


[EXTERNAL] RE: Rodman Bomb Target and potential revised manatee critical habitat

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Hi Heather –

- 1) Please fill out, sign, and return the attached data request form and we will get you that shapefile for Rodman.
- 2) Yes, the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies apply to all the properties in the INRMP. The entire NAS JAX Complex.
- 3) WQ protection and aquatic habitat conservation does apply to all water bodies, regardless of the property. This includes the Ocklawaha River. We will update the text throughout the INRMP to better convey this.
- 4) The language for Project 4 was written with the St Johns River in mind since it is such a prominent feature at the Main Station and there are commonly-used access points there for using the river. However, this Project's money can be spent at any of the NAS JAX Complex properties and the same (or similar) signage could be posted at Rodman if requested. We will loosen the language associated with this project to give it wider applicability.

V/r,
Jered

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Hi Jered and Sarah,

Would it be possible for us to get a shapefile of the Rodman Bomb Target boundary? At this point our proposed revised manatee critical habitat would no longer include the St. Johns River as far north as NAS Jacksonville, but would include the Ocklawaha River along the Rodman Bomb Target. It's hard to tell from the maps in the document how much (if any) overlap there is with the Ocklawaha River. I can see that there are definitely 2 tributaries in the southeast corner and another along the western edge that are included in your boundary as well as our proposed revised critical habitat for the manatee. Also, if we decide it qualifies for an exemption from the critical habitat designation we would need the correct boundaries to remove the NAS property from our unit.

To help us decide if the area should be exempt, can you confirm that all the Natural Resource Goals, Objectives, and Strategies apply to all the NAS JAX complex properties, including the Rodman Bomb Target?

Also, under the manatee section (p. 5-86) it states: "Manatee management includes protection of water quality and conservation of suitable aquatic habitat in the St. Johns River." Would this also occur in the Ocklawaha River?

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Thank you!

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Thank you all for the quick response. I will let you know if we have any questions or other needs as we review the INRMP.

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