



HMS Florida
Quarterly Report – July/August/September 2019
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Assistance to DHR: HMS Project Management Activities

HMS Florida Project Manager Patty Meyers met directors from each region and identified opportunities to support the program in their areas. She also attended an HMS training provided by the North Central region at St. Marks and held several meetings with key Florida Department of Environmental Protection personnel to discuss support for state land managers. During these meetings FDEP staff expressed their desire for continued assistance in monitoring archaeological resources on state park lands and their appreciation for FPAN’s assistance in the past. In addition, she also met with Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research staff to discuss their ongoing concerns regarding monitoring on state lands and their requirement for 1A-32 permits to authorize and document monitoring activities. Jeff Moates drafted the monitoring methodology template for the grant that was accepted by BAR and is now ready to attach to permits.



Scouts practice monitoring at HMS Florida training in the North Central region.

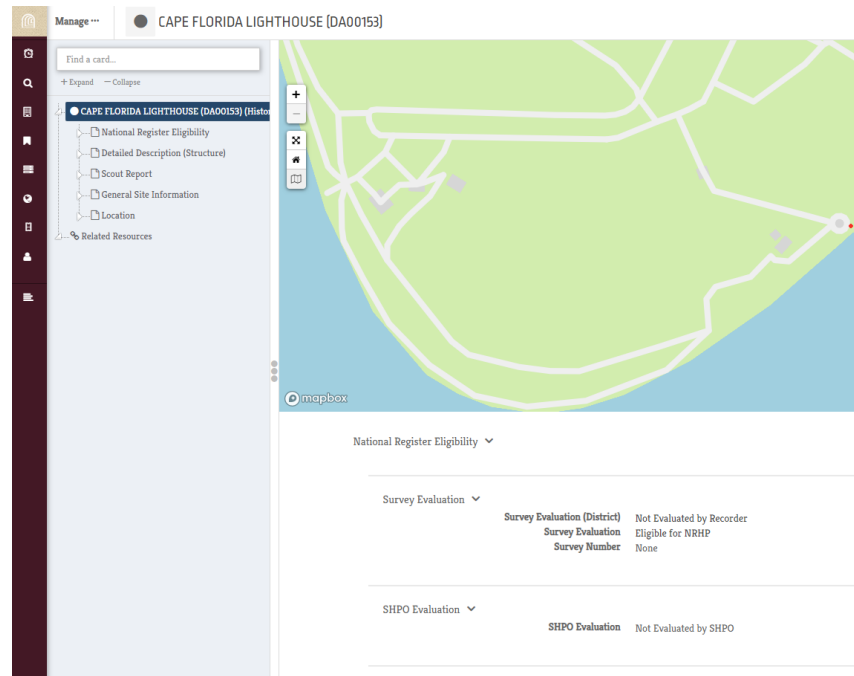


Barbara Clark and Tristan Harrenstein of the North Central region training HMS Scouts on basic site monitoring and documentation.

Volunteer Opportunities: HMS Database Management Activities

HMS Florida Database Manager Kassie Kemp took over many behind the scenes duties that were spread amongst other FPAN staff including managing HMS Scout accounts and the Arches Database. She has been working with FPAN Northeast staff to clean up data in Arches as well as input the backlog of monitoring forms in the system. Kassie has also worked with Adam Cox at Legion GIS to learn how to edit back-end Arches content and to get familiar with the newest Arches update (coming soon!).

Kassie has also focused on content for the Special Categories Grant. She worked with other FPAN staff to create a list of potential sites for the grant's priority list of 500 sites to monitor during the grant period. In addition, she compiled statistics for the first three months of the grant which provide information such as the number of sites monitored which will be used to develop the HMS Annual Report.



The new Arches update will change the way we input Scout Reports. The new tree system on the left of the screen will streamline data entry making it easier for scouts to submit their reports.

FPAN in the Media

- “Florida Archaeologists Work to Protect 4,000 Sites from Sea Level Rise,” Miami Beach Times, August 2019
 - <https://miamibeachtimes.com/business/florida-archaeologists-work-to-protect-4000-sites-from-sea-level-rise/?fbclid=IwAR2POHzP1-HYcN3qeLwM59Sk3uXrwyBqc2YEI76ugTwPB96UHJxtxjm3vYQ>
- “Local Archaeologists in race Against Time to Preserve Florida’s History,” Action News Jacksonville, August 28, 2019
 - <https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/local/local-archaeologists-in-race-against-time-to-preserve-floridas-history/980332613>
- “Into the Woods: Ghost Towns, Civil War Shipwrecks and Abandoned Cemeteries” Lutz Magazine, September 2019
 - <https://issuu.com/sonews/docs/1m.sept.2019.lo.rez>