

# Enhanced Management of Avian Breeding Habitat Injured by Response Activities in the Florida Panhandle, Alabama, and Mississippi

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT (NRDA) - PHASE II

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Enhanced Management of Avian Breeding Habitat Injured by Response Activities in the Florida Panhandle, Alabama, and Mississippi project will reduce disturbance to nesting and foraging habitat for beach-nesting birds in the project areas. The project involves three tasks: (1) Placing symbolic fencing (signs and posts connected with rope) around sensitive nesting sites of beach-nesting birds to indicate the site as off-limits to people, pets, and other sources of disturbance; (2) Increasing predator control to reduce disturbance and loss of eggs, chicks, and adult beach-nesting birds at nesting sites; and (3) Increasing surveillance and monitoring of posted nesting sites to minimize disturbance to nesting

habitat in posted areas. The project would be implemented in the following Florida counties: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, and Franklin. In Alabama, the project would be implemented on Bon Secour NWR in Baldwin and Mobile Counties. In Mississippi, the project would be implemented on GUIS - Mississippi District.

Source:

<http://www.restoration.noaa.gov/dwh/storymap/>

## PROJECT DETAILS

Total Funding Allocated: \$4,420,320

Estimate Benefitting Escambia County:

\$210,461.43

Status: Implementation



