Habitat Restoration: Federal Lands Program - Phase I

This project will enhance and restore habitat on federal lands in coastal Mississippi. Anticipated outcomes for key focal habitats include restoration of over 30,000 acres through invasive species removal, forest thinning and prescribed burning on lands contained within Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Gulf Islands National Seashore and the De Soto National Forest (Tchoutacobouffa River/Tuxachanie Creek watershed). The project also includes control of non-native mammals on Horn, Sand, and Petit Bois Islands within the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

This work expands efforts funded under previous GEBF awards that are conducting invasive species removal and fire management on state lands along the Mississippi Coast. This project focuses on restoring and conserving coastal habitat on federal lands to improve and maintain their benefit to fish and wildlife, enhance water quality to coastal bays through improved forest management, and promote resilience within coastal ecosystems.