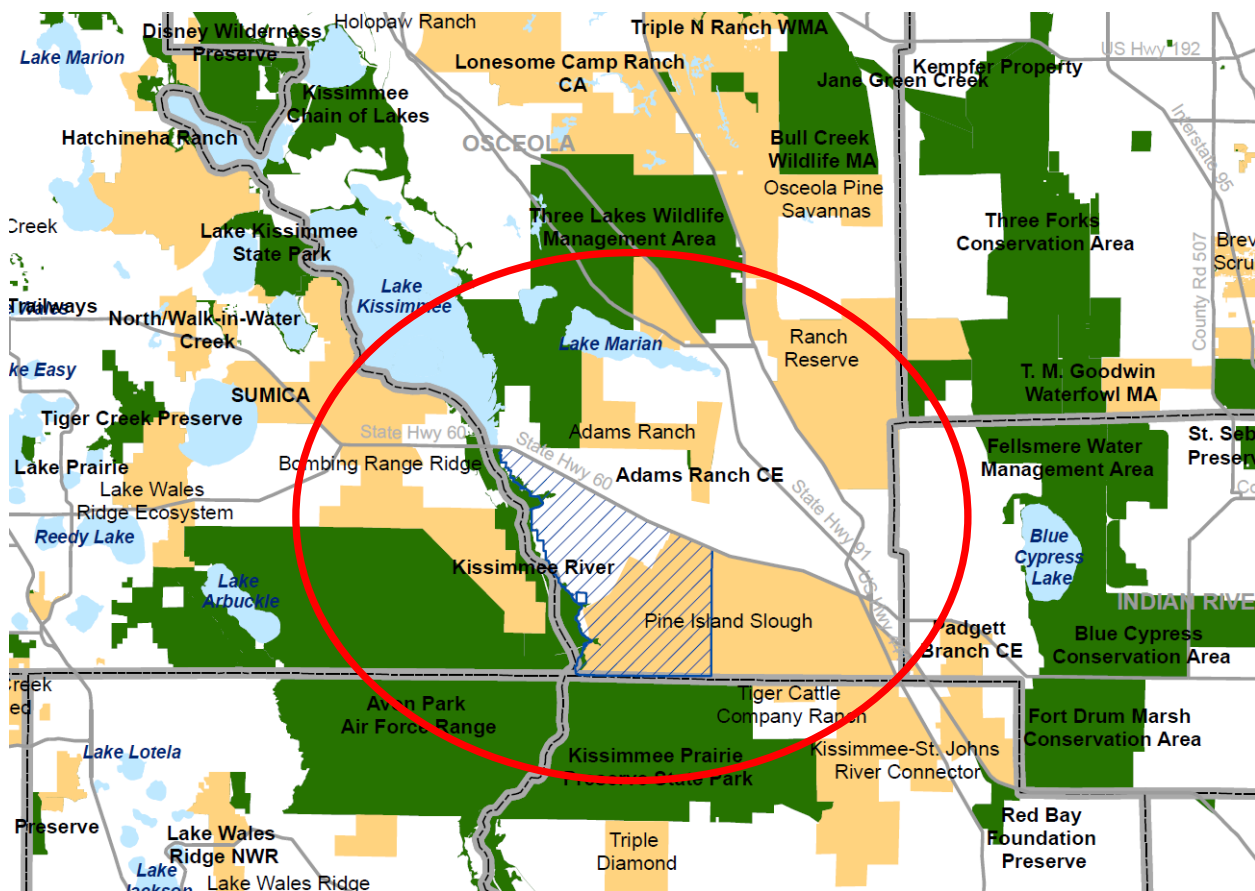


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Latt Maxcy Ranch – Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge



The Maxcy Ranch is a historic Kissimmee River valley ranch with nearly 100 years of ownership. This property offers the United States Fish and Wildlife Service some 40,000 acres next to Florida’s Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park and Department of Defense lands. The ranch has an abundance of imperiled species, including Grasshopper Sparrows, Crested Cara-cara, Sandhill Cranes, Florida Scrub Jays, Bald Eagles and much more.

The Maxcy Ranch cooperated in the 1990s with federal, state and water management districts to sell its historic ranch ownership along the Kissimmee River for both Okeechobee and Osecola Counties and also included the nearly 50,000 acres of pristine lands now making up the Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park. This 40,000 acres - a Northern Everglades priority watershed - is the remaining lands of the ranch ownership.