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Dear Concerned Citizen:

The Forest Service is requesting comments in developing proposals for two projects on the Apalachicola National Forest. The first project, known as **Telogia Analysis Area**, includes silvicultural and restoration treatments on approximately 1,600 acres of forestland. The Telogia Analysis Area is located in compartments 1, 2, and 9 of the forest. It is also located in Township 2 South Range 6 West of Liberty County, Florida. Proposed activities include first and intermediate thinning of pine plantations, clearcuts of offsite slash pine and replanting longleaf pine, mechanical and herbicide groundcover restoration treatments, and implementation of uneven-aged management techniques. The primary purpose of this project would be to improve future red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) habitat, improve forest health, and restore native vegetation to the project area.

The Forest Service is also proposing silvicultural and restoration treatments on 3,500 acres in the **Beasley Pond Analysis Area**. The project area is located in compartments 25, 26, 27, and 28 of the forest, Township 3 South Range 8 West and Township 4 South and Range 8 West in Liberty County, Florida. Proposed activities in Beasley Pond include first and intermediate thinning of slash pine plantations and mature stands, implementation of uneven-aged management techniques, savannah restoration, and removal of cattle guards, fence, and stays from a closed allotment. The primary purpose of the Beasley Pond project would be to improve current RCW habitat, restore historic savannahs, and improve forest health.

Both projects will include connected actions such as landline maintenance, road maintenance, and reconstruction.

For more detailed location information about these two projects please visit the National Forests in Florida website at: [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project\\_list.php?forest=110805](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_list.php?forest=110805)

Your comments are requested to assist in developing a well-planned proposal for each project. In addition, the Responsible Official is currently preparing an environmental analysis for each analysis area and needs your assistance to better identify issues, concerns, and opportunities. These projects will be subject to the administrative review process described in 36 CFR 218 subparts A and B.

The Forest Service is asking that you provide us with any information or concerns you might have related to this proposal. Specific written comments as defined by §218.2 should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider.



Comments on these proposals must be received within 14 days, beginning the day following this correspondence date. Your comment needs to be as specific as possible and contain the following:

- (1) Name, address, and (if possible) telephone number;
- (2) Please state either "Telogia Analysis Area" and/or "Beasley Pond Analysis Area" in the subject line when providing electronic comments or on the envelope when replying by mail
- (3) Specific facts or comments along with supporting reasons that you believe the Responsible Official should consider in reaching the decision.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project. Comments may also be mailed electronically in a common digital format to our office at [comments-southern-florida-apalachicola@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southern-florida-apalachicola@fs.fed.us)

Written comments on these proposals should be mailed or hand-delivered to: Marcus Beard, District Ranger, 57 Taff Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327; or faxed to (850) 926-1904. The normal business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Friday; closed on federal holidays.

An official 30-day Notice and Comment Period in conjunction with a review of the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) will be available to the public in the future for each project. For further information about these proposals, contact Branden Tolver at (850) 926-3561 ext. 6525.

