



Southwest Region
Quarterly Report –September 2022
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HIGHLIGHTS



Photo 1: De La Torre Salas (left) introduces self-moderated Seminole Tribe of Florida Climate Resiliency panel

Highlight: Addressing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Addressing the Impact of Climate Change

Hosting Tidally United

FPAN SW staff partnered with the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Heritage and Environment Resources Office and Climate Resiliency Program to host the seventh annual [Tidally United](#) conference in August. This conference was hosted in person at The Water School at Florida Gulf Coast University and online. The keynote panel for this event included Jill Horwitz (Climate Resiliency Officer, Heritage and Environment Resources Office, Seminole Tribe of Florida), Quenton Cypress (Community Engagement Officer, Heritage and Environment, Resources Office, Seminole Tribe of Florida) and Dave Scheidecker (Historian, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Seminole Tribe of Florida), all speaking in person and the hybrid format allowed for long distance participation from noted climate and heritage scholars like Isabel Rivera-Collazo, of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego

Address the Challenges of Archaeological Site Stewardship: Assistance to FWC Staff at Fort Center, Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area

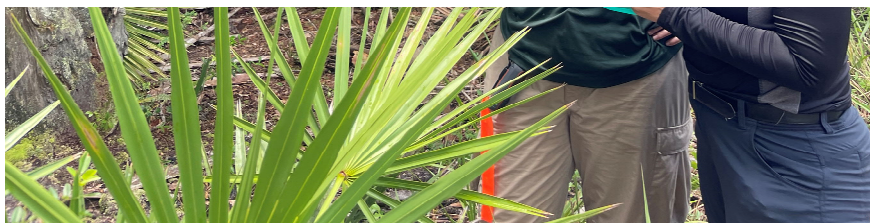
FPAN SW staff partnered with the FWC to complete their annual site assessments within the Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area. This WMA is home to Fort Center, a spiraling complex comprised of multiple precontact mounds and radiating earthworks. In addition to documenting these features, FPAN SW staff also assisted in registering new sites in the area associated with the Turpentine industry, like this cat-eye tree (see Photo 2), associated with a Herty cup, searching for a potential historic cemetery.



Photo 2: FWC and Natalie De La Torre Salas document site

Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives and Mission Goals

- Address Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as it relates to Archaeological Heritage
 - De La Torre Salas created a social media campaign for Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th-October 15th) and works to post all content in both English and Spanish
 - De La Torre Salas led a summer archaeology summer program at local libraries including underserved communities in Clewiston, focused on Underwater Archaeology
- Address impact of climate crisis on archaeological resources
 - De La Torre Salas began serving on the Latino Climate Council
 - FPAN SW staff assisted Dr. Michelle LeFebvre, Dr. Charlie Cobb of University of Florida, and Dr. Victor Thompson of University of Georgia on a stabilization project at Mound House



- The region was seriously impacted by Hurricane Ian at the end of September. FPAN staff is working with the FLDHR, State Parks, and other partners as part of the ongoing recovery efforts.