON) JEF63991 JEF63992 (JEFFERSON) JEF63993 (JEFFERSON) JUG ISLAND SPRING JUNIPER SPRINGS LAF1024001 (LAFAYETTE) LAF93971 (LAFAYETTE) LEV719991 (LEVY) LEV97991 (LEVY) LITTLE COPPER SPRING LURAVILLE SPRING MAGNESIA SPRING MAINTENANCE SPRING MANATEE MINERAL SPRING MARION BLUE SPRING MARKEE SPRING MCCRABB SPRING MIAMI SPRING MOCCASIN SPRINGS MORRISON SPRING MOSQUITO SPRINGS MUD SPRING (PUTNAM) [BKG] MUNROE SPRING NASHUA SPRING NEWPORT SPRING [BKG] NOVA SPRING NUTALL RISE ORANGE SPRING (MARION) [BKG] PALM SPRINGS (LAKE) PARKER ISLAND SPRING RIVER SINK SPRING ROCK SINK SPRING SALT SPRINGS (MARION) SALT SPRINGS (PASCO) #2 SANDYS SPRING SANTA FE RIVER RISE (ALACHUA) SANTA FE SPRING (COLUMBIA) SATSUMA SPRING [BKG] SHARKS TOOTH SPRING SILVER GLEN SPRINGS [BKG] SNAIL SPRINGS SPRING CREEK RISE #2	JEF64991 (JEFFERSON) JEFFERSON BLUE SPRING LAF710981 (LAFAYETTE) LAF718971 (LAFAYETTE) LIME SPRING (SUWANNEE) LOG SPRING (JEFFERSON) LOUISE SPRINGS MAGNOLIA CIRCLE SPRING MAGNOLIA SPRING MATTAIR SPRINGS MILL POND SPRINGS (COLUMBIA) MINNOW SPRING NATURAL BRIDGE SPRING NICHOLS SPRING POE SPRING PONCE DE LEON SPRING (HOLMES) PUMPHOUSE SPRINGS RHODES SPRINGS #1 RHODES SPRINGS #2 RHODES SPRINGS #4 ROSSETER SPRING SALT SPRING (HERNANDO) SANDBAG SPRING SANLANDO SPRINGS SHADY BROOK HEAD SPRING #2 ST. MARKS RIVER SWALLET STARBUCK SPRING SULPHUR SPRING (HILLSBOROUGH) SUMTER BLUE SPRING SUNBEAM SPRING SUW923971 (SUWANNEE) SUWANACOCHEE SPRING TAY924993 (TAYLOR) THOMAS SPRING (JEFFERSON) TREEHOUSE SPRING TWIN SPRING VOLUSIA BLUE SPRING VORTEX SPRING WACISSA SPRING #2 WITHERINGTON SPRING WOODS CREEK RISE	LOST RIVER SPRING MILL POND SPRING (JACKSON) MISSION SPRINGS - MYRTLES FISSURE SPRING OTTER SPRING PALM SPRINGS (SEMINOLE) - PEGASUS SPRING PICKARD SPRING POTTER CREEK SPRING RAINBOW BRIDGE SEEP NORTH RAINBOW SPRING RUTH SPRING (CITRUS) SALLY WARD SPRING SAWDUST SPRING SILVER SPRING MAIN ** SIPHON CREEK RISE SPRINGBOARD SPRING SUW919971 (SUWANNEE) TANNER SPRING (HAMILTON) TROTTER MAIN SPRING - TURTLE SPRING WAKULLA SPRING * WEEKI WACHEE SPRING - WILSON HEAD SPRING (MARION) *	GUM SPRING #2 - GUM SPRING MAIN** HAM1017971 (HAMILTON) HAM610982 (HAMILTON) HAM610983 (HAMILTON) HAM610984 (HAMILTON) HAM612982 (HAMILTON) HART SPRINGS- INDIAN CAVE SPRING INDIAN CREEK #3 SPRING JACOBS WELL SPRING JULY SPRING LADIES PARLOR SPRING LAF57981 (LAFAYETTE) LAF57982 (LAFAYETTE) LAF919972 (LAFAYETTE) LAF929971 (LAFAYETTE) LAFAYETTE BLUE SPRING* LETTUCE LAKE SPRING LITHIA SPRING MAJOR* LITTLE OTTER SPRING LITTLE RIVER SPRING* MAD610981 (MADISON) MAD610982 (MADISON) MAD612981 (MADISON) MAD612982 (MADISON) MADISON BLUE SPRING** MANATEE SPRING** MASTODON BONE SPRING MEARSON SPRING MORGAN SPRING NATURAL WELLS (LEON) NO NAME COVE SPRING ORANGE GROVE SINK ORANGE GROVE SPRING OSCAR SPRING PEACOCK SPRINGS PERRY SPRING POT HOLE SPRING POT SPRING RACCOON ISLAND SPRING RAINBOW SPRING #1** RAINBOW SPRING #4** RAINBOW SPRING #6** RECEPTION HALL SPRING** ROCK BLUFF SPRINGS** ROCK SPRINGS (ORANGE) * ROCKY VENT SPRING ROYAL SPRING RUM ISLAND SPRING	

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SPRING CREEK RISE MAIN SPRING WARRIOR SPRING ST. MARKS RIVER RISE (LEON) STEINHATCHEE RIVER RISE STEINHATCHEE SPRING SULPHUR SPRING (ORANGE) SUN EDEN SPRING [BKG] SUWANNEE SPRINGS[BKG] SWEETWATER SPRINGS [BKG] TARPON HOLE SPRING TAY616991 (TAYLOR) TAY616992 (TAYLOR) TAY622991 (TAYLOR) TAY625991 (TAYLOR) TAY625993 (TAYLOR) TAY625995 (TAYLOR) TAY69991 (TAYLOR) TAY69992 (TAYLOR) TAY730991 (TAYLOR) TAY76991 (TAYLOR) TAY76992 (TAYLOR) TAY924991 (TAYLOR) TOBACCO PATCH LANDING SPRING WACISSA SPRING #3 WADESBORO SPRING WALDO SPRING [BKG] WALKER SPRING (JEFFERSON) WARM MINERAL SPRING [BKG] WASHINGTON BLUE SPRING (CHOCTAWHATCHEE) [BKG] WASHINGTON BLUE SPRINGS (ECONFINA) WEEKI PRESERVE SPRING WELAKA SPRING WELLS LANDING SPRING WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (HAMILTON) WILLIFORD SPRING WILSON SPRING (COLUMBIA) WW GAY SPRING			RUNNING SPRINGS #2 RUNNING SPRINGS#1 SHIPWRECK SPRING SUN SPRINGS SUW919973 (SUWANNEE) TELFORD SPRING- TIMBER SPRING TROY SPRING- TURTLE MEADOWS SPRING TURTLE NOOK SPRING WEKIWA SPRING (ORANGE) *	

/1 Data was collected and combined for all spring stations including vent, boil and run. The data used for this assessment was partly from special projects from available data from Water Management Districts, USGS and quarterly monitoring for the Springs Initiative (2000-2008). Springs included in the Springs Initiative Quarterly monitoring network are emboldened. River rises and karst windows are included but may not adhere to the conventional definition of a spring.

[BKG]/ Background springs selected by comparing lowest nitrates statewide (< 0.05 mg/L).

** Elevated - trend increasing * Elevated - trend decreasing; - Elevated but stable.

In some cases there are springs that have not been extensively sampled and additional data should be collected to verify the nitrate category and trend.

APPENDIX B

FDEP 2008 SPRINGS MASTER LIST

SPRING NAME	MAGNITUDE	COUNTY	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	BASIN GROUP
A. WAYNE LEE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Sumter	28 51 34.91399	82 05 15.70999	Group 4
ABDONEY SPRING	2	Citrus	28 47 48.69199	82 35 10.05200	Group 5
ADAMS SPRING	UNKNOWN	Hamilton	30 25 54.77617	83 11 53.50664	Group 1
ALA930971 (ALACHUA)	2	Alachua	29 49 40.59403	82 38 27.00682	Group 1
ALA930972 (ALACHUA)	2	Alachua	29 50 40.78445	82 37 51.08022	Group 1
ALAPAHA RIVER RISE	1	Hamilton	30 26 20.28889	83 05 22.42420	Group 1
ALEXANDER SPRING	1	Lake	29 04 52.68291	81 34 33.18088	Group 3
ALLEN MILL POND SPRINGS	2	Lafayette	30 09 46.22781	83 14 35.05582	Group 1
ALLEN SPRING	2	Columbia	29 49 38.15700	82 38 45.68000	Group 1
ALLIGATOR HOLE SPRING	1	Marion	29 12 54.40000	82 03 3.300000	Group 1
ALLIGATOR SPRING (CITRUS)	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 48 1.617369	82 35 16.71294	Group 5
ALLIGATOR SPRING (MARION)	3	Marion	28 57 36.81699	82 13 45.67599	Group 4
ANDERSON SPRING	2	Suwannee	30 21 12.27474	83 11 23.01402	Group 1
APOPKA SPRING	2	Lake	28 33 59.76522	81 40 50.40767	Group 1
ARIPEKA SPRING #1	3	Hernando	28 26 18.71084	82 39 31.62071	Group 5
ARIPEKA SPRING #2	3	Hernando	28 26 7.061749	82 39 32.15602	Group 5
AUCILLA SPRING	3	Jefferson	30 20 25.08000	83 59 25.89199	Group 1
BAIRD SPRING	3	Citrus	28 42 30.95218	82 34 39.35640	Group 5
BAIRD SPRING #1	3	Citrus	28 42 26.91486	82 34 41.51827	Group 5
BAIRD SPRING #2	3	Citrus	28 42 29.88287	82 34 42.80038	Group 5
BAIRD SPRING #3	3	Citrus	28 42 32.85551	82 34 46.71904	Group 5
BAIRD SPRING #4	3	Citrus	28 42 33.33298	82 34 48.98520	Group 5
BALTZELL SPRING	2	Jackson	30 49 50.15996	85 14 3.839999	Group 2
BAMBOO SPRING	UNKNOWN	Putnam	29 30 57.04920	81 52 0.177000	Group 1
BANANA SPRING	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 48 3.635420	82 35 17.43986	Group 5
BAPTIZING SPRING	UNKNOWN	Suwannee	30 08 1.905399	83 08 2.962999	Group 1
BARREL SPRING (JACKSON)	3	Jackson	30 35 32.75884	85 10 14.44799	Group 2
BARREL SPRING (ORANGE)	3	Orange	28 42 41	81 28 18	Group 3
BATHTUB SPRING (SUWANNEE)	2	Suwannee	30 05 30.21454	83 05 54.01471	Group 1
BEAR CREEK RISE	UNKNOWN	Franklin	29 58 54.30176	84 27 47.41685	Group 1
BEAR SPRING (CITRUS)	0	Citrus	28 48 6.469849	82 35 14.12002	Group 5
BEAR SPRING (LAKE)	UNKNOWN	Lake	28 39 6.139329	81 43 0.778870	Group 1
BEAVER CREEK SPRING	2	Taylor	29 45 57.41093	83 20 6.178850	Group 1
BECKTON SPRING	2	Washington	30 38 55.12913	85 41 37.18691	Group 3
BECKY SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Clay	30 05 7.080000	81 53 45.95999	Group 2
BEECHER SPRING	2	Putnam	29 26 55.16801	81 38 48.70600	Group 3
BELCHER SPRING	2	Citrus	28 47 48.28700	82 35 10.62800	Group 5
BELL SPRING (GILCHRIST)	3	Gilchrist	29 35 50.79904	82 56 28.21750	Group 1
BELL SPRINGS (COLUMBIA)	2	Columbia	30 19 45.81407	82 41 17.45412	Group 1
BELTONS MILLPOND HEAD SPRING 1	2	Sumter	28 45 26.55900	82 03 44.59600	Group 4
BELTONS MILLPOND HEAD SPRING 2	2	Sumter	28 45 27.49099	82 03 43.57200	Group 4
BELTONS MILLPOND HEAD SPRING 2A	2	Sumter	28 45 28.39299	82 03 48.28200	Group 4
BELTONS MILLPOND HEAD SPRING 2B	2	Sumter	28 45 29.19599	82 03 45.04899	Group 4
BELTONS MILLPOND HEAD SPRING 3	2	Sumter	28 45 29.67200	82 03 45.30500	Group 4
BELTONS MILLPOND HEAD SPRING 4	2	Sumter	28 45 30.36599	82 03 47.49800	Group 4
BETEEJAY LOWER SPRING	UNKNOWN	Hernando	28 41 31.95474	82 35 34.35756	Group 5
BETEEJAY SPRING	UNKNOWN	Hernando	28 41 25.39399	82 35 29.41099	Group 5
BETTY SPRING	3	Suwannee	29 54 53.19651	82 50 23.84184	Group 1
BIG HOLE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Sumter	28 45 33.04499	82 05 54.93999	Group 4
BIG JACK HOLE SINK	N/A	Collier	25 50 33.79140	82 09 6.83940	Group 1
BIG KING SPRING	3	Levy	29 06 59.12338	82 38 32.13899	Group 1
BIG SPRING (BIG BLUE SPRING) (JEFFERSON)	2	Jefferson	30 19 39.84153	83 59 5.378890	Group 1
BIG SPRING (TAYLOR)	2	Taylor	29 58 27.36930	83 44 19.79620	Group 1
BLACK SPRING (JACKSON)	2	Jackson	30 41 55.40302	85 17 40.07576	Group 2
BLACK SPRINGS (CITRUS)	3	Citrus	28 52 38.27996	82 35 56.40000	Group 5
BLACKWATER SPRINGS	3	Lake	28 53 17.12547	81 29 50.83507	Group 3
BLIND SPRING	2	Hernando	28 39 28.32177	82 38 4.620950	Group 5
BLUE ALGAE BOIL SPRING	5	Lake	28 52 30.37651	81 26 26.32505	Group 3