Sincerely,



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District Ranger

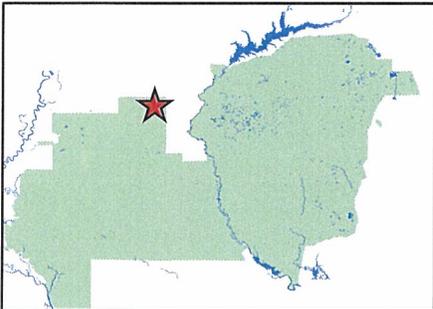
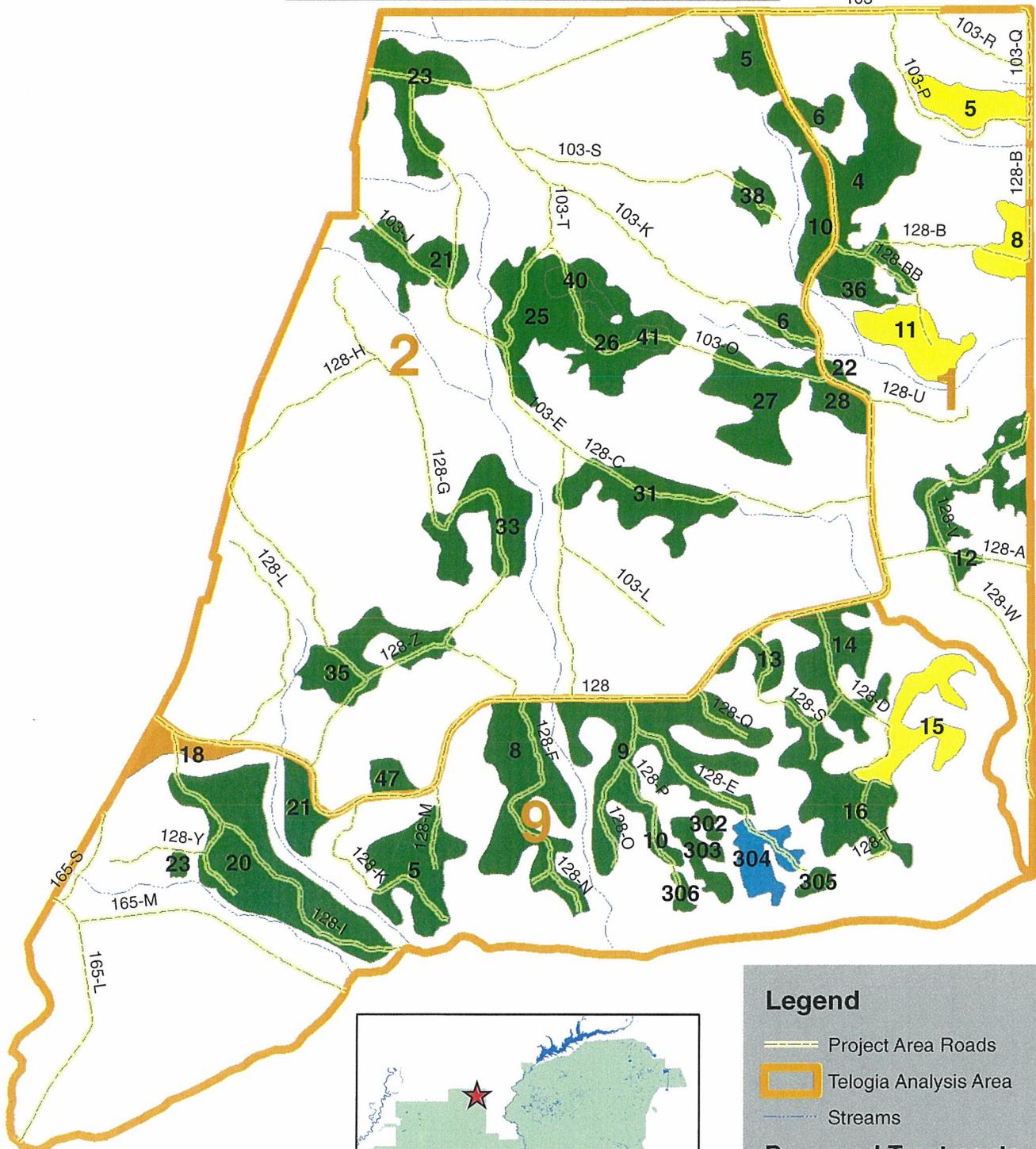
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# Telogia Analysis Area Apalachicola National Forest Compartments 1, 2, & 9



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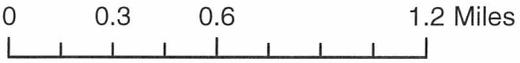


