

Creeks to Choctawhatchee River - Hilton Timberlands Florida Forever New Project Application



+/- 2,222 acres, Walton County

Application made by Trust for Public Land on behalf of landowners, Charles Hilton
2015 Decanted Trust



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Florida Forever is the state's conservation and recreation lands acquisition program. To be considered for acquisition, a project must have a willing seller and be on the Florida Forever Priority List. The Florida Forever Priority List identifies projects that are suitable as a conservation property and meet the Florida Forever Goals, Performance Measures and Criteria.

The Florida Forever Priority List is developed by the Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) and is approved by the Board of Trustees (BOT). The BOT must approve a project placed on the Florida Forever Priority List before it can be pursued for acquisition.

Proposed projects are prioritized and ranked in categories by ARC members in December, and the BOT approves the ARC-recommended Florida Forever Priority List in March, when a project is officially added to the list.

Applications for new Florida Forever projects are accepted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) two times per year, April 15 and Oct. 15. To propose a new project for the Florida Forever Priority List, submit this application along with the supporting documentation specified in Attachments A-C below in electronic format (PDF) to the email address below.

Please note that up to 18 copies may be requested. Maps should be in color and set to print no larger than 11 inches x 17 inches. Applicants may also consult the Florida Natural Areas Inventory Florida Forever Conservation Data Viewer to ensure proposed parcels are not already within an approved project boundary.

General Information

Proposed Florida Forever Project: Creeks to Choctawhatchee River

Nearest City Ponce De Leon County(ies) Walton

Sponsor/Affiliation Proposing Project: Trust for Public Land, Melissa Hill

Mailing Address: 1834 Hermitage BLVD, STE 100 ; Tallahassee, FL 32308
Street City State ZIP

Primary Phone: 352.250.8043 Email: melissa.hill@tpl.org

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:
FloridaForever@FloridaDEP.gov

Or by mail to:
Office of Environmental Services
Division of State Lands
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 140
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000
Phone: 850-245-2555

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Supporting documentation

Attachment A. Provide a general description (narrative) of the land proposed including:

- 1) A descriptive location of the proposed project with total acreage.
- 2) The general physical, natural resource, biological, hydrological, archaeological and historical characteristics of the project.
 - a. Does the property contain historic structures 50 years old or older? If so, provide a brief description, photograph(s) and location.
 - b. Does the property contain any improvements/facilities? If so, please describe.
- 3) Potential public recreation opportunities or other public uses.
- 4) Potential threats or development plans that could impact the value of the proposed project.
- 5) Local resolutions related to the potential public acquisition of the project (if applicable).
- 6) Details on how the project meets Florida Forever criteria [see Chapter 259.105(9) and (10), F.S.] and furthers the Florida Forever goals and performance measures [see Chapter 259.105(4), F.S.]. Refer to the application addendum on the DEP website.
- 7) Whether the project is proposed for fee simple or less-than-fee acquisition.
 - a. If a less-than-fee acquisition is proposed, include a brief description of the current uses of the property. Also include any known activities or property rights proposed to be acquired by the state and those proposed to be retained by the property owner.
 - b. If project is proposed for fee simple acquisition, include the proposed land manager and a management commitment letter from the agency/entity upon application submittal. Applications for fee simple projects may be delayed if a management commitment from the recommended agency/entity is not included.
- 8) Whether the project is on another state acquisition list? If so, which one?

Attachment B. Ownership and tax information must include:

- 1) One copy of the county property appraiser's property tax card for each parcel of land within the proposal. The tax card should include the following:
 - a. Tax parcel identification number.
 - b. Just or market tax assessed value and tax assessed value.
 - c. Owners' names and addresses.
 - d. Description and value of improvements.
 - e. Tax parcel acreage and its improvements.
 - f. Ad valorem taxes assessed on the property.
- 2) If multiple parcels are included in the project proposal, summarize in table format by county, parcel ID, owner, acres and tax assessed value.
- 3) A letter from each property owner confirming their willingness to sell or a statement from the applicant asserting that each owner has been contacted.

Attachment C. Maps and Aerial Photographs

- 1) Provide shapefiles for the proposed project that depict the project boundaries or show the property boundaries on U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic quadrangle map. USGS topographic quadrangle maps can be obtained from DEP's Land Boundary Information System (LABINS) or the U.S. Geological Survey.
- 2) Mark the boundaries of the proposed addition on county tax maps, overlain on aerials if available. If tax aerial overlays are not available, aerials or Digital Orthophoto Quadrangle (DOQs) and tax maps should be submitted. DEP's Map Direct can also be used to assist with developing aerial and tax maps.
- 3) Mark the boundaries of the proposal on Florida Department of Transportation county highway maps.

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Authorized Representative

In accordance with the Florida Forever application process, the following individual is authorized as the primary point of contact for all matters concerning this application on behalf of the owner(s) and willing seller(s) of the real property described below, in Walton County, Florida.

Property/Project name: Creeks to Choctawhatchee; Hilton Timberlands

Name/Affiliation of Authorized Representative: Melissa Hill, Trust for Public Land

Mailing Address: 1834 Hermitage BLVD, STE 100; Tallahassee, FL 32308
Street City State ZIP

Primary Phone: 352.250.8043 Email: melissa.hill@tpl.org

Property information

Section 18 Township 3N Range 17
Lat/Long 30.645866, -86.000971
Acres 2.222

Parcel identification number(s):

04-3N-17-06000-005-0000; 05-3N-17-06000-012-0000; 05-3N-17-06000-016-0020; 05-3N-17-06000-018-0000;
06-3N-17-06000-005-0000; 07-3N-17-06000-017-0000; 08-3N-17-06000-001-0000; 08-3N-17-06000-002-0000;
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Landowner Information

 3/26/25
Landowner Signature Date

Lela Hilton ;Charles Hilton 2015 Decanted Trust

Landowner Name (print)

Mailing Address: 1 Independent Drive, Suite 3300 Jax, FL 32202
Street City State ZIP

Primary Phone: 904-359-7730 Email: cdix@smithhulsey.com

Please note: The landowner's signature above is not intended to preclude any representative of the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands (DSL), from contacting the property owner(s) directly concerning the property.

