

APPENDIX B

LANDS SUITABLE FOR TIMBER PRODUCTION

36 CFR 219.14 directs that during the forest planning process, lands that are unsuitable for timber production be identified. Lands identified within the following categories are considered in stage 1 analysis as unsuitable for timber production:

1. Nonforestland.
2. Forestland withdrawn from production by an Act of Congress, the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Chief of the Forest Service.
3. Forestland not capable of producing crops of industrial wood.
4. Forestland physically unsuitable, where technology is not available to ensure timber production without irreversible resource damage to soils productivity or watershed conditions or without reasonable assurance that land can be adequately restocked within 5 years of harvest.
5. Forestland where inadequate information is available to project responses to timber management practices.

The acres on three of the national forests in Florida that are within these categories are shown in Table B.1.

Table B.1

Acres Tentatively Suitable for Timber Production

Category	Acres
Apalachicola National Forest	
Nonforestland	6,657
Withdrawn	33,662
Not Capable	0
Physically Unsuitable	10,232
Inadequate Information	8,665
Tentatively Suitable Acres	<u>516,273</u>
TOTAL	575,489
Ocala National Forest	
Nonforestland	29,603
Withdrawn	28,197
Not Capable	0
Physically Unsuitable	488
Inadequate Information	5,190
Tentatively Suitable Acres	<u>319,884</u>
TOTAL	383,362
Osceola National Forest	
Nonforestland	1,372
Withdrawn	14,041
Not Capable	0
Physically Unsuitable	3,519
Inadequate Information	15,000
Tentatively Suitable Acres	<u>160,800</u>
TOTAL	194,732

NOTE: Total tentatively suitable acres for these forests = 996,957.

In addition to lands that meet the above five categories, additional areas may be identified as not appropriate for timber production to meet objectives if (1) land is proposed for uses that preclude timber production, (2) other objectives limit timber production such that the minimum management requirements in CFR 219.27 cannot be met, or (3) lands are not cost-

efficient in meeting forest objectives over the planning horizon.

These lands are subtracted from the tentatively suitable acres to provide the total suitable acres. The acres of land not appropriate for timber production are shown in Table B.2.

Table B.2
Land Classified as Suitable for Timber Production

Apalachicola National Forest	Acres
Tentatively Suitable Acres	516,273
T&E Species Sites	-18,261
Recreation Sites	-1,560
Nontimber Management Areas	-14,305
Special Interest Areas	-4,824
Wilderness Study Areas	-5,625
Wild & Scenic River Corridors	-10,435
Titi Retention Areas	-110,986
Streamside Management Zones	-1,349
Not Appropriate Hardwood	<u>-80,080</u>
TOTAL	268,848
Ocala National Forest	Acres
Tentatively Suitable Acres	319,884
T&E Species Sites	-4,239
Recreation Sites	-1,863
Nontimber Management Areas	-5,551
Special Interest Areas	-3,257
Wild & Scenic River Corridors	-1,822
Streamside Management Zones	-1,611
Scrub-Jay Management	-1,875
Not Appropriate Hardwood	<u>-28,066</u>
TOTAL	271,600
Osceola National Forest	Acres
Tentatively Suitable Acres	160,800
T&E Species Sites	-4,495
Recreation Sites	-279
Experimental Forest	-2,802
Nontimber Management Areas	-19,339
Special Interest Areas	-2,049
Wilderness Study Areas	-4,396
Streamside Management Zones	-368
Not Appropriate Hardwood	<u>-34,183</u>
TOTAL	92,889
GRAND TOTAL	633,337

T&E - threatened and endangered