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Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

RECIPIENTS

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

US Fish & Wildlife Service

National Park Service

US Forest Service

AWARD AMOUNT

\$9,905,300

LEVERAGE AMOUNT

\$24,500,000 (Anticipated)

LOCATION

Harrison and Jackson Counties, Mississippi

AWARD DATE

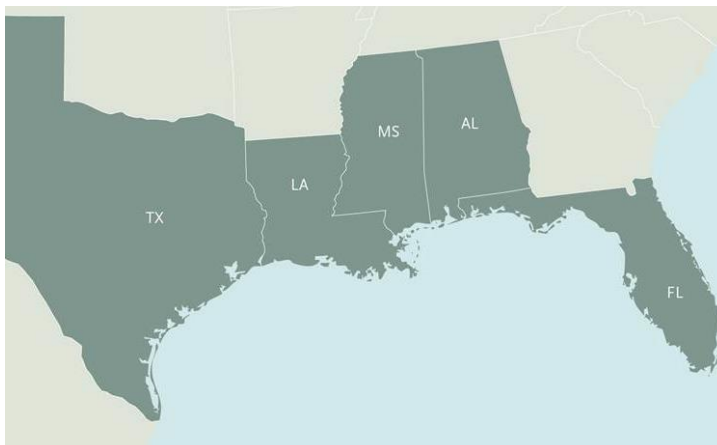
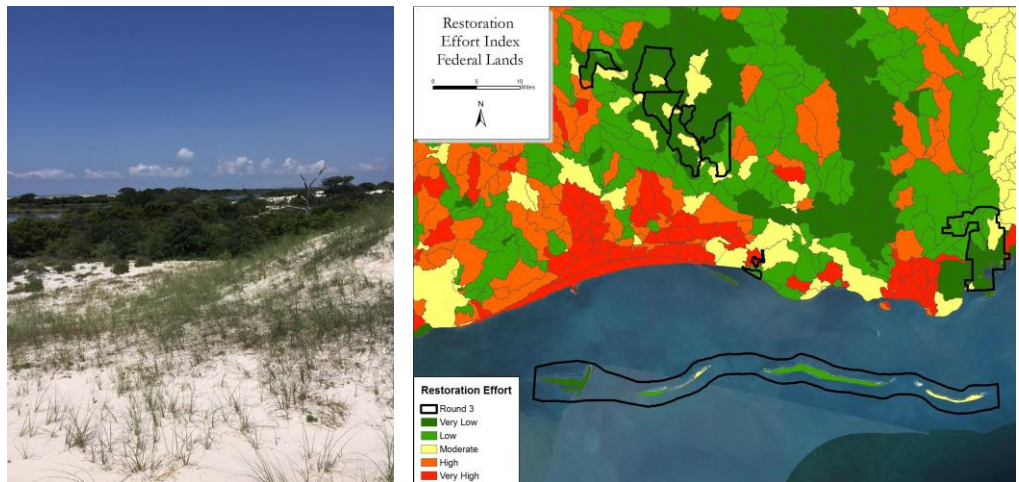
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MISSISSIPPI

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 (Tchoutacabouffa 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.



This project will expand previously funded invasive species management on priority state lands to key federally managed lands in coastal Mississippi.

The Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), supports projects to remedy harm and eliminate or reduce the risk of harm to Gulf Coast natural resources affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. To learn more about NFWF, go to www.nfwf.org.