This form is not intended to create or acknowledge an exclusive property listing agreement or any business relationship between the owner(s) of the property and the individual(s) named above. Owner understands that any commission or fee charged by the person named above in connection with the property is the sole responsibility of the landowner.

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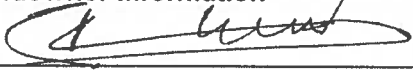
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ATTACHMENT A

1.) A descriptive location of the proposed project with total acreage.

The proposed Creeks to Choctawhatchee River Florida Forever Proposal contains 23 parcels, owned by the Charles Hilton 2015 Decanted Trust, that total 2,222 (+/-) acres in unincorporated Walton County. Historically, this property was previously operated as a timber plantation and hunting property since the 1970s. These parcels are within the Florida Wildlife Corridor and its western boundary is 3 miles west of the Choctawhatchee River Water Management Area and its southern most boundary is a mere 4 miles north of the Nokuse Plantation. The proposed project would expand surface water protection of the many creeks that feed the Choctawhatchee River while providing opportunity for resource-based recreation. The property is accessed via CB Whitehead Road and is located approximately 7 miles southeast of DeFuniak Springs and approximately 8 miles northeast of Eglin Air Force Base. The landowners have expressed willingness to sell to the state. These parcels are proposed for fee simple acquisition to be managed by the Florida Forest Service and have a total just market value of \$6,156,330.

2.) The general physical, natural resource, biological, hydrological, archaeological, and historical characteristics of the project.

The property lies within the Northern Highlands of the East Gulf Coastal Plain and is characterized by a rolling topography that drains surface water through the planted pines into forested wetlands feeding many creeks. The property's creeks - Crooked Creek, Peavy Creek, Days Branch, and White Creek- ultimately feed Bruce Creek, while Oak Grove Branch and Hughs Ditch feeds Sandy Creek. Sandy Creek and Bruce Creek and both tributaries to the Choctawhatchee River, an Outstanding Florida Water.

Most of the property is former and current timberland. Other natural communities present on the property include mesic flatwoods, mixed hardwood swamps, mixed upland hardwoods, wetlands and riverine. Upland hardwood forests are known to contain over 50 species of rare plants. The entire acreage of the proposal supports aquifer recharge and provides surface water protection for the Choctawhatchee River. The lower elevations of the project area, closer to the creeks, are within a mapped FEMA flood zone A and protect natural floodplain function.

The property provides important wildlife habitat and game species were observed, included mourning dove, white-tailed deer, and wild turkey. Imperiled or rare animal species likely to occur within the project, include the eastern diamondback rattlesnake, Florida black bear, gopher tortoise, and Sherman's fox squirrel. Bears are known to use this region and occur in Walton County. Upon further survey, the forested wetlands and creeks found within the boundary may support additional listed plant and animal species. Red pitcher plant and white-top pitcher plant have been observed within the Upper Shoal Florida Forever lands to the northwest. Fire has not occurred on the property for many years and prescribed fire is not a current land management practice.

The property is currently managed for private use and as an investment property. The property owner allows hunting on the property and timber and approximately 120 acres have recently been harvested.

Basic interior roads suitable for four-wheel drive vehicles are throughout the property and can be seen clearly using aerial images. One 1,956 square foot single family home built in 1990 with utilities is located on parcel 08-3N-17-06000-001-0000. Also on this parcel is an approximately 1,600 square foot barn with electric. According to the Division of Historical Resources (DHR), the subject parcels contain no cultural resources listed in the Florida Master Site File or National Register of Historic Places.

3.) Potential public recreation opportunities or other public uses.

The subject property has potential to provide a diversity of resource-based outdoor recreational opportunities including camping, hiking, off-road biking, hunting, nature study and the like.

4.) Potential threats or development plans that could impact the value of the proposed project.

The current zoning and future land use for the property is General Agriculture. The General Agriculture category identifies rural areas suitable for small scale agricultural activities, including timber production and limited supporting commercial activities. All parcels are actively listed for sale and were listed individually allowing for potential fragmentation of ownership making it difficult to protect in the future should it not be acquired by the state.

5.) Local resolutions related to the potential public acquisition of the project (if applicable).

Not applicable.

6.) Details on how the project meets Florida Forever criteria [see Chapter 259.105(9) and (10), F.S.] and furthers the Florida Forever goals and performance measures [see Chapter 259.105(4), F.S.].

Acquisition of the property would help meet the following Florida Forever goals and measures:

Goal A: Enhance the coordination and completion of land acquisition projects.

1. *The number of acres acquired through the state's land acquisition programs that contribute to the enhancement of essential natural resources, ecosystem service parcels, and connecting linkage corridors as identified and developed by the best available scientific analysis*

All acres of the boundary amendment proposal contribute to the enhancement of essential natural resources and ecosystem service parcels. Nearly all the proposal (97%) is located within Priority 2 of the Florida Ecological Greenways Network (FEGN) and supporting the goals of a fully connected Florida Wildlife Corridor. This project lies within the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape, a nationally recognized footprint where conservation, working lands, and national defense interests converge.

Goal B: Increase the protection of Florida's biodiversity at the species, natural community, and landscape levels.

2. *The number of acres acquired of highest priority conservation areas for Florida's rarest species;*

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3. *The number of acres acquired of significant landscapes, landscape linkages, and conservation corridors, giving priority to completing linkages;*
4. *The number of acres acquired of underrepresented native ecosystems;*
6. *The percentage increase in the number of occurrences of imperiled species on publicly managed conservation areas.*

Most of the property has Priority 1 (24%) and Priority 2 (66%) CLIP Biodiversity levels as identified by the Florida Freshwater Fish and Conservation Commission. Nearly all (97%) of the property is within the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Approximately 18 acres of the full property is an underrepresented native ecosystem (Sandhill) as identified by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory. Additionally, FNAI references 38 potential rare plant and animal species likely to be found on site, including Florida spiny-pod (G2/S2), Ashe's magnolia (G3/S2), Carolina lily (G4/S2), Cooley's meadowrue (G1/S1), Gopher tortoise (G3/S3), and Big eared bat (G3/S1). Many of these confirmed on nearby private and conservation lands.

