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## Memorandum

**TO:** INTERESTED PARTIES

**FROM:** Steven A. Cutshaw, Bureau Chief   
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**SUBJECT:** Notice of Scheduling Change  
Ichetucknee Springs ARC Presentation Postponed

**DATE:** August 14, 2017

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### Notice of Scheduling Change:

Please be advised that the presentation of the Ichetucknee Springs State Park Draft Unit Management Plan (UMP) to the Acquisition and Restoration Council will not take place August 18. This agenda item has been postponed until completion and consideration of the park's next Land Management Review (LMR). The LMR is scheduled for September 2017.

Prior to completion of the UMP, the Division of Recreation and Parks will consider the results of the upcoming LMR for management of natural resources and recreational uses of the Ichetucknee River. This will allow the DRP to make sound management decisions based on current assessments of the park's resources. An alternative date for the UMP presentation to the Acquisition and Restoration Council will be determined and announced after the September 2017 LMR.

### Information on Land Management Reviews for Florida State Parks:

Section 259.036, F.S. requires a periodic on-site review of conservation and recreation lands titled in the name of the Board of Trustees to determine (1) whether the lands are being managed for purposes compatible with conservation, preservation, or recreation; and (2) whether they are being managed in accordance with their land management plan adopted pursuant to s. 259.032, F.S. In cases where the managed areas exceed 1,000 acres in size, such a review must be scheduled at least every five years. In conducting this review, a statutorily constructed review team "shall evaluate the extent to which the existing management plan provides sufficient protection to threatened or endangered species, unique or important natural or physical features, geological or hydrological

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functions or archaeological features. The review shall also evaluate the extent to which the land is being managed for the purposes for which it was acquired and the degree to which actual management practices, including public access, are in compliance with the adopted management plan.”

Land management review teams are coordinated by the Division of State Lands and consist of representatives from the Division of Recreation and Parks, Florida Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, local government in which the property is located, DEP District in which the parcel is located, local soil and water conservation district or the jurisdictional water management district, a conservation organization member, and a local private land manager.

Each land management review report is divided into three sections. Section 1 provides the details of the property being reviewed as well as the overall results of the report. Section 2 provides details of the field review, in which the review team inspects the results of management actions on the site. Section 3 provides details of the land management plan review, in which the team determines the extent to which the management plan provides for and documents adequate natural and recreational resource protection.

Finally, each report may also contain an Appendix that lists individual team member comments. This Appendix is a compilation of feedback, concerns or other thoughts provided by individual team members. It is not necessarily indicative of the final consensus reached by the land management review team.