**Legend**

- Project Area Roads
- Telogia Analysis Area
- Streams

**Proposed Treatments**

- Clearcut
- No Treatment
- Thin to 50 BA
- Uneven age Manegemant

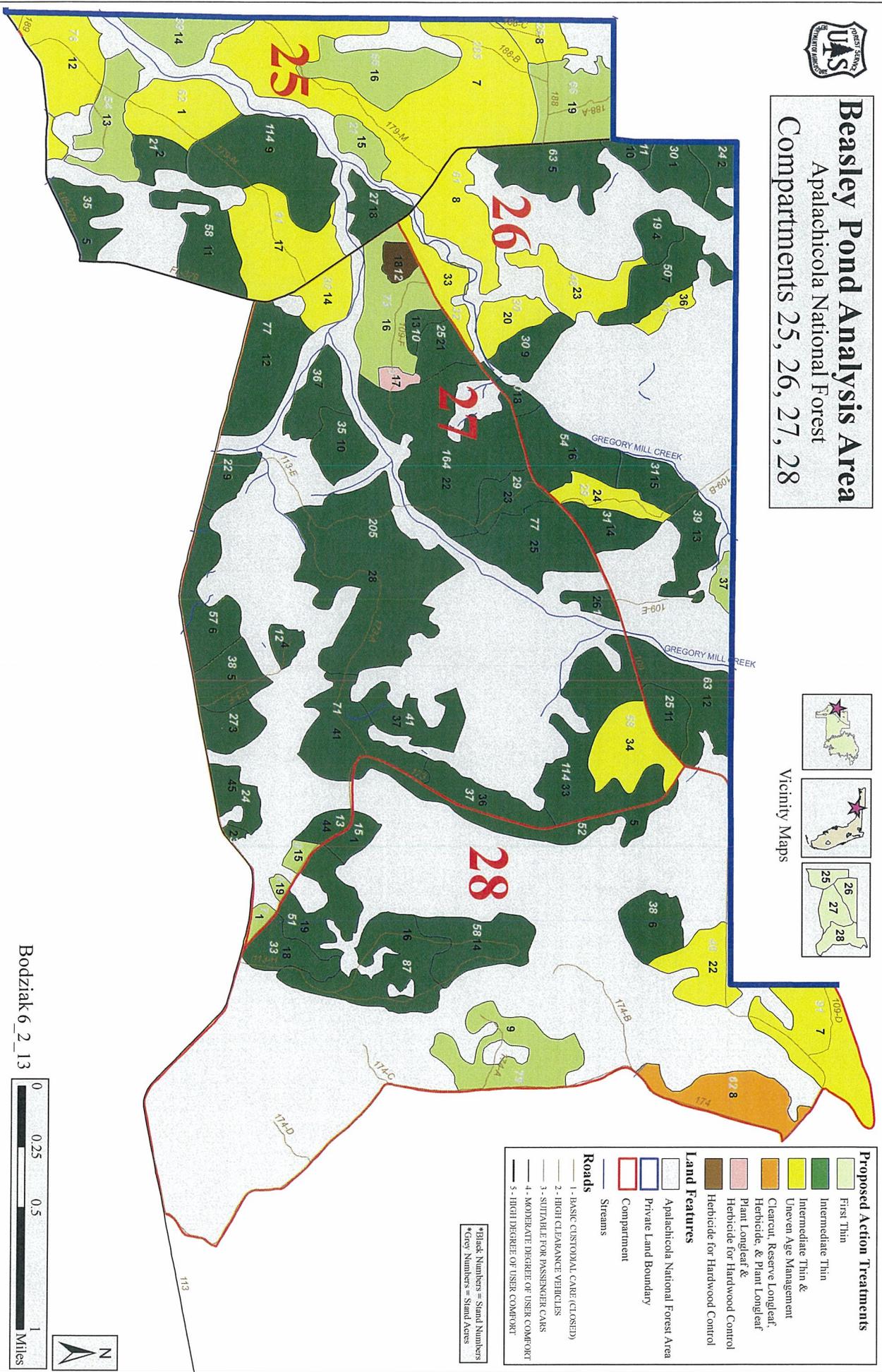




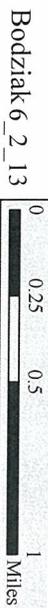
# Beasley Pond Analysis Area

## Appalachicola National Forest

### Compartments 25, 26, 27, 28



- Proposed Action Treatments**
- First Thin
  - Intermediate Thin
  - Intermediate Thin & Uneven Age Management
  - Clearcut, Reserve Longleaf, Herbicide, & Plant Longleaf
  - Plant Longleaf & Herbicide for Hardwood Control
  - Herbicide for Hardwood Control
- Land Features**
- Appalachicola National Forest Area
  - Private Land Boundary
  - Compartment
  - Streams
- Roads**
- 1 - BASIC CUSTODIAL CARE (CLOSED)
  - 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
  - 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
  - 4 - MODERATE DEGREE OF USER COMFORT
  - 5 - HIGH DEGREE OF USER COMFORT
- Legend**
- \*Black Numbers = Stand Numbers
  - \*Grey Numbers = Stand Acres



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