

Black Pond & Inmanfield Quail Emphasis Areas

The Bankhead National Forest has identified the Black Pond and Inmanfield Quail Emphasis Areas for woodland restoration projects with an emphasis on improving Northern Bobwhite Quail habitat. In these areas the desired conditions in the uplands are longleaf and shortleaf pine woodlands. These areas will demonstrate how a combination of commercial timber sales, midstory removal, and prescribed burning are used to achieve desired conditions. The areas will be used to showcase and demonstrate pine woodlands and the importance of this habitat to native wildlife species, including the Northern bobwhite quail, eastern wild turkey, prairie warbler, and brown-headed nuthatch.

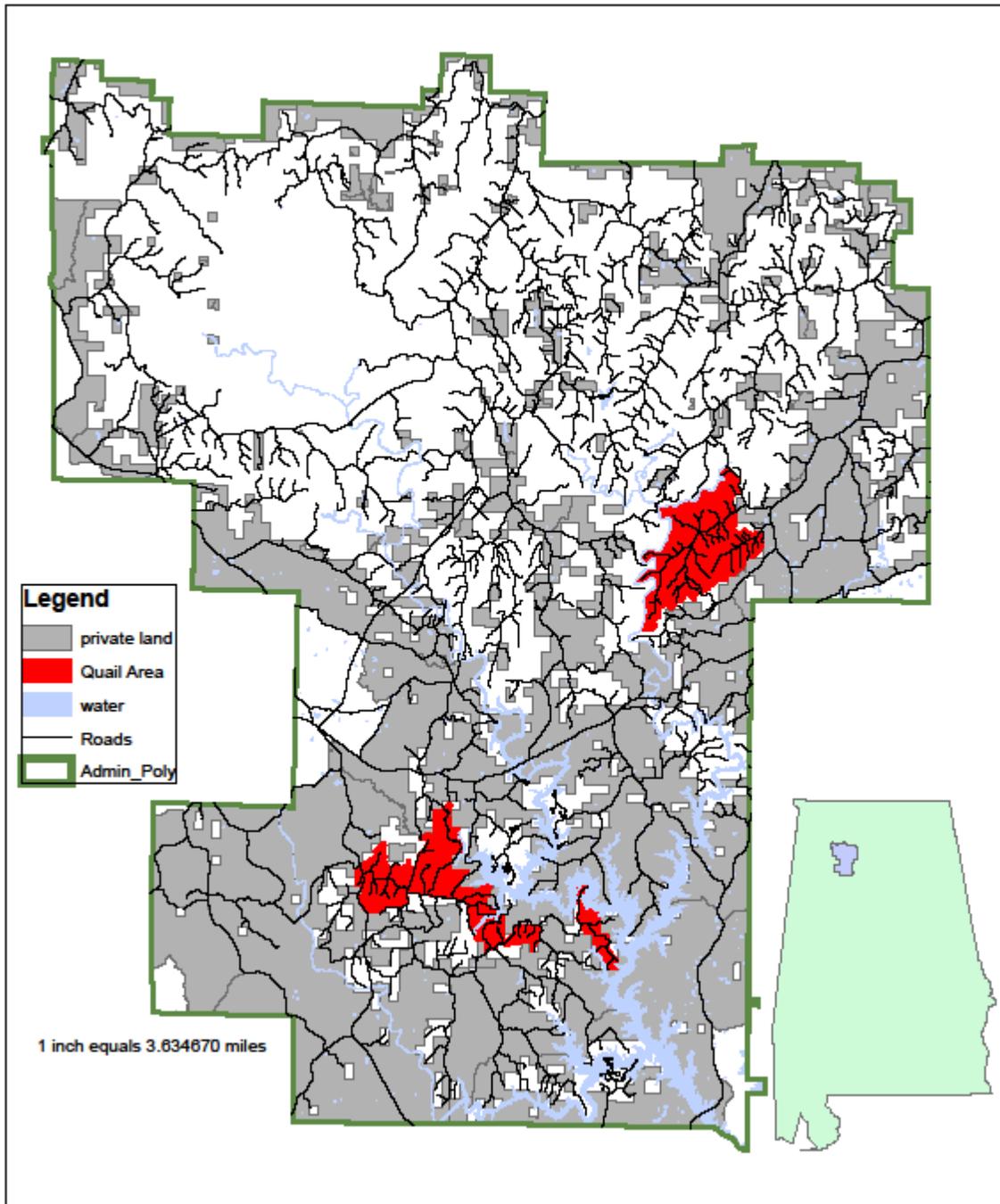
Creating early successional wildlife habitat through woodland restoration benefits numerous bird species of conservation concern associated with woodland, grass, and shrubby habitats including Northern bobwhite, prairie warbler, Bachman's sparrow, blue-winged warbler, field sparrow, pine warbler, brown-headed nuthatch, and yellow-breasted chat. Restoration of early successional wildlife habitat including pine woodlands is essential for bird conservation and is identified in Partners in Flight's Bird Conservation Plans and Alabama Wildlife Conservation and Management Recommendations for Imperiled Wildlife. Native fire dependent woodlands and associated species are vanishing across the landscape.

