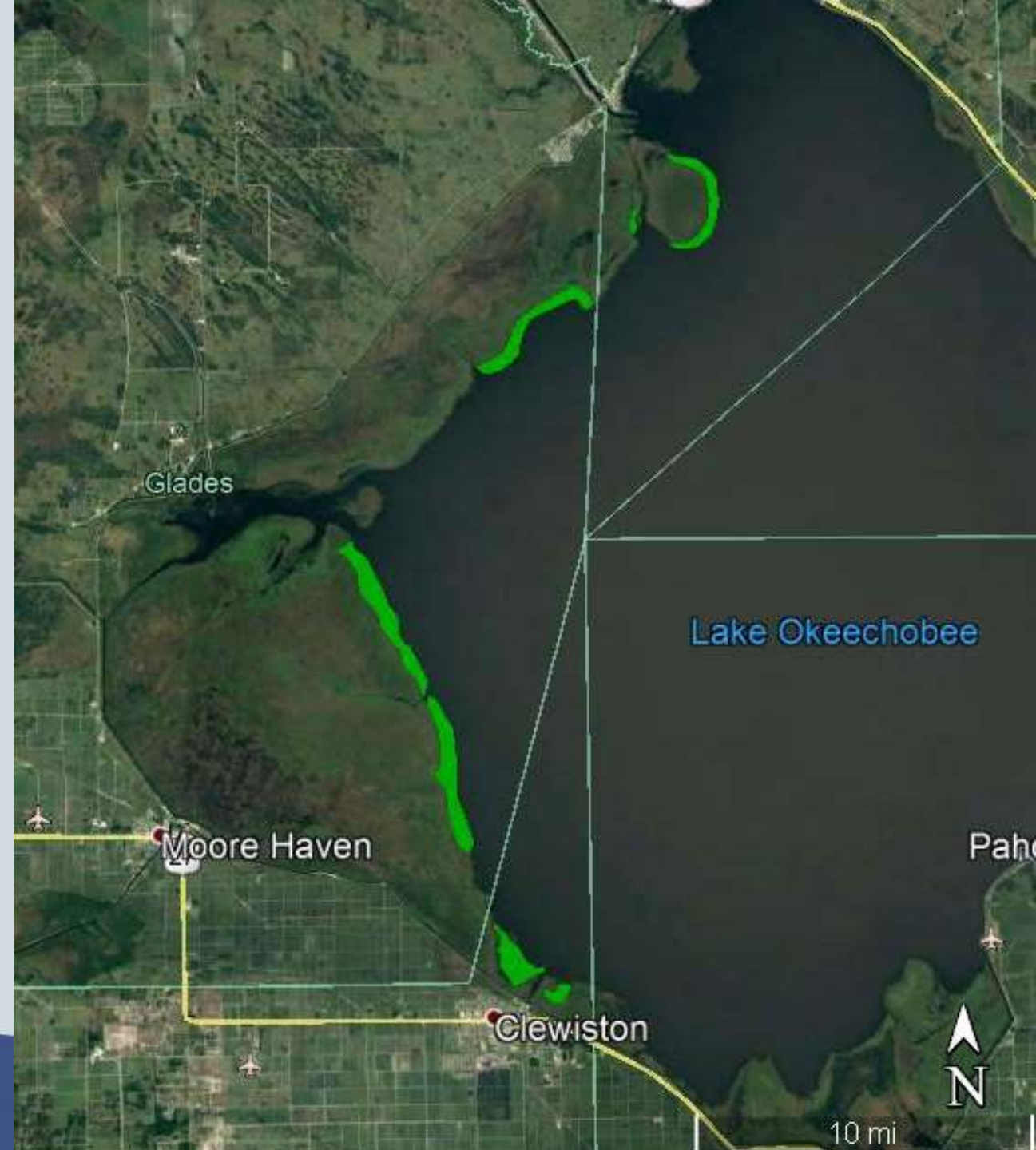
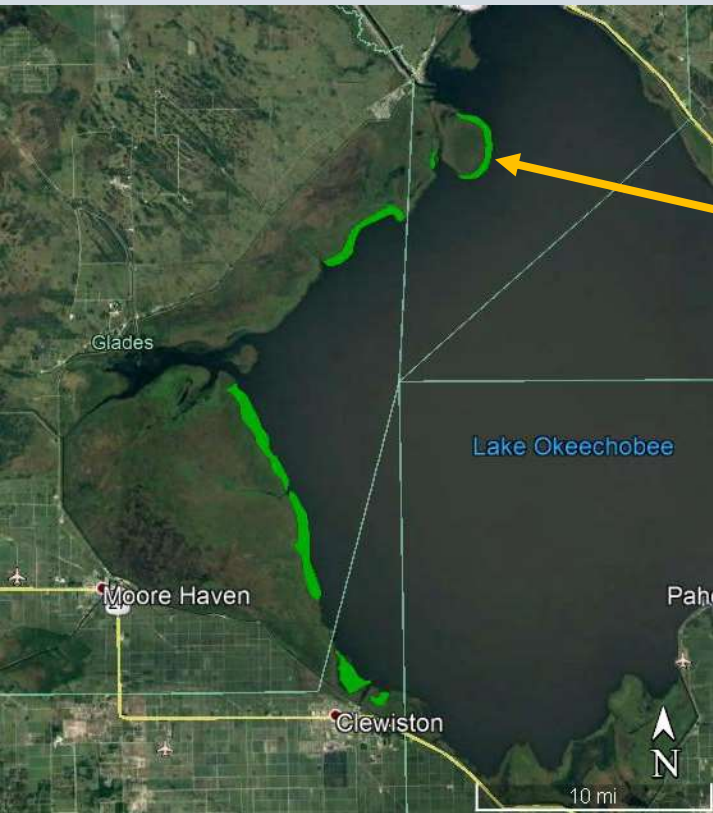


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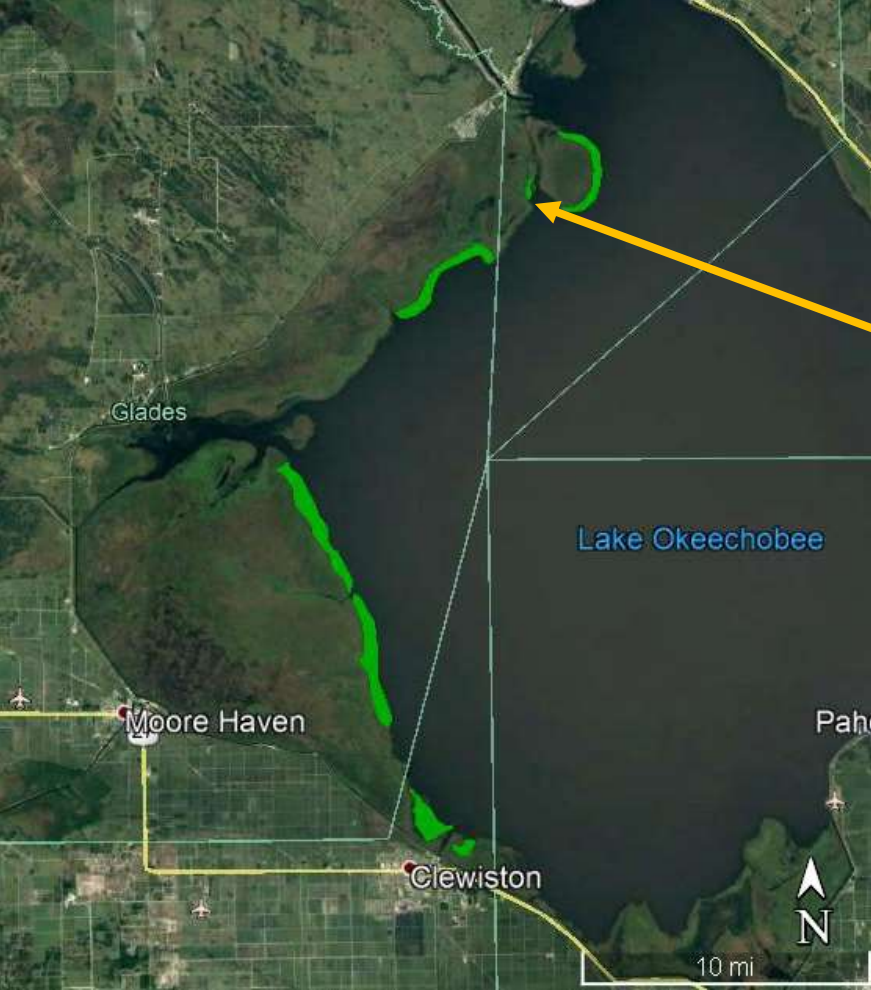
Submerged aquatic vegetation is able to expand while water levels are low. Lake Okeechobee has seen low lake levels in the past few months leading to thousands of acres of SAV growth. While conducting surveys on Lake Okeechobee new submerged aquatic vegetation was found indicated by the green polygons. The growth of Eel Grass (*Vallisneria americana*), Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) and Muskgrass (*Chara*) has been found. The estimated acreage for Eel Grass is 3500 acres, 1500 acres of Hydrilla and 1000 acres of Muskgrass. These acreage estimates are in various densities ranging from 5-85% coverage. Herbicide treatments will be conducted and coordinated extremely cautiously in these areas and only extremely selective herbicides used. The lake has not been completely surveyed for SAV; therefore, the polygons do not indicate the only new growth on the lake. There will be future surveys in other areas of the lake for SAV and this map will be expanded.





Hydrilla & