

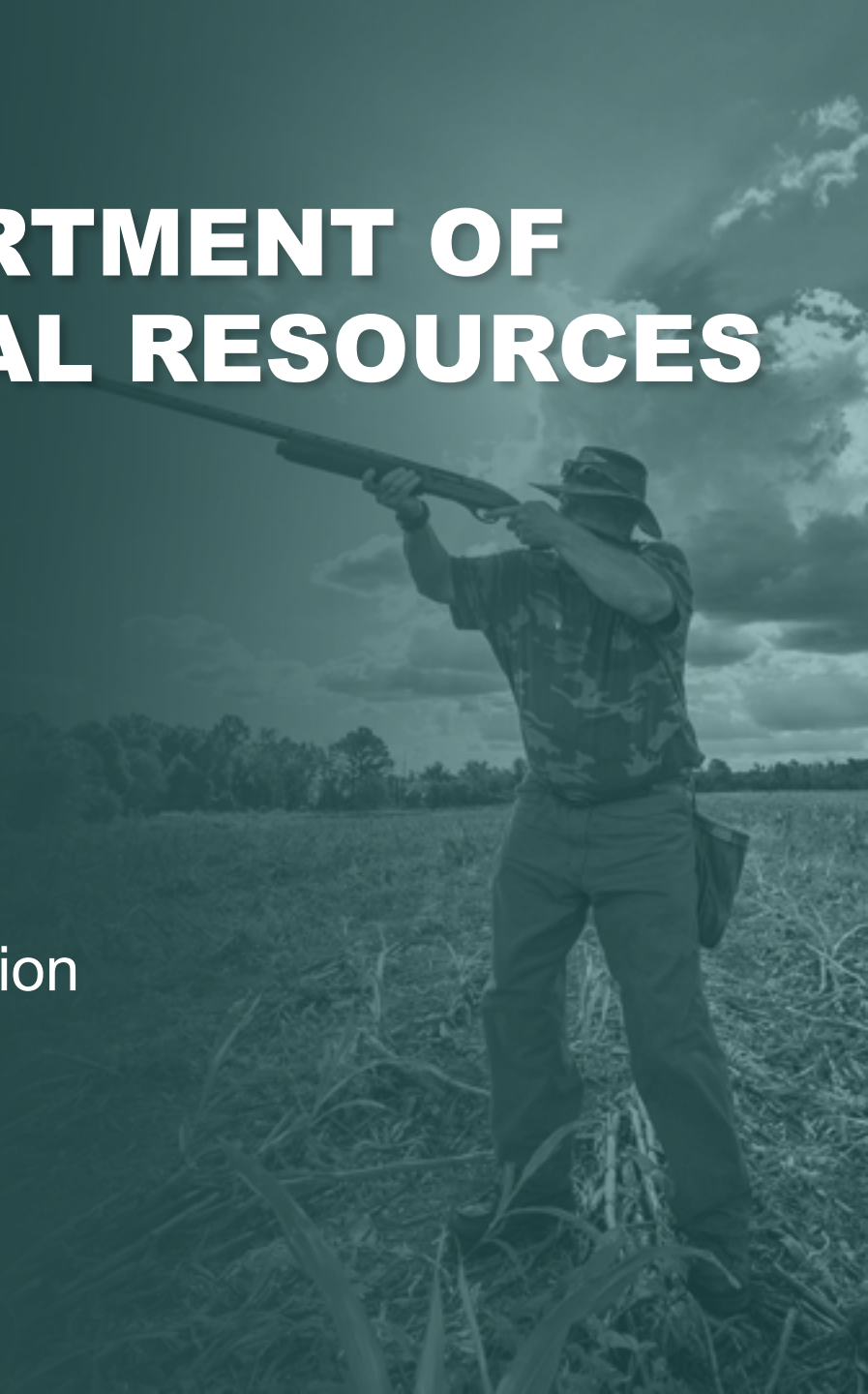


ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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OVERVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- State Parks Division
- Wildlife And Freshwater Fisheries Division
- Marine Resources Division
- State Lands Division
- Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Restoration Section



