Wolf River Coastal Preserve Habitat Management **DuPont and Bell's Ferry Tracts Mississippi Restoration Area**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Wolf River Coastal Preserve Habitat Management – DuPont and Bell's Ferry Tract projects will provide habitat management within 2,500 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Preserve boundaries adjacent to the St. Louis Bay located in Pass Christian, Harrison County, Mississippi (see map). Habitats include pine flatwoods and estuarine marsh.

Habitat management will include hydrologic restoration, a combination of mechanical, chemical, and prescribed fire treatments, and prescribed grazing. These actions will help restore injuries to wetlands, coastal and nearshore habitats in Mississippi injured by the spill. The anticipated timeframe for restoration measures and management activities will be 10 years. Project objectives will be monitored in accordance with the Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan.

Implementing Trustees and Project **Partners**

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will be the Implementing Trustee for the project. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources will be a project partner.

Leveraging

This project will build on the Invasive Species Management on Coastal State Land Project, which was funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Federation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund.

ALLOCATION: \$3,127,500

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