Goal C: Protect, restore, and maintain the quality and natural functions of land, water and wetland systems of the state, as measured by:

1. *the number of acres of publicly owned land identified as needing restoration, enhancement, and management, acres undergoing restoration or enhancement, acres with restoration activities completed, and acres managed to maintain such restored or enhanced conditions;*
2. *The percentage of water segments that fully meet, partially meet, or do not meet their designated uses as reported in the Department of Environmental Protection's State Water Quality Assessment 305(b) Report;*
4. *the number of acres acquired that protect natural floodplain functions;*
5. *the number of acres acquired that protect surface waters of the state;*
6. *the number of acres identified for acquisition to minimize damage from flooding and the percentage of those acres acquired;*
8. *the number of acres of functional wetland systems protected;*

The property is in a condition that would support successful natural community restoration. The property had been subjected to timber harvest and management, but has evidence of natural groundcover. No restoration on the property has been completed as all parcels have been pine plantations as far back as 1970.

If acquired the property's creeks - Crooked Creek, Peavy Creek, Days Branch, and White Creek- ultimately feed Bruce Creek which is a tributary to the Choctawhatchee River, while Oak Grove Branch and Hughs Ditch feeds Sandy Creek which is another tributary to the Choctawhatchee River. The lower Choctawhatchee River is identified within the State Water Quality Assessment with fish having elevated traces of Mercury.

A small percentage (10% or approximately 241 acres) of the property shown on the Priority Floodplain resource data set as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. However,

these lands provide protection of the aforementioned Creek systems which ultimately feed the Choctawhatchee River.

Wetland communities, including freshwater pond, forested/shrub wetlands, and rivervine areas, comprise approximately 10% of the project area (234 acres) and the entire acreage of the proposal supports aquifer recharge and provides surface water protection for the Choctawhatchee River.

Goal D: Ensure that sufficient quantities of water are available to meet the current and future needs of natural systems and the citizens of the state

1. *The number of acres acquired which provide retention and storage of surface water in naturally occurring storage areas, such as lakes and wetlands, consistent with the maintenance of water resources or water supplies and consistent with district water supply plans;*
3. *The number of acres acquired of groundwater recharge areas critical to springs, sinks, aquifers, other natural systems or water supply.*

On site there is an approximately 12-acre lake and a remaining approximately 221 acres of additional surface water storage areas. The entire property provides groundwater recharge to the aquifer and surface water protection for the Choctawhatchee River.

Goal E: Increase natural resource-based public recreation or educational opportunities.

1. *The number of acres acquired that are available for natural resource-based public recreation or education;*

All 2,222 acres of the proposed project would provide quality opportunities for natural resource-based public recreation. Based on the management planning of the Florida Forest Service this land can provide additional opportunities for camping, hiking, biking, hunting picnicking and nature study.

Goal G: Increase the amount of forestland available for sustainable management of natural resources.

1. *The number of acres acquired that are available for sustainable forest management;*
2. *The number of acres of state-owned forestland managed for economic return in accordance with current best management practices;*
3. *The number of acres of forestland acquired that will serve to maintain natural groundwater recharge functions; or*
4. *The percentage and number of acres identified for restoration actually restored by reforestation.*

Approximately 65% of the property is in plantation pine and these nearly 1,431 acres of the property can be managed for timber and sustainable forest management. The property would be appropriate for sustainable forest management and the entire property would provide groundwater recharge. Approximately 120 acres of the plantation pine areas were harvested in late 2024 and could be easily identified for early reforestation efforts.

7) Whether the project is proposed for fee simple or less-than-fee acquisition.

The property is proposed for fee simple acquisition and would be managed by the Florida Forest Service.

8) Whether the project is on another state acquisition list? If so, which one?

Not applicable.

The proposed boundary amendment also supports the following additional Florida Forever Criteria:

(9) The Acquisition and Restoration Council shall recommend rules for adoption by the board of trustees to competitively evaluate, select, and rank projects eligible for Florida Forever funds pursuant to paragraph (3)(b). In developing these proposed rules, the Acquisition and Restoration Council shall give weight to the following criteria:

(a) The project meets multiple goals described in subsection (4).

Yes.

(b) The project is part of an ongoing governmental effort to restore, protect, or develop land areas or water resources.

The project would contribute to the base buffering of Eglin Air Force Base and the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape goals.

(c) The project enhances or facilitates management of properties already under public ownership.

Yes, this would complement the management of Florida's other State Forests.

(f) The project contributes to the solution of water resource problems on a regional basis.

The entire property would provide aquifer protection and protect surface waters that feed the Choctawhatchee River.

(g) The project has a significant portion of its land area in imminent danger of development, in imminent danger of losing its significant natural attributes or recreational open space, or in imminent danger of subdivision which would result in multiple ownership and make acquisition of the project costly or less likely to be accomplished.

The property is actively listed for sale and in immediate threat of having the ownership broken up and subject to further land use and discordant management practices. If each of the individual 23-parcels were to be sold independently to unique owners, it would make the future acquisition of the project much more costly and very difficult to accomplish. These properties are currently zoned by Walton County as general agricultural. This is an incredible opportunity to conserve a large tract of contiguous ownership that will provide resource protection and recreation opportunity for generations of Floridians.

(l) The project is a joint acquisition, either among public agencies, nonprofit organizations, or private entities, or by a public-private partnership.

The project acquisition is led by Trust for Public Land with the Florida Forest Service and supported by the Northwest Florida Landscape, Eglin Air Force Base, and the Longleaf Alliance.

(10) The Acquisition and Restoration Council shall give increased priority to those projects for which matching funds are available and to project elements previously identified on an acquisition list

pursuant to this section that can be acquired at 80 percent or less of appraised value. The council shall also give increased priority to those projects where the state's land conservation plans overlap with the military's need to protect lands, water, and habitat to ensure the sustainability of military missions including:

- (b) Protecting areas underlying low-level military air corridors or operating areas; and*
- (c) Protecting areas identified as clear zones, accident potential zones, and air installation compatible use buffer zones delineated by our military partners, and for which federal or other funding is available to assist with the project.*

The entire property is within the Mission Footprint of Eglin Air Force Base (Eglin AFB) for the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape and within an existing military operations area airspace. The property is identified within Class 3.

ATTACHMENT B

Ownership and Tax Information

ParcelID	Acres	Just Market Value	Owner	Address
04-3N-17-06000-005-0000	50.24	\$195,936	HILTON CHARLES 2015 DECANTED TRUST	4116 N HWY 231 PANAMA CITY, FL 32404
05-3N-17-06000-012-0000	37.16	\$144,924	HILTON CHARLES 2015 DECANTED TRUST	4116 N HWY 231 PANAMA CITY, FL 32404
05-3N-17-06000-016-0020	52.69	\$205,491	HILTON CHARLES 2015 DECANTED TRUST	4116 N HWY 231 PANAMA CITY, FL 32404
05-3N-17-06000-018-0000	40	\$156,000	HILTON CHARLES 2015 DECANTED TRUST	4116 N HWY 231 PANAMA CITY, FL 32404
06-3N-17-06000-005-0000	106.45	\$234,190	HILTON CHARLES 2015 DECANTED TRUST	4116 N HWY 231 PANAMA CITY, FL 32404
07-3N-17-06000-017-0000	102.8	\$226,160	HILTON CHARLES 2015 DECANTED TRUST	4116 N HWY 231 PANAMA CITY, FL 32404
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20-3N-17-06000-009-0000	40	\$156,000	HILTON CHARLES 2015 DECANTED TRUST	4116 N HWY 231 PANAMA CITY, FL 32404
24-2N-18-09000-001-0000	40	\$156,000	HILTON CHARLES 2015 DECANTED TRUST	4116 N HWY 231 PANAMA CITY, FL 32404
TOTALS:	2,221.34	\$6,156,330		

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March 31, 2025

Ms. Sine Murray

Office of Environmental Services

Division of State Lands

3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 140

Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Statement of landowner willingness to sell to the State of Florida

Dear Ms. Murray:

I, Melissa Hill, do personally attest that I have contacted the landowners of the subject property and confirmed that they are willing sellers to the State of Florida.

Best,

Melissa Hill

Florida Project Manager

melissa.hill@tpl.org

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

April 9, 2025

Ms. Callie DeHaven, Director
Division of State Lands, Mail Station 100
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Dear Ms. DeHaven:

If acquired by the state, the Florida Forest Service (FFS) accepts management of the proposed Hilton Timberlands Florida Forever Project identified on the attached map and located in Walton County.

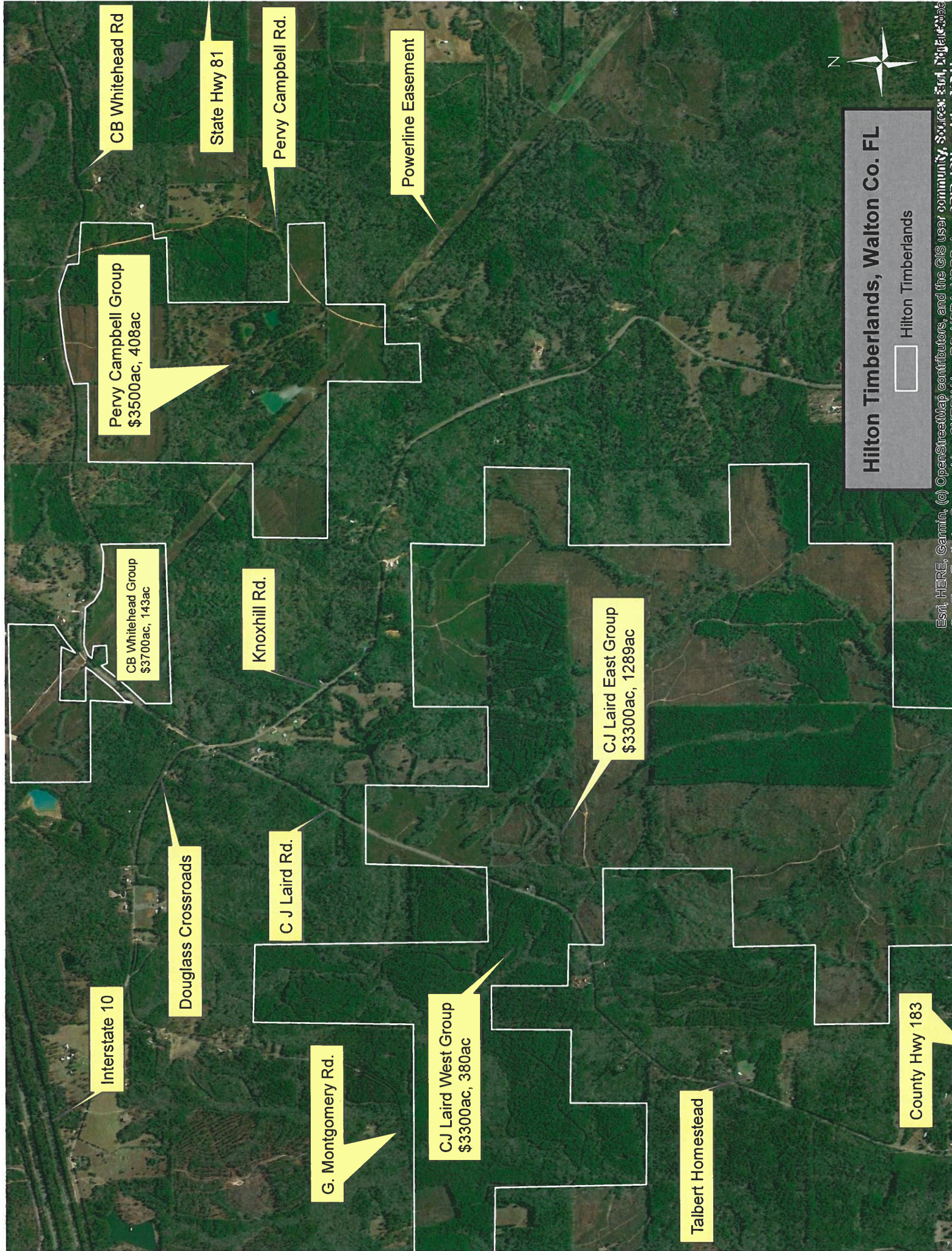
The subject property will increase the state forest's ecological value, provide additional public access and will benefit from multiple-use management activities consistent with Pine Log State Forest.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alan Davis at (850) 681-5816 or Alan.Davis@FDACS.gov (Suite J, Room 235).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rick Dolan, Director
Florida Forest Service



Interstate 10

Douglass Crossroads

G. Montgomery Rd.

C J Laird Rd.

Knoxhill Rd.

Pervy Campbell Rd.

Powerline Easement

Talbert Homestead

County Hwy 183

Pervy Campbell Group
\$3500ac, 408ac

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\$3700ac, 143ac

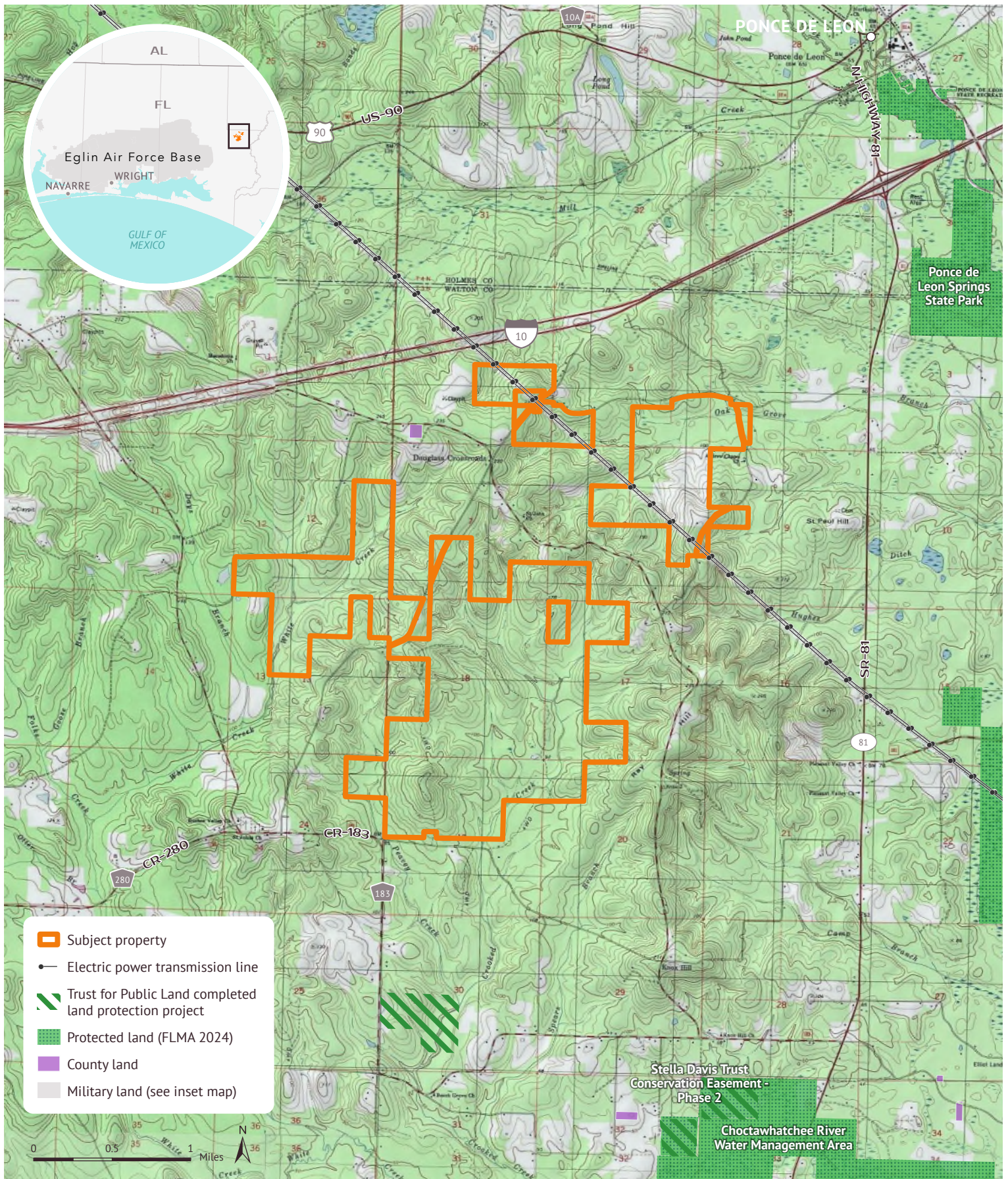
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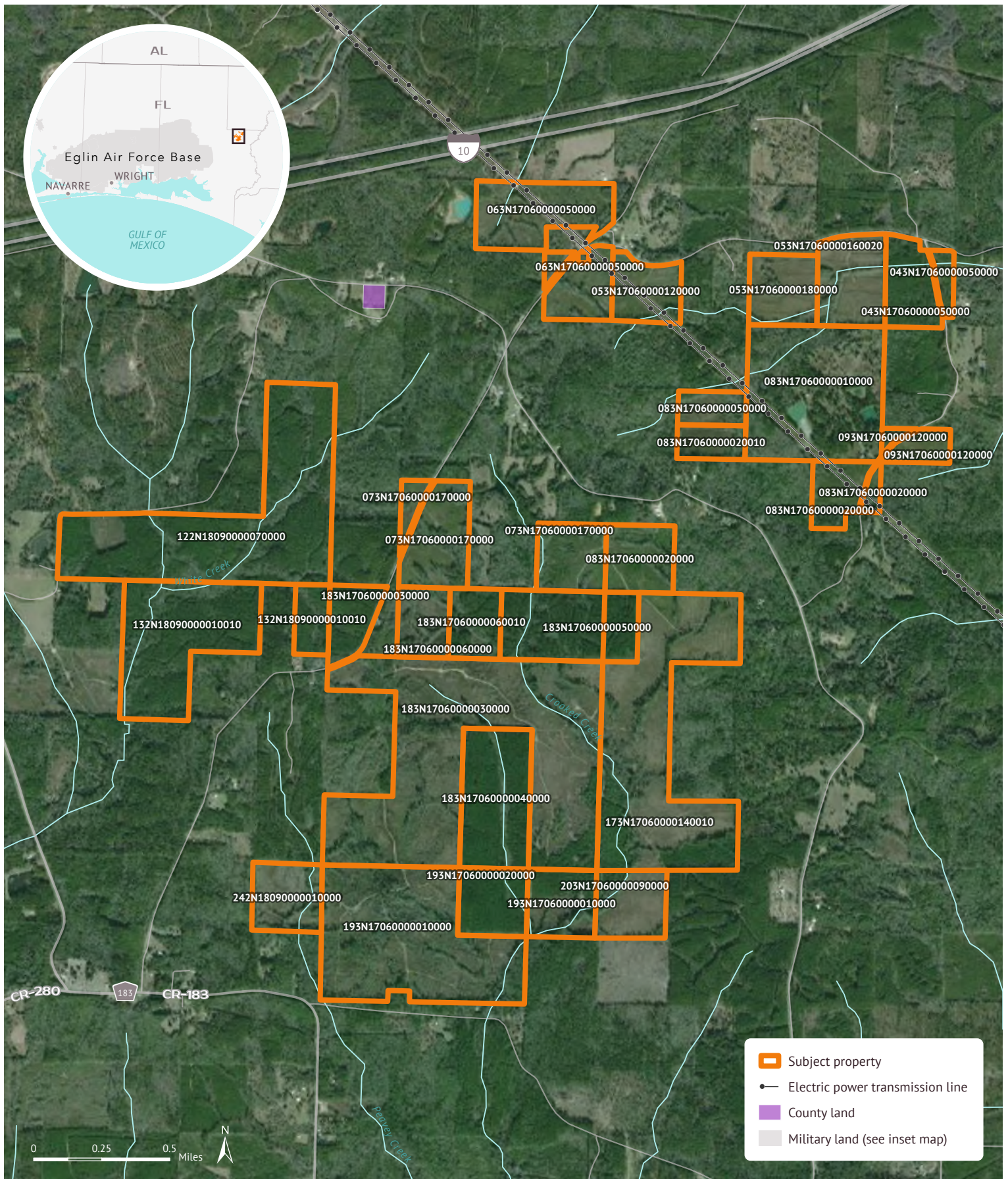