ADCNR BUDGET AND INFORMATION

- Budget for FY 2025 is \$435,330,357
- Deepwater Horizon Funds \$165,883,310
- 2025 GoMESA \$75,801,085
- 2024 Budget \$414 million
- 2017 Budget \$142 million
- 2024 FTE 1280 Employees



STATE PARKS COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- Oak Mountain SP Campground \$12 million
- Joe Wheeler Cart Paths, paving, 2/3 of campground renovated, day use beach pavilion and restrooms and swimming pool renovation-2019 Tornado Damage
- Gulf SP 20 New Lakeside Cabins, 11 bathhouses renovated, Romar Beach Access Bathroom and Parking, Dragonfly Bar and Pool seating addition at Lodge
- Cheaha SP Campground and CCC Cabin renovation
- Monte Sano SP-Campground renovation
- Lakepoint SP All Cabins and Cottages refreshed and Marina Building upgrades
- Guntersville Chalets and Pool Renovated and Roads Paved
- Cathedral Caverns SP—New Campground and Cave Entrance Upgrades

STATE PARKS PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

- Gulf SP-Pier Rebuild (\$14 million), Beach Pavilion, Lodge FFE Refresh
- Lakepoint SP-Lodge Rooms Renovation, New HVAC for Conference Center and Restaurant-15 Large Units
- Guntersville SP-Concrete Cart Paths and Pro Shop renovation
- Monte Sano SP-CCC Cabins renovation, Bathrooms and Day Use Area Upgrades, ADA RV Sites and New Trails
- Desoto SP-Pool House Replacement, New Trails, River Dredging and New Sand Beach, Paving and Upgrades at Desoto Falls Area
- Wind Creek SP-New 3BR 3Bath Cottages, Campground Renovation — \$11.5 million
- Meaher SP-45 Campsite addition with huge bathhouse, 6 New Cabins, Camp Store and Admin Building — \$7.5 million
- Joe Wheeler SP-Lodge and Restaurant windows and door replacements

STATE PARK PROJECTS TO BEGIN IN FY2025

- Cheaha Hotel and Overlook — \$25 million-Bid in July
- Gulf SP Executive Campground and Amenities--\$23 million
- Lake Lurleen SP Total Rebuild-Cabins, Campground, Day Use Area, Playground and More — \$15 million — Bid in September
- Rickwood Caverns SP-Pool House, Cave Entrance Refresh and New Playground
- Rickwood Caverns New Entrance Road from I-65
- Chewacla SP-Meeting Facility, New Bath House, Day Use Restroom and Playground Upgrades — Bid August 30
- Cathedral Caverns SP-New Bath house for Campground and Day Use Area and New Playground
- Desoto SP Lodge Room Renovation
- 38 Water and Sewer Upgrade Projects at Most Parks in Partnership with ADEM

MORE STATE PARK INFORMATION

- 13 Month Booking Window for Alabama Residents
- Beach Renourishment at GSP/GS/OB \$33 million total project
- Wi-Fi Upgrades at all Parks
- EV Charging Partnership
- New Glamping Sites Have Been Very Popular
- Dynamic Pricing Began in 2024
- Hosting National Parks Directors Conference in September

ADCNR MANAGES MORE THAN 150 BOAT RAMPS

- 30 New Boating Access Projects Completed, Underway or Planned Using Innovate Alabama Funds With Matching Federal Funds and Other Funding
- Selma, Demopolis, Guntersville, Scottsboro, Tuscaloosa Co. (Multiple), Hale Co., Mobile Co. (Multiple), Baldwin Co. (Multiple), Florence, Eufaula, McIntosh, Mt Vernon, Rainbow City, Choctaw Co., Claiborne, Moundville, Kinston, Lake Martin (Multiple), Lake Jordan, TN River, Jackson, Elk River, Clayhatche, Triana, Cotaco and others

