

68D-24.109 Withlacoochee River Boating Restricted Areas.

For the purpose of regulating the speed and operation of vessel traffic during flood conditions on ~~and adjacent to~~ the Withlacoochee River within Citrus, Hernando, Marion, and Sumter Counties, the following Boating Restricted Areas are established, which shall include all associated and navigable tributaries, creeks, coves bays, and backwaters unless otherwise designated or excluded:

(1) Idle Speed No Wake and River Closure Restrictions ~~Segments~~.

(a) ~~Big Flat Rock at Mile Marker 9 to Camp Izzard Boat Ramp Segment at Mile Marker 24.~~

1. All waters ~~of in and adjacent to~~ the Withlacoochee River ~~from shoreline to shoreline~~, from the Big Flat Rock (29 00.920N/082.24.658W 29 00.920N, 82 24.658W) south to ~~Mile Marker 24~~, located at Camp Izzard Boat Ramp (29 0.036N, 82 22.030W) for a ~~distance of 4.5 miles~~. This Idle Speed No Wake restriction shall be active and enforceable only when the water level of the ~~Withlacoochee r~~River is measured at the USGS Holder gauge (02313000) at 7.0' feet or higher and will remain in effect until the river recedes below 7.0' feet.

2. When the ~~Withlacoochee r~~River is measured at the USGS Holder gauge (02313000) at 10.0' feet or higher, ~~the river in~~ this area will be closed to all vessel traffic except emergency, law enforcement, firefighting, or rescue vessels owned or operated by a governmental entity, as depicted in Drawing A. As river levels recede below 10.0', the river will reopen to all vessel traffic at Idle Speed No Wake.

~~3.(a) As river levels recede below 10.0 feet, the river will reopen to all vessel traffic at Idle Speed No Wake. When the river recedes below 7.0 feet, the speed will be Resume Normal Safe Operation.~~

(b) ~~Camp Izzard Boat Ramp at Mile Marker 24 to the Marion/Sumter County Line Mile Marker 30 Segment.~~

1. All waters ~~of in and adjacent to~~ the Withlacoochee River, ~~from shoreline to shoreline~~, from ~~Mile Marker 24~~ located at Camp Izzard Boat Ramp (29 0.036N, 82 22.030W) south to ~~the Marion/Sumter county line~~ (28 57.622N, 82 18.703W) ~~Mile Marker 30~~ for a ~~distance of 6.0 miles~~. This Idle Speed No Wake restriction shall be active and enforceable only when the water level of the ~~Withlacoochee r~~River is measured at the USGS Holder gauge (02313000) at 6.0' feet or higher and will remain in effect until the river recedes below 6' .0 feet.

2. When the ~~Withlacoochee r~~River is measured at the USGS Holder gauge (02313000) at 9.0' feet or higher, ~~the river in~~ this area will be closed to all vessel traffic except emergency, law enforcement, firefighting, or rescue vessels owned or operated by a governmental entity, as depicted in Drawing B. As the river levels recede below 9.0', the river will reopen to all vessel traffic at Idle Speed No Wake.

~~3. As river levels recede below 9.0 feet, the river will reopen to all vessel traffic at Idle Speed No Wake. When the river recedes below 6.0 feet, vessel speed will be Resume Normal Safe Operation.~~

(c) ~~North Hooty Point Turner Camp at Mile Marker 34 to south of East Newman Drive Mile Marker 35A Segment.~~

1. All waters ~~of in and adjacent to~~ the Withlacoochee River ~~shoreline to shoreline~~, from ~~North Hooty Point~~ (28 54.527N, 82 16.603W) ~~Mile Marker 34~~ to ~~south of East Newman Drive~~ ~~Mile Marker 35A~~ (28.53.722N/082.16.231W 28 53.630N, 82 16.110W) for a ~~distance of 1.35 miles~~. This Idle Speed No Wake restriction shall be active and enforceable only when the water level of the ~~Withlacoochee r~~River is measured at the USGS SR 44 gauge (02312722) at 38.0' feet or higher and will remain in effect until the river recedes to below 38.0' feet.

2. When the ~~Withlacoochee r~~River is measured at the USGS SR 44 gauge (02312722) at 41.0' feet or higher, ~~the river in~~ this area will be closed to all vessel traffic except emergency, law enforcement, firefighting, or rescue vessels owned or operated by a governmental entity, as depicted in ~~d~~Drawing C ~~and D~~.