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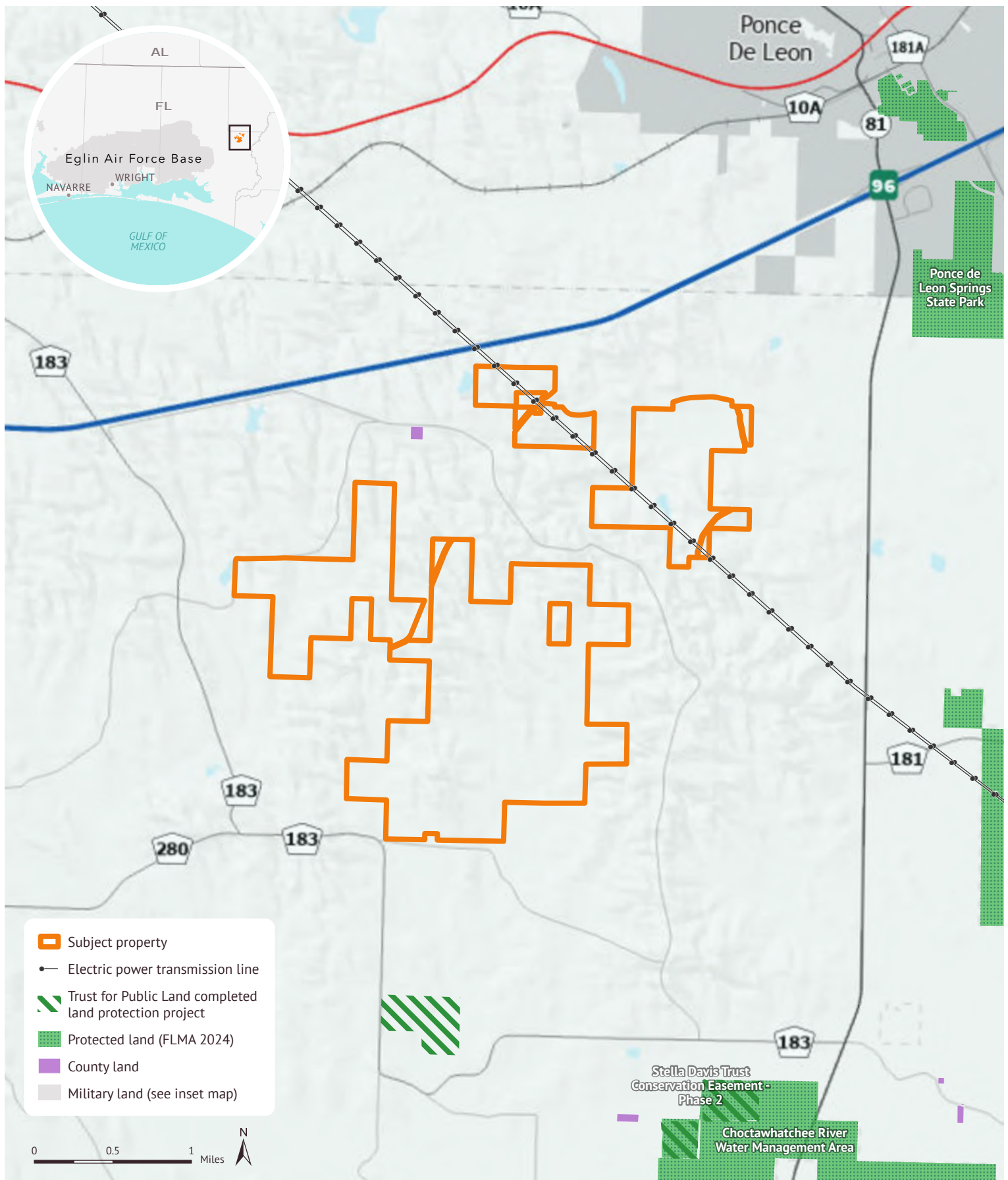


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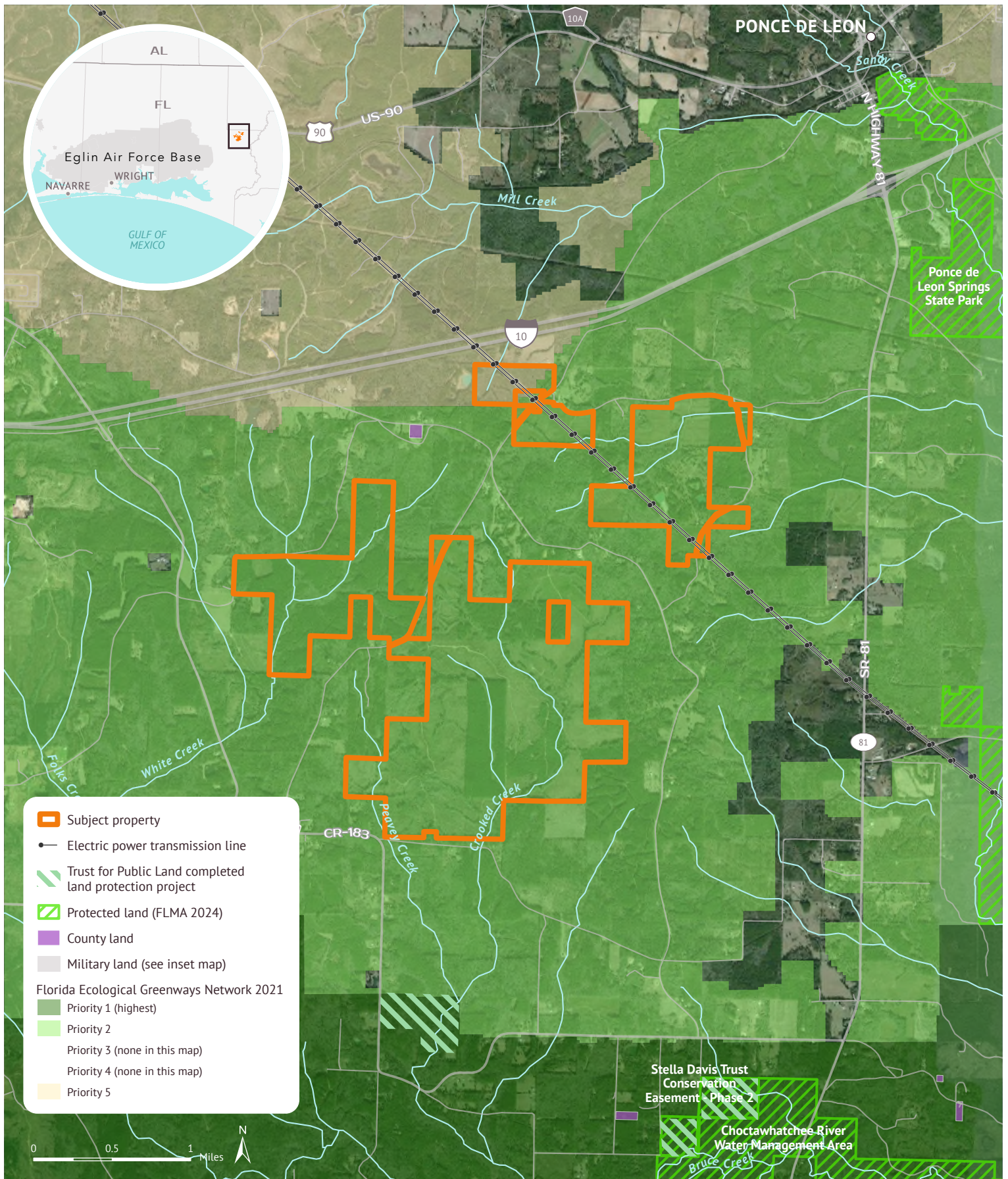