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BLUE CREEK SPRING	2	Taylor	29 50 41.01000	83 33 28.04299	Group 1
BLUE GROTTO (LEVY)	UNKNOWN	Levy	29 23 16.16999	82 29 10.78000	Group 1
BLUE GROTTO SPRING (MARION)	1	Marion	29 12 54.90590	82 02 59.59132	Group 1
BLUE HOLE SPRING (CITRUS)	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 47 55.63427	82 35 22.33819	Group 5
BLUE HOLE SPRING (COLUMBIA)	1	Columbia	29 58 49.90703	82 45 30.37913	Group 1
BLUE HOLE SPRING (JACKSON)	2	Jackson	30 49 12.52347	85 14 41.62271	Group 2
BLUE RUN SPRING	UNKNOWN	Hernando	28 41 12.50199	82 36 5.165000	Group 5
BLUE SINK SPRING	2	Suwannee	30 20 8.485690	82 48 30.39404	Group 1
BLUE SPRING (OKALOOSA)	UNKNOWN	Okaloosa	30 37 46.69438	86 27 6.818399	Group 3
BLUE SPRING (SUWANNEE)	2	Hamilton	30 25 22.95072	83 00 55.52798	Group 1
BLUEBERRY SPRING	4	Lake	28 51 2.634480	81 26 41.48441	Group 3
BLUEBIRD SPRINGS	3	Citrus	28 47 20.38027	82 34 46.25806	Group 5
BLUFF SPRINGS	3	Bay	30 25 30.95550	85 32 54.19590	Group 3
BOAT SPRING	3	Hernando	28 26 11.57851	82 39 23.43617	Group 5
BOBHILL SPRING	3	Hernando	28 26 4.957999	82 38 27.97499	Group 5
BONNET SPRING	2	Suwannee	30 07 27.56312	83 08 17.45944	Group 1
BOULDER SPRINGS	5	Lake	28 52 17.96837	81 27 0.355459	Group 3
BOULWARE SPRINGS	4	Alachua	29 37 15.20673	82 18 25.90535	Group 1
BOYETTE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Hillsborough	27 51 13.32000	82 16 26.40000	Group 2
BRADLEY SPRING	3	Taylor	29 42 0.169960	83 24 40.06998	Group 1
BRANFORD SPRING	2	Suwannee	29 57 17.52526	82 55 42.27174	Group 1
BRANTLEY SPRING	2	Suwannee	30 00 29.81797	82 59 11.46652	Group 1
BRIDAL CHAMBER SPRING	1	Marion	29 12 53.20000	82 03 5.5	Group 1
BRIGHT ANGEL SPRING	UNKNOWN	Putnam	29 30 59.65919	81 51 43.52339	Group 1
BRUMBLEY SPRING	2	Jefferson	30 20 41.38685	83 58 51.63329	Group 1
BRUNSON LANDING SPRING	3	Washington	30 36 33.22386	85 45 30.88954	Group 3
BUBBLING SPRING	1	Marion	29 06 4.455680	82 26 5.451359	Group 4
BUCKHORN EAST SPRING	2	Hillsborough	27 53 20.67399	82 18 5.189999	Group 2
BUCKHORN SOUTH SPRING	2	Hillsborough	27 53 12.84600	82 18 18.75699	Group 2
BUCKHORN SPRING MAIN	2	Hillsborough	27 53 21.81079	82 18 9.796899	Group 2
BUCKHORN WEST SPRING	2	Hillsborough	27 53 21.14100	82 18 16.81900	Group 2
BUGG SPRING (LAKE)	2	Lake	28 45 7.152230	81 54 5.462210	Group 1
BUZZARD LOG SPRING	2	Jefferson	30 19 48.49867	83 59 12.80159	Group 1
CAMP GROUND SPRING (TAYLOR)	2	Taylor	30 04 4.265109	83 33 13.76329	Group 1
CAMP LE NO CHE SPRING	4	Lake	28 57 8.716000	81 32 31.88219	Group 3
CAMP SEMINOLE SPRINGS	4	Marion	29 30 21.79252	81 57 5.232059	Group 1
CAMPGROUND SPRING (GILCHRIST)	3	Gilchrist	29 53 57.44377	82 51 57.94091	Group 1
CANAL 485 SPRING 5	3	Sumter	28 46 7.5	82 07 1.241000	Group 4
CANAL 485A SPRING 1B	3	Sumter	28 46 10.60300	82 07 4.804000	Group 4
CANAL 485A SPRING 2	3	Sumter	28 46 12.93499	82 07 3.375	Group 4
CANAL SPRING	2	Hillsborough	28 02 5.227980	82 20 34.88254	Group 1
CARLTON SPRING	9	Taylor	30 03 29.76897	83 35 14.53200	Group 1
CASSIDY SPRINGS	2	Jefferson	30 19 57.79618	83 59 20.53168	Group 1
CATFISH CONVENTION HALL SPRING	1	Marion	29 12 55.58935	82 02 38.06163	Group 1
CATFISH HOTEL SPRING	1	Marion	29 12 55.40000	82 02 42.40000	Group 1
CATFISH RECEPTION HALL	1	Marion	29 12 53.79999	82 03 6.400000	Group 1
CATFISH SPRING (CITRUS)	2	Citrus	28 53 52.79992	82 35 56.40000	Group 5
CATFISH SPRINGS (MARION)	3	Marion	29 30 55	81 51 42	Group 1
CEDAR COVE SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 54 6.840000	82 35 57.11999	Group 5
CEDAR HEAD SPRING	2	Columbia	29 58 59.87992	82 45 31.31999	Group 1
CEDAR ISLAND SPRING (PASCO)	UNKNOWN	Pasco	28 22 1.014060	82 41 59.36424	Group 5
CEDAR ISLAND SPRING (TAYLOR)	2	Taylor	29 48 58.72960	83 35 1.974440	Group 1
CEDAR SPRING	5	Lake	28 52 21	81 26 54	Group 3
CHARLES SPRING	2	Suwannee	30 10 2.509970	83 13 49.27000	Group 1
CHASSAHOWITZKA SPRING	1	Citrus	28 42 54.95108	82 34 34.35600	Group 5
CHASSAHOWITZKA SPRING #1	1	Citrus	28 42 58.24206	82 34 30.31906	Group 5
CHASSAHOWITZKA SPRING #2	2	Citrus	28 42 57.66401	82 34 31.62517	Group 5
CHASSAHOWITZKA SPRING MAIN	1	Citrus	28 42 55.86505	82 34 34.33253	Group 5
CHATTAHOOCHEE SPRING	4	Gadsden	30 41 50.67820	84 50 55.82004	Group 2
CHIMNEY SPRINGS (MARION)	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 14 39.11999	81 38 38.04000	Group 3
CHOCTAWHATCHEE SPRINGS (WALTON)	UNKNOWN	Walton	30 24 5.713776	86 03 35.78040	Group 3
CHRISTMAS TREE SPRING	1	Marion	29 12 58.29999	82 02 57.30000	Group 1