On-going forest management practices to improve Northern Bobwhite Quail habitat include midstory removal in mature pine stands, prescribed burning, loblolly pine plantation thinning, longleaf and shortleaf pine reforestation, non-native invasive plant control and wildlife opening management.

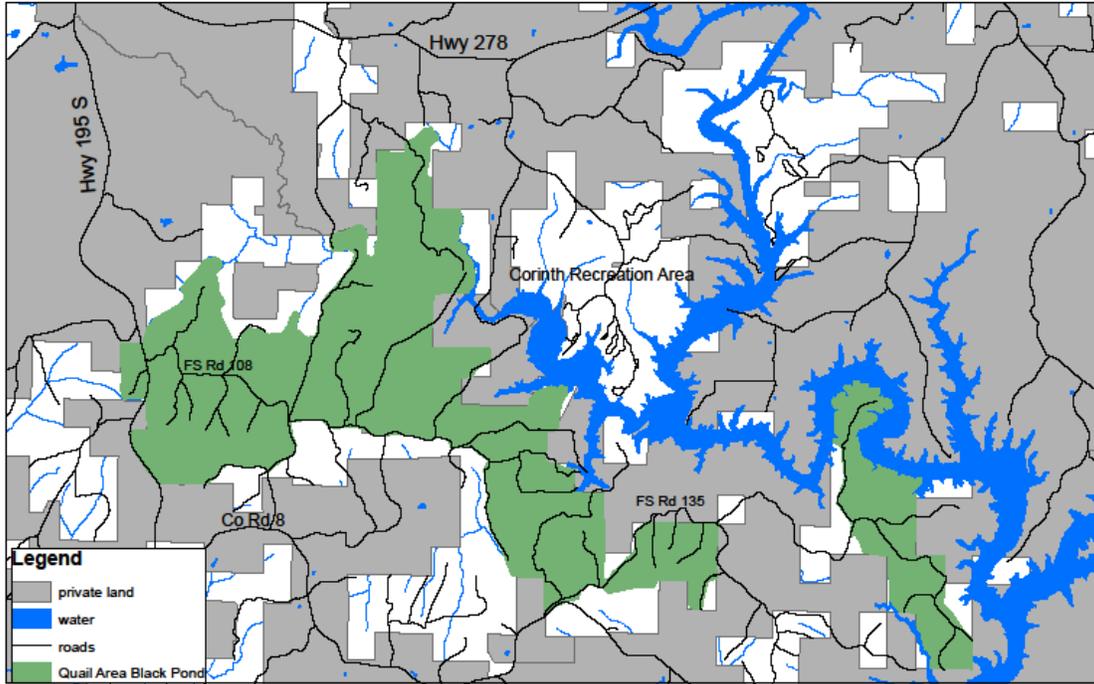
Several wildlife habitat improvement projects (over 450 acres) were completed in 2007 and 2008. These projects were made possible by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Power of Flight grant in partnership with Quail Unlimited and the Southern Company in the Black Pond and Inmanfield Quail Emphasis Areas.

Walk-in use of the Quail Emphasis Areas is encouraged. However, hunters shouldn't expect a huntable population of quail to return to the area for quite some time. If you would like more information about the Quail Emphasis Areas on Bankhead or other wildlife projects, contact the Wildlife Staff at 205.489.5111.