23 PUBLIC FISHING LAKES LOCATED IN 20 COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE

- Most State Fishing Lakes Built in 40's, 50's 60's
- Great Outdoor Recreation and Subsistence Fishing Opportunities in Rural Counties
- Have Hiking Trails, Boat Launches, Archery Parks and other Recreational Opportunities
- \$6 Million from GF in 2025 Budget To Be Used State Lakes Dam Replacement and Upgrades at 5 Lakes.
- **Need Additional Funding For Other 18 Lakes**

12 13 SHOOTING RANGES

- ADCNR Ranges are located throughout the state. Most ranges have areas for handguns, rifles and shotguns.
- We are Developing a Shooting Sports Trail
- Ranges are funded through hunting and fishing license sales — largest segment of federal funding for ADCNR comes from target shooters!
- New first-class range being built in Columbiana
- Ranges expanded recently at Swan Creek, Cahaba, Barbour, Coosa, Upper Delta
- Next objective is an indoor range in Montgomery area



ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM

- Alabama Has Largest Artificial Reef System in the World
- Recently Created 7 New Reef Zones—300 Sq Miles
- Built More Than 1000 New Reefs
- More Reefs Planned in 2025
- Alabama Power Company To Sink Large Reef in September
- Working to Reef Mobile Bayway Bridge





**DWH OVERVIEW OF
PROJECT INVESTMENTS
TOTAL: 176 PROJECTS
\$1.02 BILLION!!**

DWH TIMELINE

- **April 2010** — Deepwater Horizon Incident Occurs
- **April 2011** — Trustees Reach “Early Restoration” Agreement with BP (Oil Pollution Act)
- **June 2012** — RESTORE Act Passed By Congress (Clean Water Act Civil Claims)
- **Nov. 2012** — BP & Transocean Criminal Pleas
- **July 2015** — Agreement in Principle with BP Announced (CWA Civil Claims & OPA)
- **April 2016** — Consent Decree Entered
- **Deposits Made Annually Through 2031**

All

Beaches & Barrier Islands

Birds

Fish

Human Use & Economy

Dolphins, Sea Turtles, & Wildlife

Oysters



1 Alabama Barrier Island Restoration Assessment



2 Bon Secour - Oyster Bay Wetland Acquisition...



3 Coastal Habitat Restoration Planning...



4 Little Dauphin Island Restoration Assessment



5 Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge...



