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Proposed Game preserve
White Water Bay. Cape Sabel.

Mr. F. J. Pepper,
care Mr. Fredk. S. Morse,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Pepper,

As per request I am enclosing herewith rough outline of proposed Game preserve at White Water Bay, the data give here was furnished by Mr. A. R. Livingston, C. E. compiled by him as I understand it after making a trip through this territory.

I trust it may be of service to you and that you will be able to use it in your "Ingraham Highway" article.

Hoping you had a pleasant trip home and arrived in first class order.

Yours truly

Sidney Harrison
Secretary.

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Proposed Game Preserve White Water Bay near Ingraham Highway.

The lands seem to ~~xxxx~~ be ideal for a game preserve, from its natural location which while isolating it to a large extent from interference of the public still makes it readily accessible either by wagon road or by water parties interested in a game park of this nature.

The area we have in mind contains approximately 54,400. acres.

Location. It lies in Townships 59 and 60 South of Ranges 34 and 35 Twentyfour miles from Homestead by way of the Ingraham Highway and Three miles from Florida Bay reached by the same road which will be the main highway between points on the East Coast and the Cape Sable territory.

The Ingraham Highway while giving ready access to the tract does not touch it at any point but runs for two miles to within about one ~~xxx~~ half mile of the line.

Variety. Some 10,000 acres of this tract is a combination of high rocky pine land and high prairie in part thickly dotted with clumps of dense hammock and covered with grasses that at present feed large numbers of deer, this part of the tract gives plentiful range for the class of animals that demand an open ~~xxxx~~ range and plenty of high dry land; to the West of this is an area of some twenty thousand acres ranging in class from a low swampy prairie of swamp grass and saw grass in part covered with small mangrove to high and dense hammocks of the varied tropic hard woods furnishing cover for coons, otter, bear, wild turkey and other animals and birds of like nature, wild cats and some panthers are also found, this portion of the tract is cut up and intersected in all directions by good navigable streams which open out here and there into bays and lakes of clear pure water full of fish and alligators.

The Southwestern portion of the tract opens into Whitewater Bay, a large tide water bay dotted with large and small islands thickly covered with hammock and from which direct access is had to the Gulf of Mexico through channels that will carry a boat of seven feet draught.

Game. This tract is at present well stocked with all of the above mentioned game as well as the various plume birds, (white heron and egrets and pink curlew and sometimes the flamingo.) and in the winter ducks and coot are found by the million.

Fishing. The waters which intersect these lands are well stocked with fish and fresh water fishing is splendid, while in Whitewater Bay, Tarpon and other saltwater fishing will afford splendid sport.

This briefly sets forth its value as a game preserve, if at any time in the future the promoters of this park should desire, it can be cut up and sold to a good advantage as farm land and for Winter Homes for people who want Winter and Summer homes where they can enjoy fishing and hunting and the climate of the South.

The swampy land of the tract can be in case of a change of this kind be readily drained and made fit for cultivation and sell at as good a price as any of the lands in this district, much of the land is of the most fertile character being built up of ages of decayed vegetable matter.

The tract can be easily fenced and can be increased to any reasonable extent if an increase is desired.

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