

**Executive Order Number: 18-04**

**PICAYUNE STRAND WILDLIFE  
MANAGEMENT AREA OPERATION  
OUTDOOR FREEDOM HUNT**

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 python hunt – January 25-26, 2018.

**LEGAL TO TAKE**

Non-native reptiles, no size or bag limit.

**PERMITS**

A Florida Forest Service permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of 6 permits shall be issued by the Florida Forest Service for this hunt.

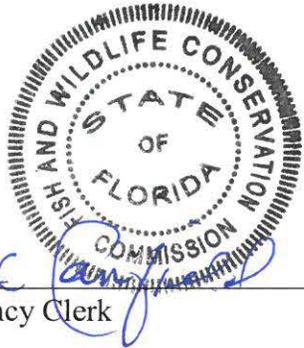
**SPECIFIC AREA REGULATIONS**

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) Firearms, except centerfire rifles, may be used to take non-native reptiles.
- 2) Participants may take of non-native reptiles with a gun and light during non-daylight hours.
- 3) Hunting shall be allowed within areas authorized by the Florida Forest Service, including areas currently posted as closed to hunting.
- 4) Burmese pythons may be live captured by participants, but must be euthanized before being removed from the management area.
- 5) The release and immediate recapture of a live Burmese python is allowed, but only for the purpose of training participants in the live capture of a Burmese python.
- 6) Any provisions of Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.064(8), F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.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 26 January 2018.

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

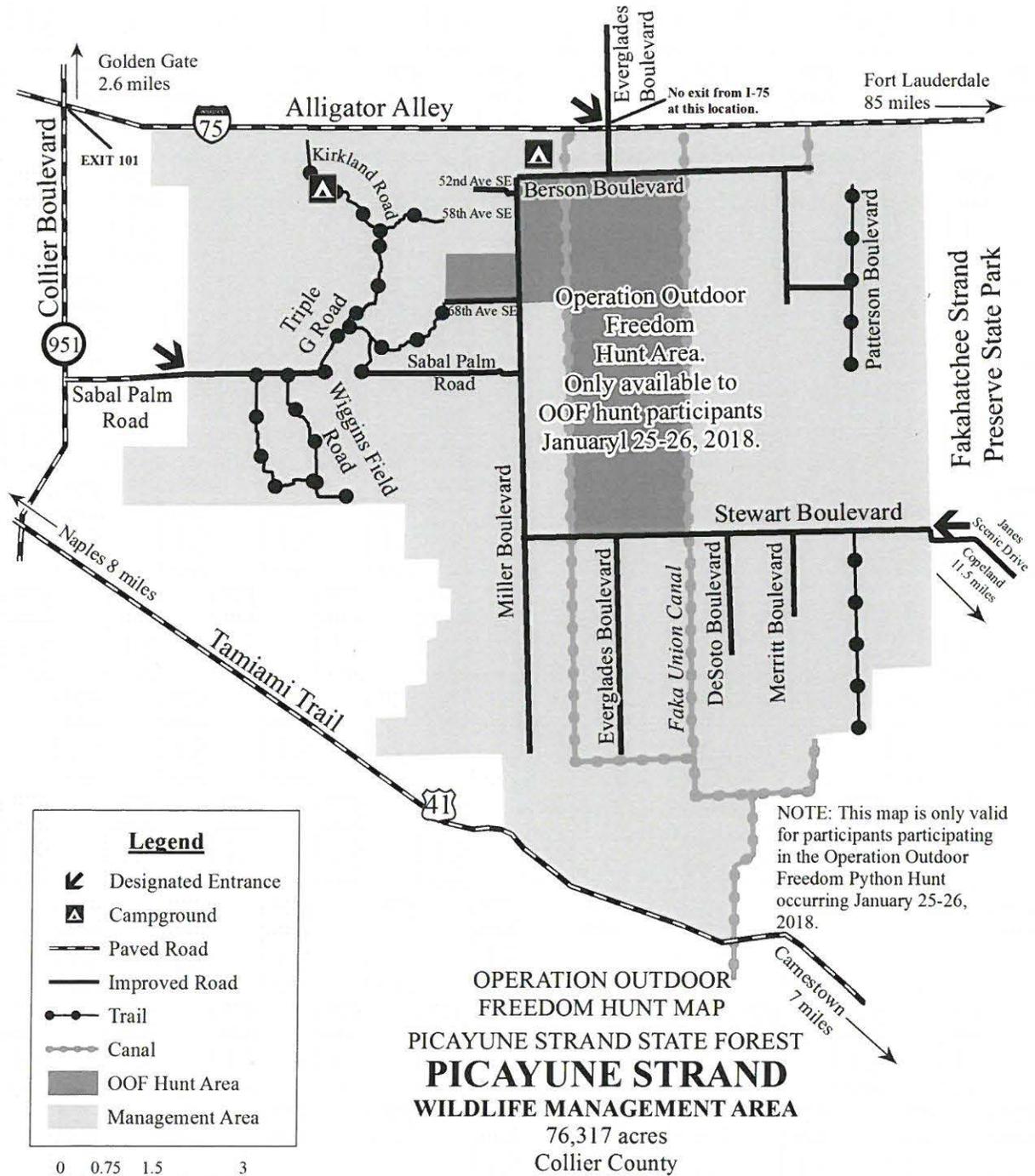


Attest:

*Jill Campbell*  
Agency Clerk

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF  
THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2018.

*Thomas Eason*  
Dr. Thomas Eason  
Assistant Executive Director



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.