6 Dauphin Island Bird Habitat Acquisition and...



7 Dauphin Island Conservation Acquisition



8 D'Olive Watershed Restoration



9 Fowl River Watershed Restoration



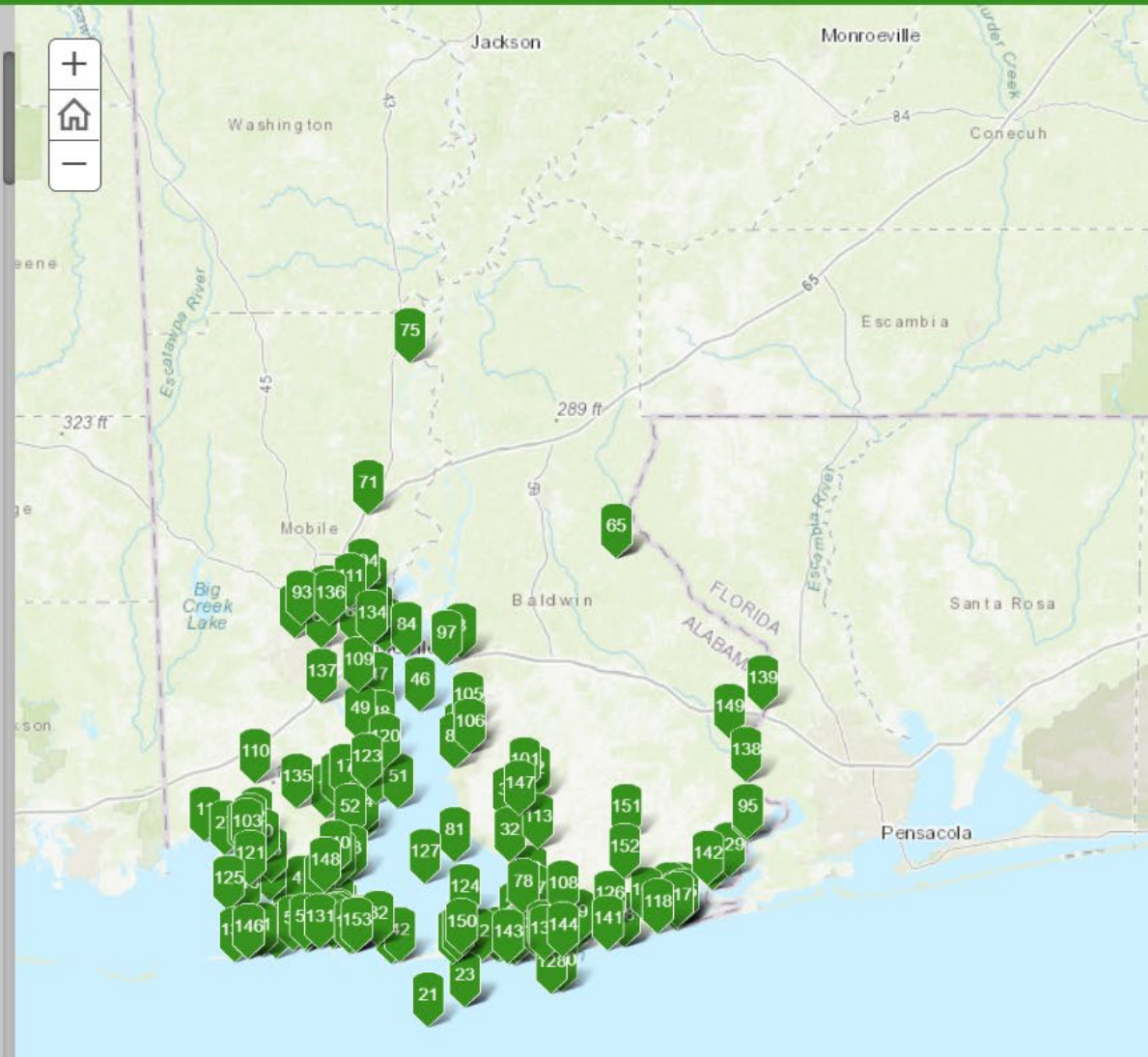
10 Fowl River Watershed



11 Grand Bay Acquisition



12 Gulf Highlands

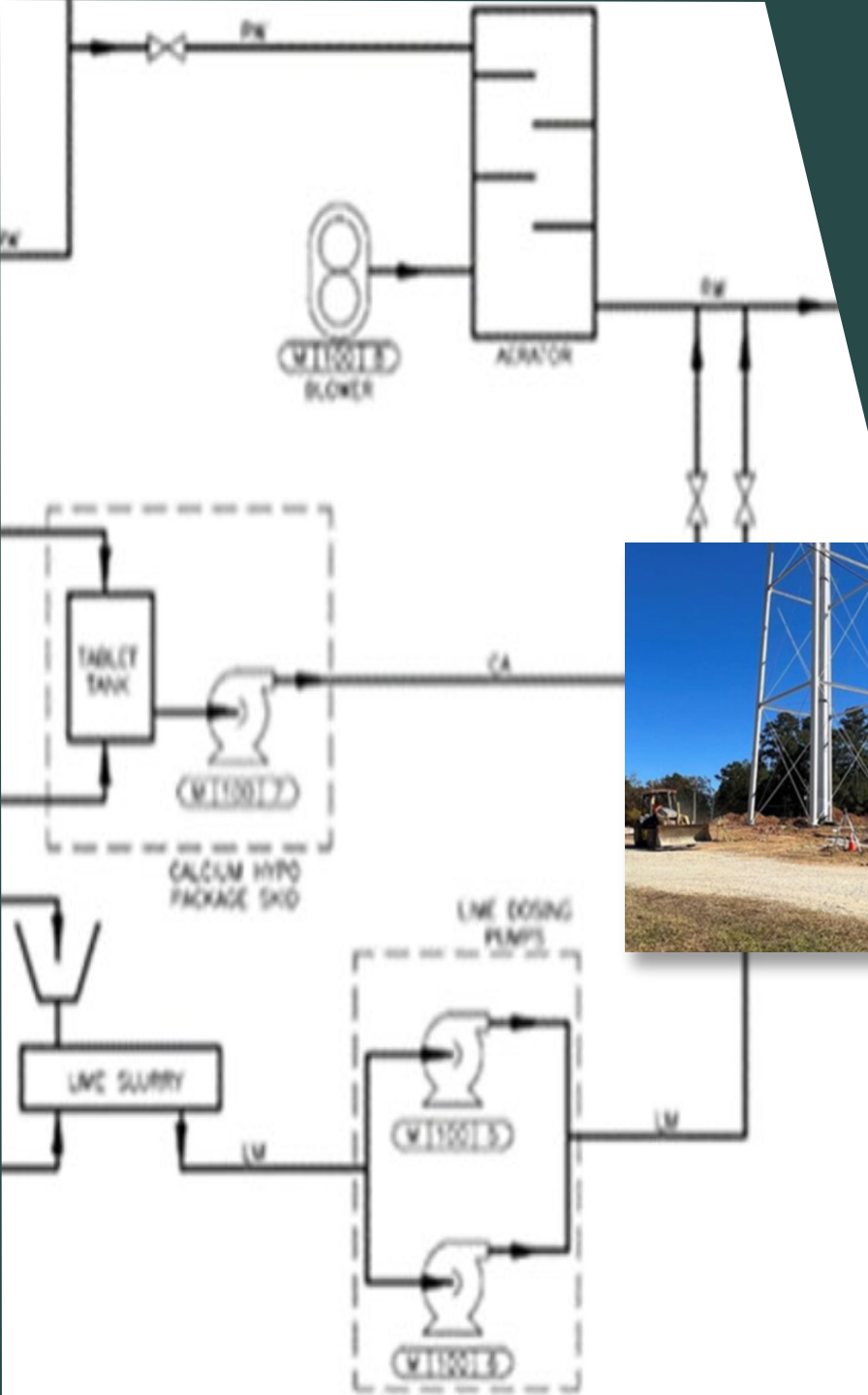


DWH PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION



- Threemile Creek Greenway
- Langan Park Dredging
- St Louis Street Technology Corridor
- Stormwater Mapping
- Historic Africatown Welcome Center
- Gulf Shores Ecotourism Campus
- ALDOT Capacity Improvements
- Fairhope Sewer (3 projects)
- Orange Beach Wildlife Center
- MAWSS Perch Creek Sewer CIPP
- Bayou la Batre Force Main Extension
- Fairhope Working Waterfront
- DI Ecotourism
- DI New Sewer Treatment Facility
- Bayfront Park-South Mobile County
- Little Lagoon Water Quality Improvements-Septic to Sewer
- Deer River Shoreline Protection
- DI Causeway Habitat Restoration and Protection

DWH COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



- Mt. Vernon Water Treatment
- ASPA Roll On/Roll Off
- Orange Beach Sewer Expansion
- Orange Beach Canal Road Improvements
- Bon Secour Dredge Disposal Area
- ADEM Laboratory Building
- DI East End Beach Renourishment
- Orange Beach Cotton Bayou Sediment Study
- DI West End Acquisition-838 acres
- Mobile County Blueway Additions
- Marsh Island Restoration
- Lightning Point Improvements-BLB
- Oyster Reef Restoration
- Bon Secour River Headwaters Restoration
- Perdido River Lan Conservation and Habitat Enhancements
- Sea Turtle Nesting and Protection
- Dolphin Mortality Reduction and Population Estimate
- Stewardship of Coastal Bird Nesting and Foraging
- Lower Fish River Watershed Improvements
- Wolf Creek Headwaters Restoration

