



Reply to: 4060 Research Facilities

Date: August 11, 1983

Subject: Establishment Reports for WO RNA Files (Your ltr. 6/16/83)

To: Chief
ATTN: RNA Coordinator

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Attached are--

- Copy of Apalachicola Savannah RNA Establishment Report with what we believe is an original signature by John R. McGuire, xerox signature copies circa 1975, and an original signature by James S. Sabin dated 7/21/75. This copy differs from the last version we sent on 12/15/77. Page 4 of that version listed the area as "469 acres (approx)." Page 9 of that version included a rewrite in response to comments in your letter dated 11/1/77. The rewrite required a new page 10, and what had been page 10 was renumbered as page 11. Russell Burns has told us he does not think the rewrite was incorporated in the official report as approved by the Chief.
- An original of Guilliard Lake RNA Establishment Report with a complete set of original signatures.
- An original of Little Wambaw Swamp RNA Establishment Report with a complete set of original signatures.
- ✓ --A copy of Murder Creek RNA Establishment Report with original notes by Russell M. Burns signifying signatures by J. B. Hilman and John R. McGuire. We've also included original signatures circa 1975 by the Forest Supervisor, Regional Forester, and Director of Southeastern Forest Experiment Station. These three positions reapproved the report in 1977.
- Original Osceola RNA Establishment Report with original signatures by all parties except the Chief. We've also included an original of the Joint Amendment, dated March 28, 1955, with original signatures by the District Ranger, Forest Supervisor, and Research Center Leader. Included is a xerox copy that indicates signature by the Station Director, Regional Forester and Acting Chief.



--Copy of Plott Cove RNA Establishment Report with what we believe is an original signature by the Chief. We've also included original signatures circa 1975 by the Forest Supervisor, Regional Forester and Station Director. We suspect these three positions reapproved in 1977 as they did for Murder Creek.



D. LEE CROMLEY
Director of Timber

Enclosures



Reply to: 4060 Research Facilities

Date: June 16, 1983

Subject: Establishment Reports for WO RNA Files

To: Regional Forester, Region 8
ATTN: RNA Coordinator

Reference is made to the Chief's 4060 letter dated June 8 concerning research natural areas (RNA's).

The WO file lacks the originals of establishment reports for the following RNA's including original signed signature pages and designation orders. Please examine your files for these RNA documents.

- Apalachicola Savannah on the Apalachicola National Forest *we have*
- Guilliard Lake on the Francis Marion National Forest
- Little Wambaw Swamp on the Francis Marion National Forest
- Murder Creek on the Oconee National Forest
- Osceola on the Osceola National Forest
- Plott Cove on the Chattahoochee National Forest

Thank you for your cooperation in completing the official Forest Service RNA file.

Russell M. Burns
RUSSELL M. BURNS, Coordinator
Forest Service RNA Program

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Apalachicola Savannah - we have Chief's orig sig. but not the other 3. 1

Guilliard Lake - we have all orig. signatures. 2

Little Wambaw Swamp - we have all original signatures. 3

Murder Creek - we have no original signatures

*Osceola - we have orig sign. for 1955 Amendment by Lake City Research Center Leader 4.
District Ranger
Forest Supervisor*

we have all orig. signatures for the 1936 designation

Plott Cove - we don't even have a cc of the establishment report

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Date:

JUN 8 1983

Subject: Procedures for Establishment of Research Natural Areas

1. Regional Foresters and Station Directors

Approved procedures for the establishment of Forest Service Research Natural Areas (RNA's) are not being followed in some Regions and Stations. The purpose of this letter is to clarify and rectify the situation in order to avoid delays in the review and approval process.

A review of the Washington Office (WO) files reveals that several of our older RNA's do not have establishment reports that were approved by the Chief. Only the Chief, under authority vested in him by the Secretary of Agriculture under 7 CFR 2.60(a) and 36 CFR 251.23, can designate an RNA. Stations and Regions cannot designate RNA's without WO review and the approval of the Chief. You will be contacted in the near future if you have any unapproved RNA's or if the original establishment report is not in the WO file.

A more recent development is the submission of Natural Area Nomination Forms to the Society of American Foresters (SAF) for areas not designated as Forest Service RNA's by the Chief. Unapproved areas shall not be nominated as SAF Natural Areas. All nominations of Approved Forest Service RNA's will be made by the Forest Service RNA Coordinator, Russell M. Burns.

Your assistance in rectifying this situation is solicited.

for R. M. Peterson
R. MAX PETERSON
Chief



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