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RESTORE Act Ecosystem Restoration Project Proposals

The Deep Water Horizon oil spill significantly impacted all of Florida's Gulf Coast communities, both in terms of environmental and economic damages. The RESTORE Act and the rules present an unprecedented opportunity to provide direct relief for these impacts to Gulf Coast communities, including Hernando County. Potential funding will be used in part to implement the Hernando County Strategic Plan.

After months of review, the Gulf Consortium submitted its draft comments on the proposed rules for the RESTORE Act. Final comments are due Tuesday, November 5.

The draft comments on the rules explain Florida's unique status under the RESTORE Act, discuss the effects of the rules on the Gulf Consortium and the 23 Florida counties, and suggest rules revisions that could reduce some of the unnecessary financial burden for the RESTORE Act's implementation.

The Gulf Consortium consists of 23 Gulf Coast counties that came together to meet requirements of the RESTORE Act to develop a State Expenditure Plan for economic and environmental recovery of the Gulf coast in Florida following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The RESTORE Act was passed by the Congress on June 29, 2012 and signed into law on July 6, 2012 by the President Obama.