DWH PROJECTS STARTING CONSTRUCTION SOON



- DI Aloe Bay Harbor Town
- DI West End Renourishment
- Lagoon Cove Public Access Gulf Shores
- Auburn University Research Center Orange Beach
- Upper Bay Marsh Creation
- Chickasaw Sewer Rehabilitation
- Mobile County Dirt Road Paving
- Bayou la Batre City Docks Renovation
- NW Satsuma Water and Sewer Improvements
- Bayou la Batre Water Distribution Upgrades
- Fort Morgan Trail
- Toulmin Springs and Gum Springs Branch Stormwater Improvements-Prichard
- Fairhope Sanitary Sewer Overflow Plan
- Oyster Shell Planting and Reef Restoration-Phase II
- Threemile Creek Restoration Sections 5, 6 and 7
- Bayfront Park Phase III
- Little Dauphin Island Restoration
- Grand Bay Septic to Sewer
- Loxley Sewer Improvements

2024 GoMESA \$30.4 Million

2023 GoMESA \$69.2 Million

\$100 Million Distributed in Past Two Years!

City of Creola Park, Conservation and Education Project	\$1,000,000
Exploreum Traveling Exhibit Gallery Refurbishment	\$829,012
Dauphin Island Programmatic Dredge Permit	\$300,000
Loxley Municipal Park Wetlands Acquisition Project	\$650,000
Fairhope Flying Creek Nature Preserve Phase II	\$1,328,400
Summerdale Miracle League Ballfields	\$1,538,000
Dauphin Island Middle Beach Access Improvements	\$1,500,000
Orange Beach Schools Sea, Sand, and Stars Education Project	\$979,864
Meaher State Park Headquarters Camp Store Project	\$1,100,000
Mobile County Cedar Point Boat Ramp Phase II	\$2,753,440
Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Manatee Sighting Network	\$182,461
Town of Perdido Beach Comprehensive Drainage Improvements	\$307,670
National Maritime Museum Improvements (Mobile)	\$2,250,000
Saraland Water and Sewer System Upgrades	\$1,523,700
Blakeley Park Waterfront Access Improvement Project	\$1,970,500
Mobile Riverfront Park Enhancements – Phase II	\$3,023,667
Dauphin Island Sewer Collection System Improvements 2024	\$2,965,981
Daphne Sewer Lift Station Permanent Bypass Pumps - Priority 1	\$499,500
Daphne Sewer Lift Station Permanent Bypass Pumps - Priority 2	\$445,500
Mobile County/TNC Coden Bayou Land Acquisition Project	\$753,575
City of Prichard Sweeney Lane Bridge	\$650,000
Honor Park - A City of Spanish Fort Project	\$3,000,000
Alabama Aquarium Improvements (DISL)	\$200,000
USA Lower Alabama Beach Education Facility	\$250,000
GoMESA Administration	\$398,641
2024 TOTAL	\$30,399,911

ADDITIONAL ADCNR POINTS OF INTEREST

- Ecotourism Projects in Black Belt Identified in Report and Will Be Implemented in FY 2025-Partnership with CAP and AHC
- Feral Hog Removals on Forever Wild and ADCNR Properties
- Pilot Permit System for Feral Hogs and Coyotes Hunting During Gun Deer Season To Start in October
- Alligator Season Expanding by 190% in 2025
- CWD Still Contained in Small Area in Lauderdale County
- Reservoir Management Program will Begin Awarding Funds in 2025
- Tyson Rendering Plant Settlement Projects Nearing Completion in Walker and Cullman Counties

ADCNR OUTDOOR RECREATION EXPANSION GOALS

- Improved Boating Access Facilities
- Creation of the Alabama Shooting Sports Trail — Firearms and Archery
- More Public Hunting Opportunities
- Trail building and trailhead amenity improvement — includes blueway trails, hiking, biking, horseback, and regional and statewide trail master plan
- Pinhoti Trail Improvements and National Recreation Trail designation
- Upgrades and retrofits to existing outdoor recreation infrastructure – Forever Wild Field Trial Area / Coldwater Mountain / Oak Mountain Bike Trails
- An inventory and one-stop-shop website for trail and outdoor recreational opportunities – Innovate Alabama — SeekAlabama.com
- Create brand for Alabama Outdoor Recreation – Seek Alabama
- AND MUCH MORE — JUST ASK ME or Deputy Commissioner Poolos



QUESTIONS?