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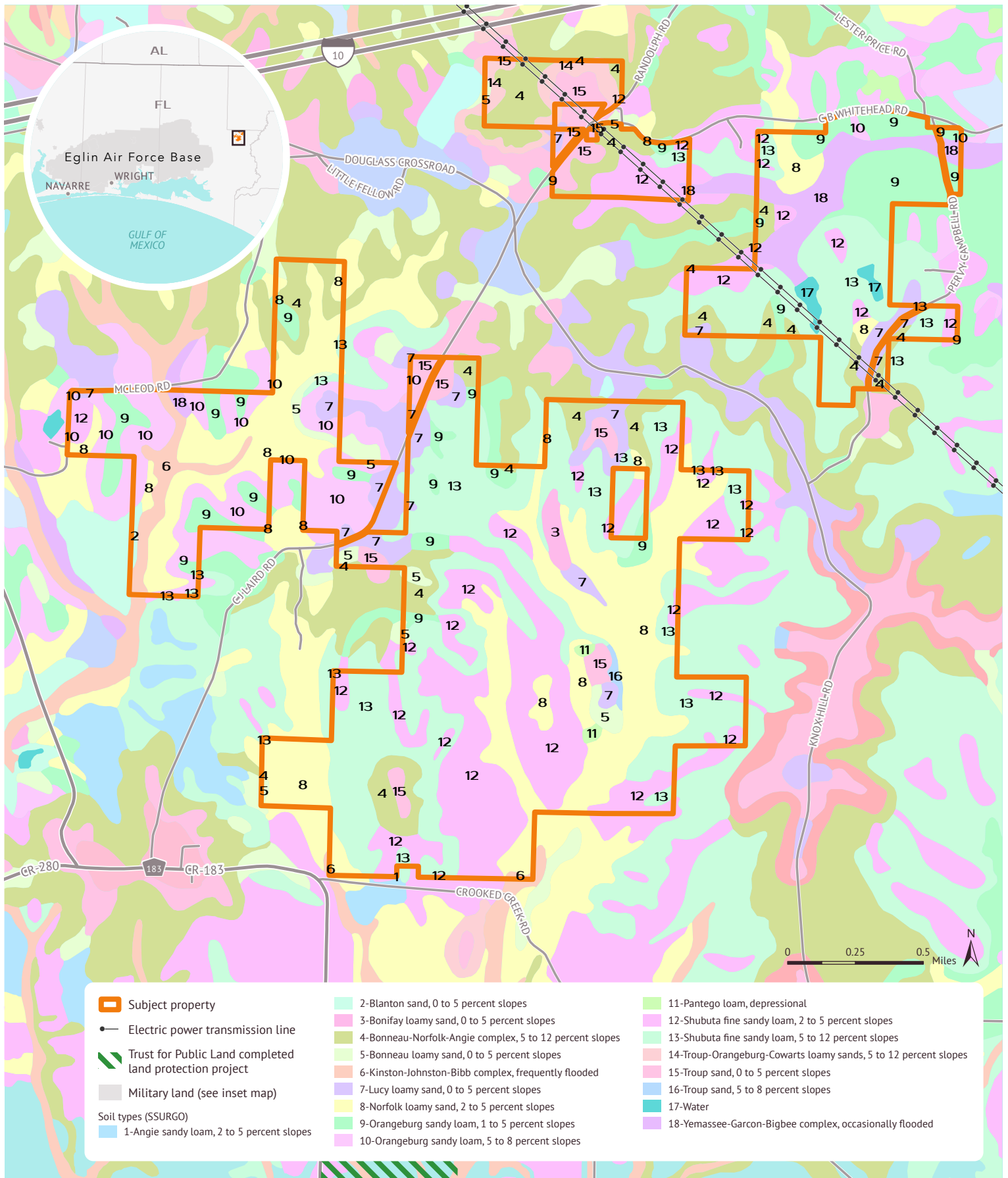


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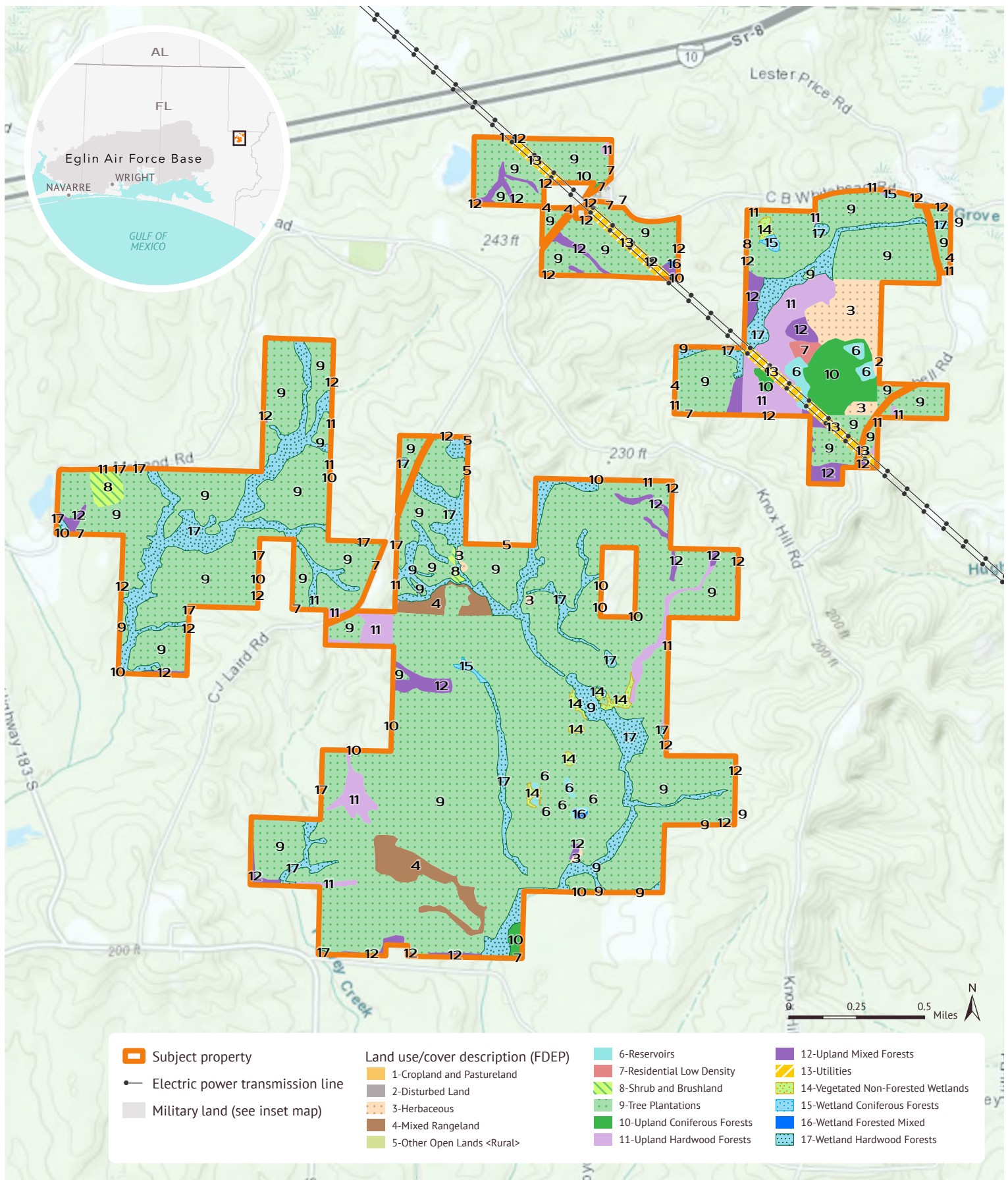


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