The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and Rule 68A-15.004(16), F.A.C., hereby authorizes the following special outdoor recreational opportunity to be administered by the Florida Forest Service (FFS) consistent with 589.19(4), Florida Statutes on the Picayune Strand Wildlife Management Area, consisting of 76,317 acres in Collier County, Florida.

OPEN SEASON

Special spring turkey hunt – April 8-9, 2017.

LEGAL TO TAKE

Bearded turkey or gobbler. The bag limit shall be 1 bearded turkey or gobbler per Florida Forest Service permit.

PERMITS

A Florida Forest Service permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of 10 permits shall be issued by the Florida Forest Service for this hunt.

SPECIFIC AREA REGULATIONS

In addition to the regulations contained in Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.064(8), F.A.C., the following regulations shall apply:

1) Only the Florida Forest Service permit holder may harvest wildlife.

2) Any provisions of Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.064(8), F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded.

This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until 11:59 pm on April 9, 2017.

Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rule 68A-15.004(16), F.A.C.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2017.

Attest: 
Agency Clerk

Assistant Executive Director
OPERATION OUTDOOR FREEDOM HUNT MAP
PICAYUNE STRAND STATE FOREST
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
76,317 acres
Collier County

Note: There is no direct access to Picayune Strand from I-75. You must take SR 951 (exit 101 from I-75) 4.7 mi north to Golden Gate Blvd. Turn right onto Golden Gate Blvd and go approximately 8.8 mi east to Everglades Blvd. Turn right onto Everglades Blvd and go south to the main entrance of Picayune Strand WMA. Road conditions between SR 951 and Miller Blvd. are routinely wet during the fall season.

NOTE: This map is only valid for participants participating in the Operation Outdoor Freedom Spring Turkey Hunt occurring April 8-9, 2017, with a scouting day on April 7.