

LOXAHATCHEE RIVER**FINAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY/FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Florida**

Agency: National Park Service, Department of the Interior

Action: Legislative Proposal

Abstract: The Loxahatchee Wild and Scenic River Study was conducted pursuant to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Public Law 90-542, as amended. The National Park Service has determined that a 7.5-mile segment of the river is eligible for inclusion in the National System based on its outstandingly remarkable ecological, fish and wildlife, and recreational values. The National Park Service proposes that this eligible segment be included as a State-administered component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Under the proposed concept plan management of the Loxahatchee River would be a cooperative effort by the State of Florida, the South Florida Water Management District and the County of Palm Beach.

Three alternatives were developed and evaluated in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Alternative A is the recommended proposal to include the 7.5-mile eligible segment of the river as a State-administered component of the National System. Alternative B involves designation of a 7.5-mile segment of the river as a State-administered component of the national system but provides additional protection in the corridor as well as restoration of the Loxahatchee Slough. Alternative C is the No Action or Existing Trends alternative and characterizes the future conditions expected to occur in the study area without a formal management plan or designation as a wild and scenic river.

This environmental impact statement will serve as the proposal's compliance document for Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), Section 106 of the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act and Executive Order 11593 (Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment).

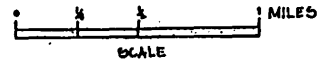
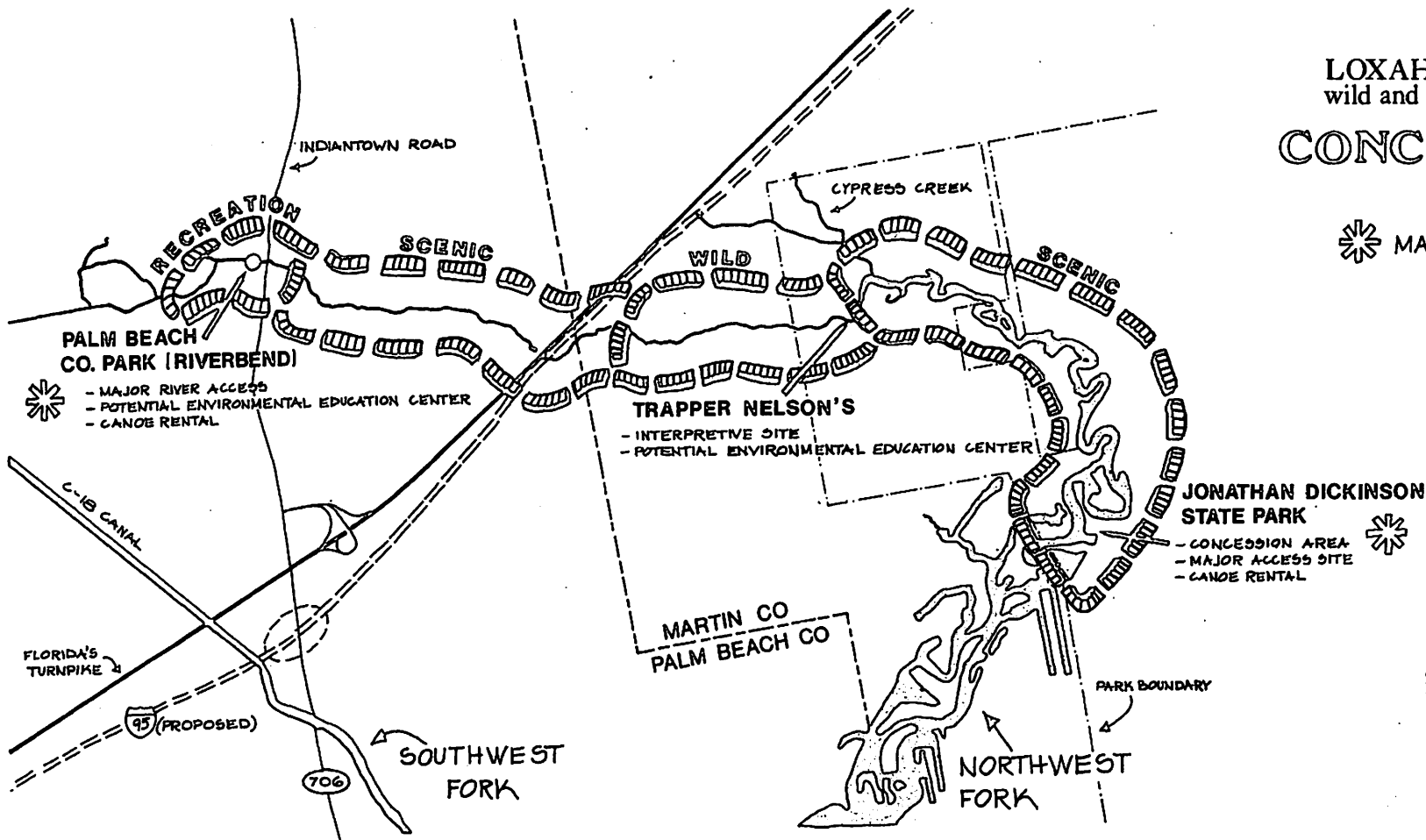
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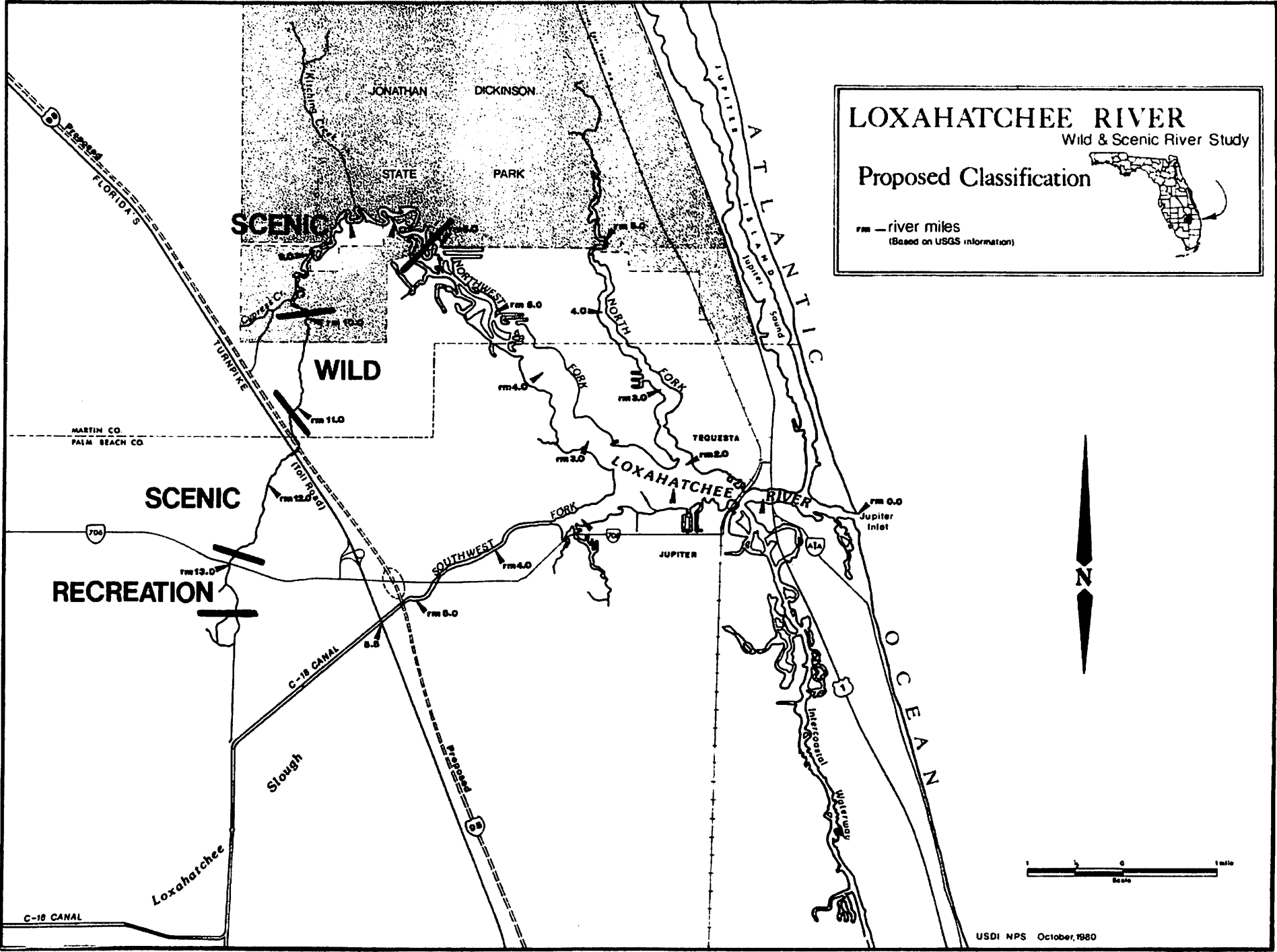


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Wild & Scenic River Study

Proposed Classification



rm — river miles
(Based on USGS information)



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