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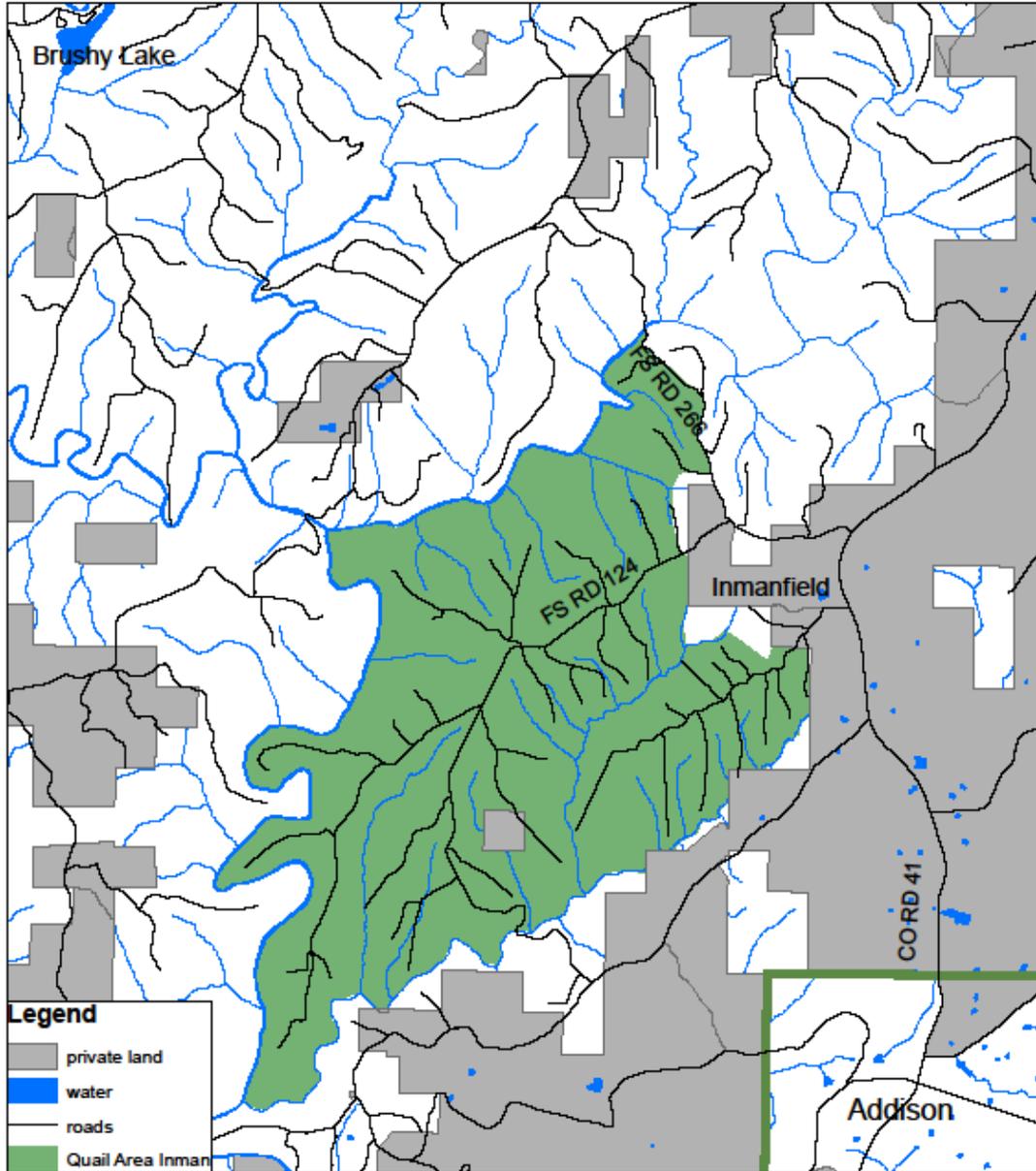


Bankhead National Forest
Black Pond Quail Emphasis Area
Winston County, Alabama



1 inch equals 0.915404 miles

Bankhead National Forest, Alabama
Inmanfield Quail Emphasis Area
Winston County, Alabama
Township 9S, Range 6 & 7W



1 inch equals 0.813205 miles