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CHUMUCKLA SPRINGS	5	Santa Rosa	30 50 0	87 17 48	Group 4
CITRUS BLUE SPRING	2	Citrus	28 58 9.601569	82 18 52.34349	Group 4
CLAM SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Gadsden	30 41 45.69064	84 51 28.71323	Group 2
CLEMMONS SPRING	3	Washington	30 38 29.09601	85 41 34.67252	Group 3
CLIFTON SPRINGS	3	Seminole	28 41 59.53977	81 14 17.22397	Group 3
COFFEE SPRINGS	3	Suwannee	29 57 34.04671	82 46 31.17827	Group 1
COL1012971 (COLUMBIA)	2	Columbia	29 51 24.88338	82 43 47.98160	Group 1
COL1012972 (COLUMBIA)	2	Columbia	29 51 23.37868	82 43 54.11730	Group 1
COL101971 (COLUMBIA)	3	Columbia	29 49 55.96126	82 40 9.711159	Group 1
COL101974 (COLUMBIA)	2	Columbia	29 50 2.393589	82 40 36.04461	Group 1
COL101975 (COLUMBIA)	4	Columbia	29 50 1.755999	82 40 41.55200	Group 1
COL1105041	3	Columbia	29 58 49.88199	82 45 28.86199	Group 1
COL428981 (COLUMBIA)	3	Columbia	29 51 12.72895	82 36 19.87571	Group 1
COL522981 (COLUMBIA)	3	Columbia	30 19 15.75972	82 45 21.29422	Group 1
COL522982 (COLUMBIA)	3	Columbia	30 19 17.26456	82 45 23.50213	Group 1
COL61982 (COLUMBIA)	4	Columbia	29 56 17.89600	82 31 49.32700	Group 1
COL917971 (COLUMBIA)	3	Columbia	29 55 29.37913	82 46 19.16566	Group 1
COL928971 (COLUMBIA)	3	Columbia	29 53 10.18589	82 45 5.507169	Group 1
COL930971 (COLUMBIA)	2	Columbia	29 49 52.19215	82 39 24.26237	Group 1
COLUMBIA SPRING	1	Columbia	29 51 14.79924	82 36 43.03174	Group 1
CONVICT SPRING	3	Lafayette	30 05 18.02483	83 05 45.48202	Group 1
COPPER SPRING	2	Dixie	29 36 50.45069	82 58 25.89046	Group 1
CORDLE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Walton	30 59 7.200000	86 12 47.52000	Group 3
COW SPRING	0	Suwannee	30 06 19.01994	83 06 49.70999	Group 1
CRAB SPRING	2	Citrus	28 43 1.916940	82 34 33.06892	Group 5
CRAYS RISE	1	Wakulla	29 59 22.19995	84 24 28.80000	Group 1
CRESCENT BEACH SUBMARINE SPRING	2	St. Johns	29 46 6	81 12 30	Group 5
CRESCENT DRIVE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 52 39	82 35 54.95999	Group 5
CROAKER HOLE SPRING	2	Putnam	29 26 18	81 41 21	Group 3
CRYSTAL BEACH SPRING (PINELLAS)	2	Pinellas	28 05 3.964060	82 47 5.109109	Group 5
CRYSTAL SPRINGS #5 (PASCO)	2	Pasco	28 10 58.23999	82 11 8.530000	Group 2
CRYSTAL SPRINGS #6 (PASCO)	2	Pasco	28 10 58.78000	82 11 7.763000	Group 2
CRYSTAL SPRINGS (PASCO)	2	Pasco	28 10 55.92310	82 11 6.530750	Group 2
CRYSTAL SWAMP SPRING #1 (PASCO)	2	Pasco	28 11 13	82 10 52	Group 2
CRYSTAL SWAMP SPRING #2 (PASCO)	2	Pasco	28 11 6	82 10 48	Group 2
CRYSTAL SWAMP SPRING #3 (PASCO)	2	Pasco	28 11 7	82 11 34	Group 2
CYPRESS SPRING	2	Washington	30 39 31.48618	85 41 3.740100	Group 3
D-1415 SEEP	UNKNOWN	Duval	30 16 26	81 50 6	Group 2
DALKEITH SPRINGS	3	Gulf	30 00 20.73024	85 08 59.69472	Group 2
DANIEL SPRINGS	3	Jackson	30 56 55.66901	85 18 27.75491	Group 2
DARBY SPRING	2	Alachua	29 51 9.417669	82 36 21.46651	Group 1
DEER SPRING	3	Gilchrist	29 50 28.19260	82 42 26.36682	Group 1
DELEON SPRING (VOLUSIA)	2	Volusia	29 08 3.408110	81 21 45.89416	Group 3
DEVILS EAR SPRING (GILCHRIST)	1	Gilchrist	29 50 7.256180	82 41 47.76176	Group 1
DEVILS EYE SPRING (GILCHRIST)	2	Gilchrist	29 50 6.574130	82 41 47.72224	Group 1
DEVILS EYE SPRINGS (SUWANNEE)	2	Suwannee	29 58 25.22532	82 45 36.03208	Group 1
DEVILS KITCHEN A SPRING	1	Marion	29 12 53.59999	82 03 4.800000	Group 1
DEVILS KITCHEN B SPRING	1	Marion	29 12 54	82 03 5.199999	Group 1
DIX625991 (DIXIE)	3	Dixie	29 43 36.80999	83 20 40.72600	Group 1
DIX625992 (DIXIE)	3	Taylor	29 43 8.560999	83 20 46.35600	Group 1
DIX625993 (DIXIE)	2	Dixie	29 40 37.17999	83 21 38.96299	Group 1
DIX625994 (DIXIE)	3	Dixie	29 40 35.61400	83 21 50.50699	Group 1
DIX95971 (DIXIE)	3	Dixie	29 42 15.83409	82 57 9.872500	Group 1
DOBES HOLE SPRING	UNKNOWN	PASCO	28 26 3.799999	82 10 10.90000	Group 4
DOGWOOD SPRING	2	Gilchrist	29 50 17.00300	82 42 6.456129	Group 1
DOUBLE RUN SPRING (LAKE)	3	Lake	28 40 46.5	81 44 31.69999	Group 1
DOUBLE SPRING (HILLSBOROUGH)	UNKNOWN	Hillsborough	28 02 10.43940	82 20 37.52772	Group 1
DOUBLE SPRING (JACKSON)	2	Jackson	30 42 13.67995	85 18 11.16000	Group 2
DRINKING SPRING	UNKNOWN	Washington	30 36 44.82669	85 49 23.58432	Group 3
DROTY SPRING	4	Lake	28 49 41.03508	81 30 37.29700	Group 3
EAST LAKE TOHOPEKALIGA UNNAMED SPRING NW	UNKNOWN	Osceola	28 20 1.320000	81 14 23.28000	Group 4
EAST LAKE TOHOPEKALIGA UNNAMED SPRING SW	UNKNOWN	Osceola	28 16 23.52000	81 17 26.52000	Group 4
EATON CREEK SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 20 18	81 53 2	Group 1
ECONFINA UNNAMED SPRING	NONE	Bay	30 25 53.46072	85 32 50.76532	Group 3

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EGLIN BLUE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Okaloosa	30 38 45.81445	86 27 6.634979	Group 4
ELDER SPRING	3	Seminole	28 44 27.78490	81 17 28.75768	Group 3
ELLAVILLE SPRING	2	Suwannee	30 23 4.077999	83 10 21.01832	Group 1
ENTERPRISE SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Volusia	28 51 40.64000	81 14 56.43000	Group 3
ESPIRITU SANTO SPRING	UNKNOWN	Pinellas	27 59 26.07046	82 41 12.35867	Group 1
EUCHEE SPRING	3	Walton	30 44 13.63769	86 11 36.57512	Group 3
EUREKA SPRING	2	Hillsborough	28 00 21.44066	82 20 45.15040	Group 1
EUREKA SPRING #1	0	Hillsborough	28 00 23.07344	82 20 39.33276	Group 1
EUREKA SPRING #2	0	Hillsborough	28 00 24.07341	82 20 36.33288	Group 1
EUREKA SPRING #3	0	Hillsborough	28 00 24.07345	82 20 32.33256	Group 1
EUREKA SPRING #4	0	Hillsborough	28 00 24.07341	82 20 37.33296	Group 1
EUREKA UNNAMED SPRING	2	Hillsborough	28 00 26.72675	82 20 38.59777	Group 1
EVA SPRING	3	Taylor	29 40 39.76997	83 23 57.31001	Group 1
EWING SPRING	NONE	Taylor	30 04 26.76468	83 39 56.54159	Group 1
FALMOUTH SPRING	1	Suwannee	30 21 40.18722	83 08 5.970300	Group 1
FANNING SPRINGS	1	Levy	29 35 15.32190	82 56 7.095590	Group 1
FANNING SPRINGS #1	1	Levy	29 35 16.18800	82 56 9.599999	Group 1
FANNING SPRINGS #2	UNKNOWN	Dixie	29 35 22.55999	82 56 13.38000	Group 1
FARA SPRING	2	Madison	30 16 34.43991	83 14 8.947900	Group 1
FENHOLLOWAY SPRING	9	Taylor	30 04 23.40126	83 40 0.323760	Group 1
FENNEY SPRING	2	Sumter	28 47 41.99128	82 02 17.21057	Group 4
FERN HAMMOCK SPRINGS	2	Marion	29 11 0.863840	81 42 29.50127	Group 3
FIRST FISHERMANS PARADISE	1	Marion	29 12 56.09999	82 02 50.40000	Group 1
FISH HOOK SPRING #1	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 30 34.12380	81 54 5.450399	Group 1
FISH HOOK SPRING #2	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 30 32.54700	81 54 8.294400	Group 1
FLETCHER SPRINGS	2	Lafayette	29 50 48	82 53 34	Group 1
FOLSOM SPRING	3	Taylor	30 06 49.85995	83 34 41.32998	Group 1
FOREST SPRING	4	Putnam	29 27 31.67992	81 39 30.59999	Group 3
GADSEN SPRING	2	Jackson	30 42 12.08682	85 17 18.42258	Group 2
GAINER SPRING #1	1	Bay	30 25 40.70280	85 32 49.73711	Group 3
GAINER SPRING #1C	1	Bay	30 25 39.62275	85 32 45.82853	Group 3
GAINER SPRING #2	1	Bay	30 25 38.61220	85 32 53.95200	Group 3
GAINER SPRING #3	1	Bay	30 25 44.30301	85 32 55.63251	Group 3
GALLOWAY SPRING	UNKNOWN	Washington	30 35 50.85632	85 50 31.25684	Group 3
GARDEN OF EDEN SPRING	1	Marion	29 12 58.09999	82 02 54.80000	Group 1
GARNER SPRING	2	Jefferson	30 19 49.11654	83 58 59.21860	Group 1
GATOR SPRING (HERNANDO)	4	Hernando	28 26 2.754559	82 39 5.613409	Group 5
GATOR SPRING (JACKSON)	UNKNOWN	Jackson	30 46 40.32731	85 10 1.735970	Group 2
GEMINI SPRINGS	1	Volusia	28 51 45.97999	81 18 46.06000	Group 3
GEMINI SPRINGS #1	1	Volusia	28 51 43.91999	81 18 38.88000	Group 3
GEMINI SPRINGS #2	1	Volusia	28 51 43.91999	81 18 38.88000	Group 3
GEMINI SPRINGS #3	1	Volusia	28 51 45.97815	81 18 41.05552	Group 3
GEYSER SPRING	1	Marion	29 12 55.40000	82 03 0.300000	Group 1
GIL1012971 (GILCHRIST)	2	Gilchrist	29 51 21.24492	82 43 55.88223	Group 1
GIL1012972 (GILCHRIST)	3	Gilchrist	29 51 21.77981	82 43 57.75408	Group 1
GIL1012974 (GILCHRIST)	2	Gilchrist	29 51 52.12699	82 44 24.25899	Group 1
GIL101971 (GILCHRIST)	3	Gilchrist	29 49 56.42900	82 40 42.24899	Group 1
GIL107971 (GILCHRIST)	2	Gilchrist	29 53 27.61499	82 52 26.99800	Group 1
GIL107972 (GILCHRIST)	2	Gilchrist	29 53 56.39000	82 51 58.51899	Group 1
GIL729971 (GILCHRIST)	2	Gilchrist	29 53 21.67300	82 52 29.88399	Group 1
GIL729972 (GILCHRIST)	4	Gilchrist	29 54 45.94500	82 50 12.43200	Group 1
GIL729973 (GILCHRIST)	4	Gilchrist	29 54 48.25300	82 50 12.08100	Group 1
GIL84971 (GILCHRIST)	2	Gilchrist	29 49 47.50374	82 53 29.18496	Group 1
GIL917972 (GILCHRIST)	3	Gilchrist	29 51 36.97899	82 52 46.32400	Group 1
GIL917973 (GILCHRIST)	4	Gilchrist	29 51 31.85399	82 52 51.06900	Group 1
GIL928971 (GILCHRIST)	3	Gilchrist	29 52 32.15182	82 45 6.810659	Group 1
GIL928972 (GILCHRIST)	4	Gilchrist	29 52 49.64600	82 45 11.91000	Group 1
GIL99971 (GILCHRIST)	4	Gilchrist	29 55 16.79100	82 49 26.77099	Group 1
GIL99972 (GILCHRIST)	3	Gilchrist	29 55 51.30745	82 48 8.696920	Group 1
GIL99974 (GILCHRIST)	3	Gilchrist	29 55 6.956000	82 46 18.26100	Group 1
GILCHRIST BLUE SPRING	2	Gilchrist	29 49 47.64094	82 40 58.26535	Group 1
GINGER ALE SPRING	5	Seminole	28 41 33.56890	81 23 27.89735	Group 3
GINNIE SPRING	2	Gilchrist	29 50 10.82130	82 42 0.437039	Group 1
GLEN JULIA SPRINGS	4	Gadsden	30 39 5.692319	84 42 26.69903	Group 2

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GLEN SPRING	4	Alachua	29 40 30.04207	82 20 52.43622	Group 1
GOLD HEAD BRANCH	UNKNOWN	Clay	29 50 30.11995	81 57 14.40000	Group 2
GRASSY HOLE SPRING	2	Columbia	29 58 4	82 45 35	Group 1
GREEN ALGAE BOIL SPRING	5	Lake	28 52 32.87693	81 26 24.73410	Group 3
GREEN COVE SPRINGS	2	Clay	29 59 36.24157	81 40 40.47754	Group 2
GREEN SINK	N/A	Hillsborough	27 52 2.924999	82 17 0.844000	Group 2
GREEN SPRING	3	Volusia	28 51 46.03924	81 14 50.92382	Group 3
GROTTO SPRINGS	3	Calhoun	30 35 57.88413	85 09 51.27853	Group 2
GUARANTO SPRING	2	Dixie	29 46 47.26883	82 56 23.84944	Group 1
GUM SPRING #1	2	Sumter	28 57 33.48499	82 13 50.82499	Group 4
GUM SPRING #2	2	Sumter	28 57 13.83699	82 14 12.69200	Group 4
GUM SPRING #3	2	Sumter	28 57 13.20799	82 14 14.50399	Group 4
GUM SPRING #4	2	Sumter	28 57 10.79999	82 14 26.5	Group 4
GUM SPRING MAIN	2	Sumter	28 57 31.39798	82 13 53.49317	Group 4
HALLS RIVER HEAD SPRING	1	Citrus	28 49 36.50900	82 34 49.17599	Group 5
HALLS RIVER SPRING #1	1	Citrus	28 49 20.88000	82 35 38.20499	Group 5
HALLS RIVER SPRING #2	1	Citrus	28 49 35.68180	82 34 59.62633	Group 5
HAM1017971 (HAMILTON)	3	Hamilton	30 25 33.79700	83 01 20.88800	Group 1
HAM1017972 (HAMILTON)	4	Hamilton	30 25 40.47299	83 01 40.49499	Group 1
HAM1017973 (HAMILTON)	4	Hamilton	30 25 23.64299	83 00 38.31499	Group 1
HAM1017974 (HAMILTON)	2	Hamilton	30 25 3.781919	82 57 57.46288	Group 1
HAM1019971 (HAMILTON)	4	Suwannee	30 23 24.61700	82 55 36.59600	Group 1
HAM1019972 (HAMILTON)	4	Hamilton	30 24 1.292000	82 56 36.33799	Group 1
HAM1023971 (HAMILTON)	2	Hamilton	30 23 10.11599	82 54 22.86899	Group 1
HAM522981 (HAMILTON)	3	Hamilton	30 20 35.32299	82 50 29.10499	Group 1
HAM54012 (HAMILTON)	3	Madison	30 33 8.884000	83 15 36.94299	Group 1
HAM610981 (HAMILTON)	2	Hamilton	30 24 56.42700	83 11 57.74100	Group 1
HAM610982 (HAMILTON)	2	Madison	30 25 2.762259	83 12 26.66790	Group 1
HAM610983 (HAMILTON)	2	Hamilton	30 25 13.47192	83 12 51.37945	Group 1
HAM610984 (HAMILTON)	2	Hamilton	30 26 25.51546	83 13 10.50028	Group 1
HAM612982 (HAMILTON)	3	Madison	30 28 29.08714	83 14 36.17819	Group 1
HAM923972 (HAMILTON)	4	Hamilton	30 25 8.223999	83 08 42.52500	Group 1
HAM923973 (HAMILTON)	3	Hamilton	30 25 8.139970	83 08 56.64997	Group 1
HAMILTON SPRING (CALHOUN)	3	Calhoun	30 31 9.308459	85 09 47.51557	Group 2
HAMPTON SPRING (TAYLOR)	4	Taylor	30 04 53.35975	83 39 46.24549	Group 1
HARDEN SPRING	UNKNOWN	Seminole	28 49 16.99758	81 25 0.730489	Group 3
HART SPRINGS	2	Gilchrist	29 40 32.66691	82 57 6.160750	Group 1
HAYS SPRING (JACKSON)	2	Jackson	30 53 42.33124	85 13 28.14546	Group 2
HEALTH SPRING	3	Pinellas	28 06 23.08536	82 46 20.08888	Group 5
HEATH SPRING	UNKNOWN	Seminole	28 44 42.69725	81 07 41.34605	Group 3
HEIDI HOLE SPRING	UNKNOWN	JACKSON	30 46 50.56900	85 09 48.34100	Group 2
HEILBRONN SPRING	9	Bradford	30 01 25.86248	82 09 22.38911	Group 1
HELENE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Lake	28 52 23.79999	81 27 10	Group 3
HENRY GREEN SPRING	UNKNOWN	Sumter	28 52 9.457999	82 05 40.93200	Group 4
HIDDEN RIVER HEAD SPRING	3	Citrus	28 46 7.357000	82 34 59.68900	Group 5
HIDDEN RIVER SPRING #2	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 46 7.010000	82 35 3.633999	Group 5
HIDDEN RIVER SPRING #6	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 46 3.942660	82 35 6.357480	Group 5
HIDDEN SPRING (JACKSON)	UNKNOWN	Jackson	30 42 20.19995	85 18 26.08999	Group 2
HIDDEN SPRING (SUWANNEE)	3	Suwannee	30 06 9.373859	83 06 50.39761	Group 1
HIGHTOWER SPRING	3	Washington	30 36 18.18864	85 45 55.50811	Group 3
HILL SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Jackson	30 39 51.62946	84 55 34.62005	Group 2
HOLE IN THE ROCK SPRING	UNKNOWN	Jackson	30 47 0.196219	85 09 22.11250	Group 2
HOLIDAY SPRING	3	Lake	28 44 25.44860	81 49 4.688540	Group 1
HOLLY SPRING	UNKNOWN	Gilchrist	29 55 3.837503	82 49 26.44824	Group 1
HOLMES BLUE SPRING	2	Holmes	30 51 6.034500	85 53 9.047509	Group 3
HOLTON CREEK RISE	1	Hamilton	30 26 16.51192	83 03 27.41133	Group 1
HOLTON SPRINGS	1	Hamilton	30 26 15.78461	83 03 26.48951	Group 1
HOMOSASSA SPRING	1	Citrus	28 47 58.93832	82 35 19.35920	Group 5
HOMOSASSA SPRING #1	1	Citrus	28 47 56.66733	82 35 18.69090	Group 5
HOMOSASSA SPRING #2	1	Citrus	28 47 56.64695	82 35 18.78832	Group 5
HOMOSASSA SPRING #3	1	Citrus	28 47 56.63299	82 35 18.67376	Group 5
HOMOSASSA UNNAMED SPRING #1	1	Citrus	28 47 53.86829	82 35 23.74112	Group 5
HOMOSASSA UNNAMED SPRING #2	0	Citrus	28 47 52.92319	82 35 22.74140	Group 5
HORN SPRING	2	Leon	30 19 8.888840	84 07 43.44718	Group 1

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HORNSBY SPRING	0	Alachua	29 51 1.279399	82 35 35.52436	Group 1
HORSEHEAD SPRING	2	Jefferson	30 20 41.50060	83 59 40.35473	Group 1
HORSESHOE SPRING	3	Pasco	28 23 51.18316	82 41 23.82767	Group 5
HOSPITAL SPRING	UNKNOWN	Hernando	28 31 54.98266	82 37 37.36164	Group 5
HOUSE SPRING	0	Citrus	28 53 50.27996	82 35 27.59999	Group 5
HUNTER SPRING	1	Citrus	28 53 39.94721	82 35 32.93339	Group 5
ICHETUCKNEE HEAD SPRING (SUWANNEE)	2	Suwannee	29 59 3.097499	82 45 42.72664	Group 1
IDIOTS DELIGHT SPRING	3	Citrus	28 53 16.62661	82 35 22.03278	Group 5
INDIAN CAVE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 12 56.09999	82 02 52.80000	Group 1
INDIAN CREEK #1 SPRING	1	Marion	29 05 35.90600	82 25 6.349000	Group 4
INDIAN CREEK #2 SPRING	1	Marion	29 05 35.59200	82 25 15.83719	Group 4
INDIAN CREEK #3 SPRING	1	Marion	29 05 34.63847	82 25 15.20820	Group 4
INDIAN CREEK #4 SPRING	1	Marion	29 05 34.81608	82 25 16.22650	Group 4
INDIAN CREEK SPRING #3	1	Marion	29 05 34.74400	82 25 15.26800	Group 4
INDIAN SPRING (WAKULLA)	4	Wakulla	30 15 2.878629	84 19 19.50193	Group 1
INDIAN SPRINGS (GADSDEN)	UNKNOWN	Gadsden	30 31 24.69792	84 47 27.69683	Group 1
INDIAN WASHTUB	2	JACKSON	30 47 17.01799	85 08 42.45700	Group 2
INDIGO SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Putnam	29 40 3	81 45 43	Group 2
IRON SPRING (LAFAYETTE)	3	Lafayette	29 49 40.80468	83 18 27.49460	Group 1
IRON SPRINGS (DIXIE)	3	Dixie	29 40 25.04800	82 57 27.33400	Group 1
ISABELLA SPRING	2	Pasco	28 24 0	82 39 0	Group 5
ISLAND SPRING	3	Seminole	28 49 24.40000	81 25 1.800000	Group 3
JABO SPRING	2	Taylor	29 52 57.31038	83 37 22.50797	Group 1
JACK PAUL SPRINGS	2	Washington	30 36 46.29343	85 44 1.461409	Group 3
JACKSON BLUE SPRING	1	Jackson	30 47 25.85359	85 08 24.31805	Group 2
JACKSON BLUE SPRING APALACHICOLA	1	Jackson	30 36 59.28347	84 55 19.37320	Group 2
JACKSON SPRING	3	Holmes	30 42 42.03409	85 55 41.01653	Group 3
JACOBS WELL SPRING	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 12 54.20000	82 03 6.800000	Group 1
JAMISON SPRINGS	3	Columbia	29 55 32.97299	82 46 12.44200	Group 1
JEF312991 (JEFFERSON)	3	Jefferson	30 20 41.82199	83 59 45.06400	Group 1
JEF63991	2	Jefferson	30 19 29.81300	83 59 9.109000	Group 1
JEF63992 (JEFFERSON)	2	Jefferson	30 19 23.50699	83 59 12.08499	Group 1
JEF63993 (JEFFERSON)	2	Jefferson	30 18 8.215199	83 58 46.62691	Group 1
JEF64991 (JEFFERSON)	2	Jefferson	30 20 38.87900	83 58 49.49199	Group 1
JEFFERSON BLUE SPRING	2	Jefferson	30 19 50	83 59 20	Group 1
JENKINS CREEK SPRING	2	Hernando	28 31 19.98443	82 38 3.362243	Group 5
JENKINS CREEK SPRING #5	UNKNOWN	Hernando	28 31 20.98444	82 38 3.362243	Group 5
JOHNSON SPRING	3	Gilchrist	29 49 53.39302	82 40 46.95758	Group 1
JONATHAN SPRING	3	Columbia	29 50 1.642200	82 40 31.49835	Group 1
JUG ISLAND SPRING	2	Taylor	29 50 47.65399	83 36 33.06999	Group 1
JULY SPRING	1	Columbia	29 50 10.22827	82 41 47.02639	Group 1
JUNIPER SPRINGS	2	Marion	29 11 1.341710	81 42 44.68090	Group 3
JURASSIC SPRING	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 53 42.27223	82 35 23.71117	Group 5
KING SPRING (CITRUS)	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 52 54.19170	82 35 42.17575	Group 5
KING SPRING (JACKSON)	UNKNOWN	Jackson	30 38 11.52064	84 55 10.24881	Group 2
KINGS BAY SPRING #1	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 53 17.33734	82 35 23.06302	Group 5
KINI SPRING	1	Wakulla	30 16 43.72463	84 20 33.64004	Group 1
KISSENGEN SPRING	NONE	Polk	27 50 33.09899	81 48 40.29480	Group 3
LADIES PARLOR SPRING	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 12 52.70000	82 03 5.199999	Group 1
LAF1024001 (LAFAYETTE)	3	Lafayette	30 00 27.06199	82 58 56.10400	Group 1
LAF57981 (LAFAYETTE)	3	Lafayette	30 05 25.68699	83 06 31.58100	Group 1
LAF57982 (LAFAYETTE)	3	Lafayette	30 03 40.23209	83 03 26.53030	Group 1
LAF710981 (LAFAYETTE)	4	Lafayette	30 02 42.35899	83 02 1.910000	Group 1
LAF718971 (LAFAYETTE)	2	Lafayette	29 57 34.11421	82 57 11.94293	Group 1
LAF718972 (LAFAYETTE)	2	Lafayette	30 00 41.85805	83 00 15.33938	Group 1
LAF919971 (LAFAYETTE)	4	Lafayette	30 06 11.57699	83 08 51.52800	Group 1
LAF919972 (LAFAYETTE)	3	Lafayette	30 05 31.72951	83 06 48.07464	Group 1
LAF922975 (LAFAYETTE)	3	Madison	30 15 40.19907	83 14 47.69735	Group 1
LAF922976 (LAFAYETTE)	3	Madison	30 15 38.05693	83 14 58.86251	Group 1
LAF922977 (LAFAYETTE)	4	Lafayette	30 15 34.87300	83 15 5.402000	Group 1
LAF924971 (LAFAYETTE)	2	Lafayette	30 06 7.960390	83 09 57.99048	Group 1
LAF924972 (LAFAYETTE)	4	Lafayette	30 06 17.29499	83 12 14.09499	Group 1
LAF929971 (LAFAYETTE)	3	Lafayette	30 12 40.60735	83 14 43.44262	Group 1