~~3. As river levels recede below 41 feet, the river will reopen to all vessel traffic at Idle Speed No Wake. When the river recedes to below 38 feet, the speed will be Resume Normal Safe Operation.~~

(d) ~~East Squire Court at Mile Marker 38 to south of East~~ ~~Mile Marker 41~~ at Shawnee Trail Segment.

1. All waters ~~of in and adjacent to~~ the Withlacoochee River ~~from shoreline to shoreline~~, from East Mile Marker 38 at Squire Court (28 52.384N, 82 14.484W), south to south of East Mile Marker 41 at Shawnee Trail (28 50.117N, 82 12.280W) for a distance of 3.4 miles. This Idle Speed No Wake restriction shall be active and enforceable only when the water level of the ~~Withlacoochee r~~River is measured at the USGS SR 44 gauge (02312722) at 38.0' feet and will remain in effect until the river recedes to below 38.0' feet.

2. When the ~~Withlacoochee r~~River is measured at the USGS SR 44 gauge (02312722) at 41.0' feet, ~~the river in~~ this area will be closed to all vessel traffic except emergency, law enforcement, firefighting, or rescue vessels owned or operated by a governmental entity, as depicted in Drawing ~~C and D~~. As river levels recede below 41.0' feet, the river will reopen to all vessel traffic at Idle Speed No Wake.

3. ~~As river levels recede below 41 feet, the river will reopen to all vessel traffic at Idle Speed No Wake. When the river recedes to below 38 feet, the speed will be Resume Normal Safe Operation.~~

(e) Citrus/Hernando County Line to south of the Riverside RV Park Mile Marker 61 Segment.

1. All waters ~~of in and adjacent to~~ the Withlacoochee River, ~~from shoreline to shoreline~~, from the Citrus/Hernando County line (28 40.060N, 82 15.786W) south to south of the Riverside RV Park (28 38.342N, 82 15.606W) Mile Marker 61. This Idle Speed No Wake restriction shall be active and enforceable only when the water level of the ~~Withlacoochee r~~River is measured at the USGS Croom gauge (02312500) at 9.0' or higher and will remain in effect until the river recedes to below 9.0' feet.

2. When the ~~Withlacoochee r~~River is measured at the USGS Croom gauge (02312500) at 11.0' feet, ~~the river in~~ this area will be closed to all vessel traffic except emergency, law enforcement, firefighting, or rescue vessels owned or operated by a governmental entity, as depicted in Drawing E. As river levels recede below 11.0' feet, the river will reopen to all vessel traffic at Idle Speed No Wake.

3. ~~When the river recedes to below 9.0 feet, vessel speed will be Resume Normal Safe Operation.~~

(f) Iron Bridge Primitive Boat Launch Silver Lake at Mile Marker 64 to CSX Railway Trestle at Mile Marker 70 Segment.

1. All waters ~~of in and adjacent to~~ the Withlacoochee River, ~~from shoreline to shoreline~~, from the Iron Bridge Primitive Boat Launch (28 35.600N, 82 13.300W) Silver Lake Park boundary line, at Mile Marker 64, south to 500 feet north of the fender system of the CSX Rrailway Ttrestle (28 34.323N, 82 9.240W) at Mile Marker 70, for a distance of 7.0 miles. This Idle Speed No Wake restriction shall be active and enforceable only when the water level of the ~~Withlacoochee r~~River is measured at the USGS Trilby gauge (02312000) at 12.0' feet or higher and will remain in effect until the river recedes to below 12.0' feet.

2. When the ~~Withlacoochee r~~River is measured at the USGS Trilby gauge (02312000) at 15.0' feet or higher, ~~the River in~~ this area will be closed to all vessel traffic except emergency, law enforcement, firefighting, or rescue vessels owned or operated by a governmental entity, as depicted in Drawing F. As river levels recede below 15.0' feet, the river will reopen to all vessel traffic at Idle Speed No Wake.

3. ~~When the river recedes below 12.0 feet, vessel speed will be Resume Normal Safe Operation.~~

(2) The boating restricted areas are depicted in the following drawings:





