



North Central Region Quarterly Report

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Quarterly Highlight:

This quarter the North Central Regional office had the opportunity to participate in several stewardship tours that were hosted by the Florida Extension Service at the University of Florida. These stewardship tours are designed to give people with large tracts of land the opportunity to tour properties that have been participating in the Forest Stewardship Program so that they may see the benefits of properly managed land. Recently, the coordinators of these tours became aware of the fact that many of these properties contained cultural resources and that it would be beneficial to bring an archaeologist along on these tours to discuss how to properly protect cultural resources located on private lands. Thus far the North Central Region has participated in three of these tours, with several others planned for the future. During these tours we discuss Florida's history and prehistory as it pertains to the parcel of property included in the tour, the Florida Master Site File, the National Register of Historic Places, conservation easements, property rights, the importance of archaeological context and other relevant topics. The feedback we have been receiving from both participants and coordinators of these tours has been very positive thus far. It has allowed us to reach a new audience and has led to private landowners wanting to protect and record cultural resources located on their land.

Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- Continue to support the Florida Division of Historical Resources and the Bureau of Archaeological Research by providing the public with DHR and BAR publications at festivals and other events.
- Teamed up with BAR Underwater Staff to conduct a Big Anchors Workshop in Apalachicola and other events in the regional.
- Continue to use social media to promote FPAN events and make the public aware of relevant issues and information in the news.

- Continue to post to the North Central blog, “Shovel Bytes”, at minimum every two weeks.
- Presented programs at various locations throughout the region and provided hands-on educational opportunities to the public at events throughout the region.
- Worked with other members of the Archaeotourism Task Force to plan our next steps to assist other FPAN staff with promoting heritage tourism destinations in Florida.
- Promoted, coordinated and participated in numerous Florida Archaeology Month events throughout March, including assisting other regions with their events.
- Attended the Society for Historical Archaeology conference in January and presented a paper.
- Attended meetings with staff from Northwest Regional office to discuss the possibility of Jackson County/Marianna becoming a CLG
- Attended Certified Local Government training in Tallahassee
- Participated in various Viva Florida 500 events, with more planned for the near future.
- With the assistance of a volunteer, have created seven interpretive sign layouts for Suwannee Springs historic site.
- Co-hosted Teacher In-Service training with Northwest Regional Office at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown.



Participants record anchor in Apalachicola during a Big Anchor Project Workshop.