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LAF929972 (LAFAYETTE)	3	Lafayette	30 11 24.34132	83 15 1.506960	Group 1
LAF929973 (LAFAYETTE)	2	Lafayette	30 10 48.03586	83 14 51.87034	Group 1
LAF93971 (LAFAYETTE)	3	Lafayette	29 57 40.87699	82 57 16.51300	Group 1
LAFAYETTE BLUE SPRING	1	Lafayette	30 07 33.00333	83 13 34.08019	Group 1
LAKE BLUE SPRING	3	Lake	28 44 55.14114	81 49 40.11390	Group 1
LAKE JESSUP SPRING	3	Seminole	28 42 36.79920	81 16 4.764680	Group 3
LAKE LOWERY EAST SPRING	3	Clay	29 51 40.12380	81 58 48.40561	Group 2
LAKE LOWERY NORTH SPRING	3	Clay	29 52 17.71783	81 59 17.63199	Group 2
LAKE LOWRY WEST SPRING	3	Clay	29 51 57.68345	81 59 44.23545	Group 2
LAMARS LANDING SPRING	UNKNOWN	JACKSON	30 46 49.24599	85 09 55.68400	Group 2
LANCASTER SPRING	3	Levy	29 11 26.52114	82 59 17.41960	Group 1
LAST SPRING	UNKNOWN	Hillsborough	28 02 2.788660	82 20 33.30365	Group 1
LETTUCE CREEK SPRING	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 43 8.950439	82 34 36.35615	Group 5
LETTUCE LAKE SPRING	3	Hillsborough	28 01 5.526590	82 21 0.256000	Group 1
LEV719991 (LEVY)	2	Levy	29 27 3.699540	82 41 43.31525	Group 1
LEV97991 (LEVY)	3	Levy	29 11 30.40299	82 59 19.41299	Group 1
LEVY BLUE SPRING	3	Levy	29 27 2.686319	82 41 56.27890	Group 1
LILLY SPRING	2	Gilchrist	29 49 46.98133	82 39 40.36496	Group 1
LIME RUN SPRING OR SINK (SUWANNEE)	1	Suwannee	30 23 20.38942	83 09 48.11936	Group 1
LIME SPRING (SUWANNEE)	2	Hamilton	30 23 28.38763	83 10 7.319929	Group 1
LITHIA SPRING MAJOR	2	Hillsborough	27 51 58.60184	82 13 53.29394	Group 2
LITHIA SPRING MINOR	2	Hillsborough	27 51 55.14299	82 13 51.58299	Group 2
LITTLE BLUE SPRING (GILCHRIST)	UNKNOWN	Gilchrist	29 49 49.14569	82 41 1.782639	Group 1
LITTLE BLUE SPRING (JEFFERSON)	2	Jefferson	30 19 51.03000	83 59 20.53162	Group 1
LITTLE CHASSAHOWITZKA SPRING	1	Citrus	28 42 55.95105	82 34 31.35612	Group 5
LITTLE COPPER SPRING	3	Dixie	29 38 1.362910	82 58 0.646569	Group 1
LITTLE DEVIL SPRING	3	Gilchrist	29 50 4.428100	82 41 49.31750	Group 1
LITTLE FANNING SPRING	2	Levy	29 35 11.02801	82 56 7.694230	Group 1
LITTLE HIDDEN SPRING	3	Citrus	28 53 8.813439	82 35 38.62216	Group 5
LITTLE KING SPRING	3	Levy	29 06 39.04787	82 38 52.13514	Group 1
LITTLE LAGOON SPRING	UNKNOWN	Jackson	30 37 14.50375	85 10 2.874900	Group 2
LITTLE OTTER SPRING	2	Gilchrist	29 38 11.10198	82 57 30.33849	Group 1
LITTLE RIVER SPRING	2	Suwannee	29 59 48.71054	82 57 58.74329	Group 1
LITTLE SALT SPRING	3	Sarasota	27 04 31.20167	82 13 59.33027	Group 3
LITTLE SPRING (CITRUS)	2	Citrus	28 54 1.190479	82 35 43.33308	Group 5
LITTLE SPRING (HERNANDO)	2	Hernando	28 30 48.47083	82 34 51.69967	Group 5
LIVINGSTON SPRING	UNKNOWN	Madison	30 28 34.21996	83 24 39.80891	Group 1
LOG SPRING (JEFFERSON)	2	Jefferson	30 20 25.92060	83 59 34.81299	Group 1
LOG SPRING (MARION)	2	Marion	29 12 58.59999	82 02 53.30000	Group 1
LOST RIVER SPRING	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 12 58.59999	82 02 53.5	Group 1
LOST SPRINGS (CITRUS)	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 56 14.91622	82 40 48.37332	Group 5
LOUISE SPRINGS	4	Hamilton	30 20 47.36599	82 49 54.19499	Group 1
LOWERY PARK SPRING	UNKNOWN	Hillsborough	28 00 54.06875	82 27 52.34039	Group 2
LUMBERCAMP SPRINGS	3	Gilchrist	29 42 23.69994	82 56 17.00002	Group 1
LURAVILLE SPRING	3	Suwannee	30 07 10.40094	83 10 1.649139	Group 1
MAD610981 (MADISON)	3	Madison	30 24 53.86241	83 12 5.322200	Group 1
MAD610982 (MADISON)	2	Madison	30 24 54.23900	83 12 7.045000	Group 1
MAD612981 (MADISON)	2	Madison	30 27 2.957999	83 13 23.83400	Group 1
MAD612982 (MADISON)	2	Madison	30 28 20.95100	83 14 35.67200	Group 1
MAD922971 (MADISON)	4	Madison	30 18 24.17300	83 12 53.61499	Group 1
MAD922972 (MADISON)	4	Madison	30 18 12.33399	83 13 20.78899	Group 1
MAD922973 (MADISON)	4	Madison	30 18 8.538000	83 13 29.33799	Group 1
MAD922974 (MADISON)	4	Madison	30 18 8.267999	83 13 29.81400	Group 1
MAD922975 (MADISON)	4	Madison	30 17 36.63299	83 13 57.20600	Group 1
MAD922976 (MADISON)	4	Madison	30 16 56.91899	83 13 57.54599	Group 1
MADISON BLUE SPRING	1	Madison	30 28 49.56870	83 14 39.70762	Group 1
MAGGIE SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Jefferson	30 20 24.28435	83 58 57.68033	Group 1
MAGNESIA SPRING	4	Alachua	29 35 0.263510	82 08 58.53592	Group 1
MAGNOLIA CIRCLE SPRING	UNKNOWN	CITRUS	28 53 38.42999	82 35 58.91000	Group 5
MAGNOLIA SPRING	4	Hernando	28 26 1.933480	82 39 8.956299	Group 5
MAINTENANCE SPRING	4	Sumter	28 45 24.39399	82 04 5.363999	Group 4
MANATEE MINERAL SPRING	UNKNOWN	Manatee	27 29 51.40801	82 32 57.03590	Group 2
MANATEE SANCTUARY SPRING	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 53 26.86285	82 35 33.37428	Group 5

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MANATEE SPRING	1	Levy	29 29 22.20199	82 58 36.73699	Group 1
MARION BLUE SPRING	2	Marion	29 30 51	81 51 25	Group 1
MARKEE SPRING	4	Lake	28 52 14.15240	81 27 9.831280	Group 3
MASTODON BONE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 12 56.59999	82 03 1.5	Group 1
MATTAIR SPRINGS	3	Suwannee	30 22 41.05200	82 53 28.02899	Group 1
MAUND SPRING	3	Jackson	30 44 46.71532	85 12 55.79978	Group 2
MCBRIDE SLOUGH SPRING	3	Wakulla	30 14 23.93959	84 16 10.43449	Group 1
MCCLAIN SPRING	3	Citrus	28 47 46.57000	82 35 13.89699	Group 5
MCCRABB SPRING	3	Dixie	29 41 7.758529	82 57 36.73482	Group 1
MEARSON SPRING	2	Lafayette	30 02 28.83594	83 01 30.10126	Group 1
MESSANT SPRING	2	Lake	28 51 21	81 29 56	Group 3
MESSER SPRING	UNKNOWN	Hillsborough	27 53 41.08844	82 17 49.32960	Group 2
MIAMI SPRING	3	Seminole	28 42 36.59590	81 26 34.91134	Group 3
MILL POND SPRING (JACKSON)	2	Jackson	30 42 13.31995	85 18 27	Group 2
MILL POND SPRINGS (COLUMBIA)	2	Columbia	29 57 59.98197	82 45 35.91104	Group 1
MILLERS CREEK SPRING	3	Citrus	28 54 3.959960	82 36 13.68000	Group 5
MILLERS FERRY SPRING	UNKNOWN	Washington	30 34 27.77538	85 50 25.72831	Group 3
MINNOW SPRING	2	Jefferson	30 19 53.52347	83 59 11.73418	Group 1
MISSION SPRINGS	2	Columbia	29 58 34.37300	82 45 28.35699	Group 1
MOCCASIN SPRINGS	4	Lake	28 51 8.205480	81 26 34.45814	Group 3
MOORING COVE SPRINGS	4	Lake	28 45 0.421310	81 50 1.227769	Group 1
MORGAN SPRING	2	Hamilton	30 25 12.79995	83 12 26.5	Group 1
MORMAN BRANCH SPRING	3	Marion	29 11 32.83309	81 39 27.86598	Group 3
MORRISON SPRING	2	Walton	30 39 28.38082	85 54 14.17758	Group 3
MOSQUITO SPRINGS	3	Lake	29 02 11.32972	81 26 4.990630	Group 3
MUD HOLE SUBMARINE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Lee	26 15 51.31547	82 01 2.335079	Group 2
MUD SPRING (HERNANDO)	2	Hernando	28 32 46.97600	82 37 29.35400	Group 5
MUD SPRING (PUTNAM)	3	Putnam	29 27 39.59996	81 39 41.40000	Group 3
MUNROE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Leon	30 19 59.72840	84 10 41.62004	Group 1
MYRTLES FISSURE SPRING	2	Gilchrist	29 51 28.58899	82 44 2.467999	Group 1
MYSTIC SPRINGS	5	Escambia	30 51 29.23726	87 18 49.31999	Group 4
NAKED SPRING	UNKNOWN	Gilchrist	29 49 47.70630	82 40 52.58592	Group 1
NASHUA SPRING	4	Putnam	29 30 32.75995	81 40 37.19999	Group 2
NATURAL BRIDGE SPRING	1	Leon	30 17 6.664700	84 08 49.64182	Group 1
NATURAL WELLS (LEON)	NONE	LEON	30 17 54.10999	84 14 14.88000	Group 1
NEWPORT SPRING	3	Wakulla	30 12 45.70141	84 10 42.56281	Group 1
NICHOLS SPRING	UNKNOWN	Sumter	28 50 22.95000	82 12 9.319999	Group 4
NO NAME COVE SPRING	1	Marion	29 12 56.20000	82 02 46.69999	Group 1
NORTHSIDE SPRING #1	UNKNOWN	Wakulla	30 14 15.10638	84 16 52.31978	Group 1
NORTHSIDE SPRING #2	UNKNOWN	Wakulla	30 14 15.30333	84 16 52.48624	Group 1
NOVA SPRING	3	Seminole	28 49 3.020000	81 25 6.650000	Group 3
NUTALL RISE	1	Taylor	30 09 1.724470	83 57 47.82391	Group 1
OASIS SPRING	3	Gilchrist	29 55 31.70699	82 46 49.46499	Group 1
ORANGE GROVE SINK	N/A	SUWANNEE	30 07 20.92080	83 07 55.14960	Group 1
ORANGE GROVE SPRING	2	Suwannee	30 07 38.13488	83 07 50.74802	Group 1
ORANGE SPRING (MARION)	3	Marion	29 30 38.34216	81 56 38.65955	Group 1
OSCAR SPRING	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 12 55.90000	82 03 2.800000	Group 1
OTTER SPRING	2	Gilchrist	29 38 41.28798	82 56 33.90968	Group 1
OWENS SPRING	2	Lafayette	30 02 45.39289	83 02 28.06918	Group 1
PALM SPRINGS (LAKE)	4	Lake	28 50 37.57890	81 27 0.342470	Group 3
PALM SPRINGS (SEMINOLE)	UNKNOWN	Seminole	28 41 28.03000	81 23 34.22999	Group 3
PALMA CEJA SPRING	8	Hillsborough	27 55 18.73560	82 29 17.93493	Group 1
PANACEA MINERAL SPRING	3	Wakulla	30 02 4.736759	84 23 22.63632	Group 1
PANACEA MINERAL SPRING #1	3	Wakulla	30 02 4.852279	84 23 23.63902	Group 1
PANACEA MINERAL SPRING #2	3	Wakulla	30 02 4.979219	84 23 24.29397	Group 1
PANACEA MINERAL SPRING #3	3	Wakulla	30 02 6.129959	84 23 26.28934	Group 1
PARKER ISLAND SPRING	UNKNOWN	CITRUS	28 53 1.369999	82 35 43.25	Group 5
PEACOCK SPRINGS	2	Suwannee	30 07 23.61518	83 07 59.35274	Group 1
PEGASUS SPRING	3	Seminole	28 41 47.00000	81 23 24	Group 3
PERRY SPRING	2	Lafayette	30 05 47.06556	83 11 17.70103	Group 1
PETTIS SPRING	NONE	Madison	30 27 25.18560	83 42 43.59540	Group 1
PHILLIPPI SPRING	NONE	Pinellas	28 01 6.78000	82 41 26.15220	Group 1
PICKARD SPRING	2	Gilchrist	29 49 49.92287	82 39 43.51370	Group 1

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PINEHURST SPRING	NONE	Sarasota	27 14 26.17926	82 30 29.34972	Group 3
PINEY WOOD SPRING	3	Washington	30 39 30.78499	85 41 26.30076	Group 3
PITT SPRING	3	Bay	30 25 58.67917	85 32 47.14061	Group 3
POE SPRING	2	Alachua	29 49 32.57676	82 38 56.30232	Group 1
PONCE DE LEON SPRING (HOLMES)	2	Holmes	30 43 16.32589	85 55 50.46574	Group 3
POT HOLE SPRING	2	Dixie	29 48 38.45339	82 56 9.081239	Group 1
POT SPRING	2	Hamilton	30 28 14.88900	83 14 3.836800	Group 1
POTTER CREEK SPRING	2	Citrus	28 43 53.76118	82 35 47.56253	Group 5
POTTSBURG CREEK SPRING	3	Duval	30 17 23.99995	81 34 15.23999	Group 2
PUMP SPRING	UNKNOWN	Suwannee	30 08 19.63928	83 08 6.974739	Group 1
PUMPHOUSE SPRINGS	3	Citrus	28 47 47.38365	82 35 17.85627	Group 5
PURITY SPRING	NONE	Hillsborough	28 01 19.06777	82 27 39.34044	Group 2
RACCOON ISLAND SPRING	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 12 56.70000	82 02 39	Group 1
RACCOON SPRING	UNKNOWN	Jackson	30 42 24.56995	85 18 14.87002	Group 2
RAINBOW BRIDGE SEEP NORTH	4	Marion	29 06 6.936909	82 26 15.79804	Group 4
RAINBOW BRIDGE SEEP SOUTH	4	Marion	29 06 8.087999	82 26 16.18099	Group 4
RAINBOW CAVE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 05 24.88474	82 25 35.23601	Group 4
RAINBOW EAST SEEP	3	Marion	29 06 9.728209	82 26 14.29706	Group 4
RAINBOW SEEP #1	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 06 9.753260	82 26 15.04143	Group 4
RAINBOW SPRING	1	Marion	29 06 9.867000	82 26 14.98899	Group 4
RAINBOW SPRING #1	1	Marion	29 06 8.913279	82 26 14.87918	Group 4
RAINBOW SPRING #2	1	Marion	29 06 8.345050	82 26 14.18437	Group 4
RAINBOW SPRING #3	1	Marion	29 06 7.545169	82 26 13.97961	Group 4
RAINBOW SPRING #4	1	Marion	29 06 6.866930	82 26 13.77318	Group 4
RAINBOW SPRING #5	1	Marion	29 05 54.60687	82 26 10.93715	Group 4
RAINBOW SPRING #6	1	Marion	29 05 34.11041	82 25 42.83152	Group 4
RAINBOW SPRING #7	1	Marion	29 05 32.12585	82 25 36.36965	Group 4
RAINBOW SPRING #8	1	Marion	29 05 4.625999	82 25 44.07499	Group 4
RAINBOW SPRING NORTH	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 06 9.705460	82 26 16.36306	Group 4
RAINBOW UNNAMED SWAMP SPRING	8	Marion	29 05 36.49985	82 25 44.31486	Group 4
RECEPTION HALL SPRING	1	Marion	29 12 52.60665	82 03 5.050980	Group 1
RHODES SPRINGS #1	2	Leon	30 17 1.789939	84 09 18.55663	Group 1
RHODES SPRINGS #2	2	Leon	30 17 11.25901	84 09 35.83871	Group 1
RHODES SPRINGS #3	2	Leon	30 16 51.53736	84 08 50.38638	Group 1
RHODES SPRINGS #4	2	Leon	30 17 0.714190	84 09 26.17790	Group 1
RITA MARIE SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Hernando	28 41 24.53772	82 35 20.10944	Group 5
RIVER SINK SPRING	1	Wakulla	30 16 36.72480	84 20 27.63959	Group 1
RIVERDALE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Hernando	28 29 6	82 12 6.999839	Group 4
RIVERSITES SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 26 29	81 55 25	Group 1
ROARING SPRING	2	Columbia	29 58 34.37277	82 45 28.35705	Group 1
ROCK BLUFF SPRINGS	2	Gilchrist	29 47 56.70244	82 55 7.105729	Group 1
ROCK SINK SPRING	2	Dixie	29 43 40.44799	82 56 57.40000	Group 1
ROCK SPRINGS (ORANGE)	2	Orange	28 45 23.20357	81 30 6.245029	Group 3
ROCKY CREEK SPRING	UNKNOWN	Jackson	30 40 31.24113	85 07 55.38263	Group 2
ROCKY VENT SPRING	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 12 55.5	82 02 38.30000	Group 1
ROOKS SPRINGS	3	Jackson	30 41 16.43657	85 14 3.795939	Group 2
ROSE CREEK SINK	N/A	Columbia	30 04 9.000119	82 41 48.00011	Group 1
ROSSETER SPRING	2	Hamilton	30 32 40.78377	83 15 0.204660	Group 1
ROYAL SPRING	2	Suwannee	30 05 1.363339	83 04 29.20753	Group 1
RUM ISLAND SPRING	2	Columbia	29 50 0.672610	82 40 47.39167	Group 1
RUNNING SPRINGS #2	2	Suwannee	30 06 14	83 06 56	Group 1
RUNNING SPRINGS#1	2	Suwannee	30 06 16.07075	83 06 57.32302	Group 1
RUTH SPRING (CITRUS)	2	Citrus	28 43 56.87501	82 35 42.21258	Group 5
RUTH SPRING (LAFAYETTE)	2	Lafayette	29 59 44.78153	82 58 36.50271	Group 1
RYLES SPRING	2	Hernando	28 41 13.79554	82 36 50.82443	Group 5
SALLY SPRING	3	Calhoun	30 34 13.08406	85 10 24.31085	Group 2
SALLY WARD SPRING	2	Wakulla	30 14 29.08981	84 18 38.87953	Group 1
SALT CREEK HEAD SPRING (CITRUS)	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 43 23.94948	82 35 5.356679	Group 5
SALT SPRING (HERNANDO)	2	Hernando	28 32 46.74907	82 37 8.275120	Group 5
SALT SPRINGS (MARION)	2	Marion	29 21 2.357279	81 43 58.05198	Group 3
SALT SPRINGS (PASCO)	2	Pasco	28 17 33	82 43 6	Group 5
SALT SPRINGS (PASCO) #2	2	Pasco	28 17 35.51400	82 43 4.423999	Group 5
SANDBAG SPRING	2	Jackson	30 47 19.39445	85 13 18.90706	Group 2
SANDYS SPRING	5	Lake	28 44 42.10472	81 48 35.94628	Group 1

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SANLANDO SPRINGS	2	Seminole	28 41 19.32374	81 23 43.06663	Group 3
SANTA FE RIVER RISE (ALACHUA)	1	Alachua	29 52 26.01811	82 35 29.89038	Group 1
SANTA FE SPRING (COLUMBIA)	1	Columbia	29 56 5.295730	82 31 49.51350	Group 1
SATSUMA SPRING	3	Putnam	29 30 45.35995	81 40 31.79995	Group 2
SAWDUST SPRING	3	Columbia	29 50 24.05018	82 42 12.63676	Group 1
SECOND FISHERMANS PARADISE	1	Marion	29 12 56.40000	82 02 43.19999	Group 1
SEMINOLE SPRING (LAKE)	2	Lake	28 50 44	81 31 22	Group 3
SEMINOLE SPRINGS (VOLUSIA)	5	Volusia	28 50 43.78862	81 14 2.654089	Group 3
SEVEN SISTERS SPRING (HAMILTON)	3	Hamilton	30 25 2.999929	83 09 19.19001	Group 1
SEVEN SPRINGS (PASCO)	NONE	Pasco	28 12 52.04015	82 39 56.35727	Group 5
SHADY BROOK HEAD SPRING #2	3	Sumter	28 47 8.957999	82 02 44.13300	Group 4
SHADY BROOK HEAD SPRING #3	UNKNOWN	Sumter	28 46 46.95699	82 02 36.30099	Group 4
SHADY BROOK HEAD SPRING #4	UNKNOWN	Sumter	28 45 15.96000	82 04 59.30400	Group 4
SHANDS BRIDGE SPRING	3	St. Johns	29 59 16	81 37 28	Group 2
SHANGRI-LA SPRINGS	3	Jackson	30 47 24.59713	85 08 34.38618	Group 2
SHARKS TOOTH SPRING	4	Lake	28 52 23.72635	81 26 24.09780	Group 3
SHELL CRACKER	UNKNOWN	Washington	30 39 4.375439	85 41 14.65876	Group 3
SHEPHERD SPRING	3	Wakulla	30 07 31.07993	84 17 7.800000	Group 1
SHINGLE SPRING	2	Suwannee	29 56 3.816460	82 55 13.62360	Group 1
SHIPWRECK SPRING	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 12 55.59999	82 02 38.40000	Group 1
SHIRLEY SPRING	3	Suwannee	30 12 39.62994	83 14 41.34998	Group 1
SILVER GLEN SPRINGS	1	Marion	29 14 45.03814	81 38 36.50110	Group 3
SILVER GLEN SPRINGS NATURAL WELL	1	Marion	29 14 40	81 38 34	Group 3
SILVER SPRING #8	1	Marion	29 12 57.73619	82 02 44.98739	Group 1
SILVER SPRING #9	1	Marion	29 12 56.16346	82 02 43.83229	Group 1
SILVER SPRING MAIN	1	Marion	29 12 58.34214	82 03 9.472390	Group 1
SIMS SPRING (MARION)	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 30 29	81 53 24	Group 1
SINAI SPRING	UNKNOWN	Jackson	30 39 52.54999	84 54 37.65689	Group 2
SINGING SPRING	UNKNOWN	Columbia	29 58 33.83903	82 45 28.44467	Group 1
SIPHON CREEK RISE	1	Gilchrist	29 51 22.28795	82 43 58.98265	Group 1
SIX MILE CREEK SPRING	NONE	Hillsborough	28 01 5.071403	82 20 17.33172	Group 1
SKIPPER SPRING	UNKNOWN	Washington	30 34 32.92917	85 50 37.58481	Group 3
SNAIL SPRINGS	5	Lake	28 49 25.84383	81 29 11.31755	Group 3
SOCRUM SPRING	UNKNOWN	Polk	28 09 7.055532	82 00 39.29454	Group 2
SPRING CREEK RISE #2	1	Wakulla	30 04 54.42469	84 19 47.62675	Group 1
SPRING CREEK RISE MAIN	1	Wakulla	30 04 48.63741	84 19 47.30992	Group 1
SPRING WARRIOR SPRING	2	Taylor	29 56 6.066280	83 36 35.15659	Group 1
SPRINGBOARD SPRING	2	Jackson	30 42 26.63996	85 18 23.76000	Group 2
ST. MARKS RIVER RISE (LEON)	1	Leon	30 16 33.77095	84 08 56.15862	Group 1
ST. MARKS RIVER SWALLET	N/A	LEON	30 17 3.292000	84 09 2.604999	Group 1
STARBUCK SPRING	2	Seminole	28 41 49.24784	81 23 28.21542	Group 3
STEINHATCHEE RIVER RISE	1	Dixie	29 46 11.68369	83 19 30.12578	Group 1
STEINHATCHEE SPRING	4	Lafayette	29 50 28.54567	83 18 29.04943	Group 1
STEVENSON SPRING	2	Suwannee	30 25 1.519970	83 09 10.61999	Group 1
SULFUR SPRING (ORANGE)	4	Orange	28 46 12.65159	81 30 33.06001	Group 3
SULPHUR SPRING (HILLSBOROUGH)	2	Hillsborough	28 01 16.08143	82 27 5.885679	Group 2
SULPHUR SPRING (ORANGE)	2	Orange	28 46 12.65999	81 30 33.06000	Group 3
SUMTER BLUE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Sumter	28 47 8.800007	82 02 41.39988	Group 4
SUN EDEN SPRING	4	Lake	28 44 39.97697	81 49 11.59727	Group 1
SUN SPRINGS	2	Gilchrist	29 42 17.05265	82 56 0.697960	Group 1
SUNBEAM SPRING	2	Columbia	29 55 41.13994	82 46 11.32999	Group 1
SU-NO-WA SPRING	6	Nassau	30 26 17.16518	81 52 59.30781	Group 4
SUW1017971 (SUWANNEE)	3	Hamilton	30 25 42.43583	83 01 46.56536	Group 1
SUW1019971 (SUWANNEE)	4	Suwannee	30 22 58.03200	82 54 54.58600	Group 1
SUW1023971 (SUWANNEE)	4	Suwannee	30 23 47.29200	82 56 13.92700	Group 1
SUW106971 (SUWANNEE)	4	Suwannee	30 01 57.65500	83 00 48.62300	Group 1
SUW107971 (SUWANNEE)	2	Suwannee	29 53 48.15500	82 52 22.18400	Group 1
SUW718971 (SUWANNEE)	3	Suwannee	30 03 50.56465	83 03 43.18801	Group 1
SUW725971 (SUWANNEE)	3	Lafayette	30 03 43.25575	83 03 26.30310	Group 1
SUW917971 (SUWANNEE)	3	Suwannee	29 55 56.60827	82 48 2.703239	Group 1
SUW917972 (SUWANNEE)	4	Gilchrist	29 54 46.34100	82 50 42.54200	Group 1
SUW919971 (SUWANNEE)	3	Suwannee	30 05 1.090139	83 05 13.40472	Group 1
SUW919972 (SUWANNEE)	4	Suwannee	30 05 27.20699	83 05 50.46100	Group 1
SUW919973 (SUWANNEE)	3	Suwannee	30 06 9.239000	83 06 51.34499	Group 1

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SUW919974 (SUWANNEE)	4	Suwannee	30 06 19.32299	83 07 16.74499	Group 1
SUW922971 (SUWANNEE)	3	Suwannee	30 17 8.689959	83 13 51.70001	Group 1
SUW922972 (SUWANNEE)	4	Suwannee	30 18 46.40200	83 12 35.10699	Group 1
SUW922973 (SUWANNEE)	3	Suwannee	30 18 47.58699	83 12 35.30799	Group 1
SUW922974 (SUWANNEE)	4	Suwannee	30 18 48.18499	83 12 35.47600	Group 1
SUW923971 (SUWANNEE)	4	Suwannee	30 23 31.01099	83 10 1.037999	Group 1
SUW923972 (SUWANNEE)	4	Hamilton	30 24 15.91499	83 09 27.75800	Group 1
SUW925971 (SUWANNEE)	2	Suwannee	30 25 39.80400	83 03 3.807000	Group 1
SUW925972 (SUWANNEE)	2	Suwannee	30 25 39.84799	83 03 33.49199	Group 1
SUW925973 (SUWANNEE)	3	Suwannee	30 25 27.18800	83 04 8.437000	Group 1
SUW925974 (SUWANNEE)	3	Suwannee	30 26 12.07600	83 04 43.78899	Group 1
SUW925975 (SUWANNEE)	4	Suwannee	30 26 13.45000	83 05 13.01300	Group 1
SUWANACOOCHIE SPRING	2	Madison	30 23 12.01740	83 10 18.35921	Group 1
SUWANNEE BLUE SPRING	2	Suwannee	30 04 53.29804	83 04 8.476819	Group 1
SUWANNEE SPRINGS	2	Suwannee	30 23 40.11979	82 56 4.335470	Group 1
SWEETWATER SPRINGS	2	Marion	29 13 7.600939	81 39 35.52839	Group 3
SYLVAN SPRINGS	2	Bay	30 25 54.33621	85 32 53.60106	Group 3
SYLVAN SPRINGS #2	UNKNOWN	Bay	30 25 53.79534	85 32 50.32999	Group 3
TANNER SPRING (HAMILTON)	2	Hamilton	30 27 52.46996	83 13 3.839990	Group 1
TANNER SPRINGS (JACKSON)	UNKNOWN	Jackson	30 49 29.83666	85 19 30.68039	Group 2
TARPON HOLE #2 SPRING	1	Citrus	28 52 53.92300	82 35 37.35600	Group 5
TARPON HOLE SPRING	1	Citrus	28 52 54.63844	82 35 41.33285	Group 5
TARPON SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Pinellas	28 08 47.04936	82 45 32.36508	Group 5
TAY616991 (TAYLOR)	2	Taylor	29 55 9.462999	83 40 56.14599	Group 1
TAY616992 (TAYLOR)	2	Taylor	29 54 45.11268	83 39 2.941740	Group 1
TAY622991 (TAYLOR)	2	Taylor	29 52 24.79993	83 37 32.59999	Group 1
TAY625991 (TAYLOR)	3	Taylor	29 44 38.53499	83 20 42.25300	Group 1
TAY625993 (TAYLOR)	2	Dixie	29 43 53.12400	83 20 47.92500	Group 1
TAY625995 (TAYLOR)	4	Dixie	29 44 2.454000	83 20 49.70200	Group 1
TAY69991 (TAYLOR)	3	Taylor	29 58 11.67113	83 44 43.47149	Group 1
TAY69992 (TAYLOR)	3	Taylor	29 58 14.67700	83 44 47.73300	Group 1
TAY730991 (TAYLOR)	2	Taylor	30 09 12.67499	83 51 20.62800	Group 1
TAY76991 (TAYLOR)	3	Taylor	29 40 34.90996	83 23 7.270009	Group 1
TAY76992 (TAYLOR)	2	Dixie	29 45 41	83 20 6	Group 1
TAY77041 (TAYLOR)	4	Taylor	29 58 19.10200	83 44 45.86999	Group 1
TAY77042 (TAYLOR)	4	Taylor	29 58 16.23399	83 44 43.42500	Group 1
TAY77043 (TAYLOR)	2	Taylor	29 58 20.56699	83 44 40.47199	Group 1
TAY77044 (TAYLOR)	4	Taylor	29 58 19.35399	83 44 41.60199	Group 1
TAY924991 (TAYLOR)	3	Taylor	30 06 28.64659	83 37 38.61797	Group 1
TAY924993 (TAYLOR)	3	Taylor	30 06 29.97431	83 37 41.43925	Group 1
TELFORD SPRING	2	Suwannee	30 06 25.37823	83 09 56.66104	Group 1
THOMAS SPRING (JEFFERSON)	2	Jefferson	30 20 22.96831	83 59 32.36658	Group 1
THOMAS SPRING (SUWANNEE)	2	Lafayette	30 08 13.79745	83 13 50.49731	Group 1
THREE SISTERS SPRINGS	2	Citrus	28 53 19.41119	82 35 21.08767	Group 5
THREE SISTERS SPRINGS #2	2	Citrus	28 53 17.19500	82 35 23.10900	Group 5
THUNDERING SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Holmes	30 55 14.73953	85 53 27.13902	Group 3
TIMBER SPRING	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 12 56.29999	82 02 29.80000	Group 1
TOBACCO PATCH LANDING SPRING	3	Marion	29 25 42.72739	81 55 26.08666	Group 1
TRAIL SPRING	3	Gilchrist	29 53 54.08929	82 52 0.166149	Group 1
TRAM SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Orange	28 46 4	81 28 14	Group 3
TREEHOUSE SPRING	1	Alachua	29 51 17.58981	82 36 10.35690	Group 1
TRICKLE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Lake	28 52 17.20000	81 27 6	Group 3
TROOP SPRING	3	Gilchrist	29 54 41.07900	82 50 32.44999	Group 1
TROTTER #1 SPRING	3	Citrus	28 47 46.88900	82 35 10.83299	Group 5
TROTTER LOWER SPRING	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 47 47.93881	82 35 10.35887	Group 5
TROTTER MAIN SPRING	3	Citrus	28 47 47.31958	82 35 11.02786	Group 5
TROTTER UPPER SPRING	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 47 47.93881	82 35 9.358800	Group 5
TROY SPRING	1	Lafayette	30 00 21.69384	82 59 51.00913	Group 1
TURTLE MEADOWS SPRING	UNKNOWN	Marion	29 12 57.20000	82 02 45.19999	Group 1
TURTLE NOOK SPRING	1	Marion	29 12 57	82 02 42	Group 1
TURTLE SPRING	2	Lafayette	29 50 50.61469	82 53 25.02992	Group 1
TWIN CAVES SPRING	3	Jackson	30 47 12.88261	85 08 41.77590	Group 2
TWIN SPRING	2	Gilchrist	29 50 25.63335	82 42 21.10921	Group 1

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UNNAMED SPRING (CITRUS) 2853010823543	UNKNOWN	Citrus	28 53 1.371589	82 35 43.25219	Group 5
UNNAMED SPRING (DIXIE) 2941100825735	UNKNOWN	Dixie	29 41 10.52029	82 57 35.41763	Group 1
UNNAMED SPRING (DIXIE) 2949090825600	UNKNOWN	Dixie	29 49 9.979999	82 56 0.349999	Group 1
UNNAMED SPRING (GILCHRIST) 2953480824601	UNKNOWN	Gilchrist	29 53 48.59191	82 46 1.673470	Group 1
UNNAMED SPRING (LAFAYETTE) 2953400831438	UNKNOWN	Lafayette	29 53 40.41315	83 14 38.92344	Group 1
UNNAMED SPRING (ORANGE) 2840500813321	UNKNOWN	Orange	28 40 50.29344	81 33 21.42539	Group 1
UNNAMED SPRING (TAYLOR) 2952240833733	2	Taylor	29 52 24.89994	83 37 33.80001	Group 1
UNNAMED SPRING (TAYLOR) 3006250833735	UNKNOWN	Taylor	30 06 25.85866	83 37 35.92492	Group 1
UNNAMED SPRING (WASHINGTON) 3034400855021	UNKNOWN	Washington	30 34 40.58345	85 50 21.17558	Group 3
UNNAMED SPRING (WASHINGTON) 30344100855016	UNKNOWN	Washington	30 34 41.56355	85 50 16.77052	Group 3
UNNAMED SPRING (WASHINGTON) 30400700853920	UNKNOWN	Washington	30 40 7.627150	85 39 20.89911	Group 3
UNNAMED SPRING (WASHINGTON) 3040090853919	UNKNOWN	Washington	30 40 9.909589	85 39 19.72147	Group 3
UNNAMED SPRING NEAR ARIPEKA FL	UNKNOWN	Pasco	28 23 53.00800	82 40 26.36291	Group 5
VOLUSIA BLUE SPRING	1	Volusia	28 56 50.94154	81 20 22.51824	Group 3
VORTEX SPRING	2	Holmes	30 46 13.98784	85 56 54.50546	Group 3
WACISSA SPRING #1	1	Jefferson	30 20 22.12573	83 59 30.39676	Group 1
WACISSA SPRING #2	1	Jefferson	30 20 23.58924	83 59 29.33542	Group 1
WACISSA SPRING #3	3	Jefferson	30 20 26.13378	83 59 26.67958	Group 1
WACISSA SPRING #4	UNKNOWN	Jefferson	30 20 25.49767	83 59 25.92293	Group 1
WADDELL MILL POND SPRING	3	Jackson	30 52 38.28438	85 20 41.64000	Group 2
WADESBORO SPRING	4	Clay	30 09 26.99992	81 43 21.35999	Group 2
WAKULLA NO NAME SPRING	3	Wakulla	30 12 53.33224	84 15 59.41858	Group 1
WAKULLA SPRING	1	Wakulla	30 14 6.643819	84 18 9.214449	Group 1
WALDO SPRING	3	Taylor	30 02 57.04281	83 37 47.73504	Group 1
WALKER SPRING (JEFFERSON)	3	Jefferson	30 16 50.75199	83 51 13.72699	Group 1
WALKER SPRING (SUWANNEE)	UNKNOWN	Suwannee	30 08 0.648199	83 07 47.22877	Group 1
WALSINGHAM SPRING	3	Washington	30 28 32.69891	85 31 42.73823	Group 3
WARM MINERAL SPRING	3	Sarasota	27 03 35.64500	82 15 35.83389	Group 3
WASHINGTON BLUE SPRING (CHOCTAWHATCHEE)	2	Washington	30 30 47.73214	85 50 49.86765	Group 3
WASHINGTON BLUE SPRINGS (ECONFINA)	2	Washington	30 27 10.16100	85 31 49.32756	Group 3
WATERFALL SPRINGS	2	Marion	29 06 5.255279	82 26 8.390400	Group 4
WEBBVILLE SPRINGS	3	Jackson	30 50 21.21000	85 20 4.329099	Group 2
WEEKI PRESERVE SPRING	UNKNOWN	HERNANDO	28 29 52.07000	82 38 22.71999	Group 5
WEEKI WACHEE SPRING	1	Hernando	28 31 1.885910	82 34 23.39827	Group 5
WEKIVA SPRINGS (LEVY)	2	Levy	29 16 49.49424	82 39 21.89728	Group 1
WEKIWA SPRING (ORANGE)	2	Orange	28 42 42.79146	81 27 37.51506	Group 3
WELAKA SPRING	3	Putnam	29 29 40.39415	81 40 23.69773	Group 2
WELLS LANDING SPRING	3	Marion	29 25 15.65587	81 55 10.85120	Group 1
WHITE CAVE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Jackson	30 37 51.86034	84 55 21.86471	Group 2
WHITE SPRINGS (LIBERTY)	3	Liberty	30 25 0.706224	84 55 7.695839	Group 1
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (HAMILTON)	0	Hamilton	30 19 47.82400	82 45 39.04299	Group 1
WHITEWATER SPRINGS	3	Putnam	29 38 1.319959	81 38 34.43999	Group 2
WILLIFORD SPRING	2	Washington	30 26 22.38643	85 32 51.29220	Group 3
WILSON HEAD SPRING (MARION)	3	Marion	28 58 47.14367	82 19 17.27813	Group 4
WILSON SPRING (COLUMBIA)	2	Columbia	29 54 0.181660	82 45 30.77006	Group 1
WITHERINGTON SPRING	3	Orange	28 42 53.72999	81 29 23.67000	Group 3
WOLF HEAD SPRING	UNKNOWN	Lake	28 38 41.86741	81 42 23.74372	Group 1
WOODBINE SPRING	UNKNOWN	Santa Rosa	30 22 16.06800	87 06 42.01199	Group 4
WOODS CREEK RISE	2	Taylor	30 07 26.70199	83 37 27.25699	Group 1
WORTHINGTON SPRING	4	Union	29 55 35.78551	82 25 33.30310	Group 1
WW GAY SPRING	4	Clay	30 09 14.09723	81 43 42.76177	Group 2
WW GAY SPRING #1	4	Clay	30 09 14.46663	81 43 41.50566	Group 2
WW GAY SPRING #2	4	Clay	30 09 14.09723	81 43 42.76177	Group 2
YALAHA SPRINGS	UNKNOWN	Lake	28 44 54.96000	81 48 20.16000	Group 1
ZOLFO SPRINGS	NONE	Hardee	27 30 13.13712	81 48 23.29668	Group 3

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The **FDEP SPRING MAGNITUDE CATEGORIES** for this report (shown below) was developed to differentiate between those springs that may flow once again in the future, depending on aquifer levels and recharge (Magnitude = 0), and those springs that have ceased flowing entirely and are not expected to recover regardless of changes in hydrogeologic and climatic conditions (Magnitude = None).

- 1st Magnitude - > 100 cubic feet per second (cfs)**
- 2nd Magnitude - >10 - 100 cfs**
- 3rd Magnitude - >1 - 10 cfs**
- 4th Magnitude - >100 gal/min (gallons per minute) - 448 gal/min (1 cfs)**
- 5th Magnitude - >10 to 100 gal/min**
- 6th Magnitude - >1 to 10 gal/min**
- 7th Magnitude - >1 pint to 1 gal/min**
- 8th Magnitude - Equal to or less than 1 pint/min**
- 0 Magnitude - No longer flowing but may recover**
- None - No longer flowing at any time**
- Unknown - No record of spring discharge available**

(FDEP 2009 Magnitude Categories based on FGS Springs of Florida – Bulletin 66 (2004); and Rosenau et al. (1977), p. 4, as adapted from Meinzer (1927), p. 3)



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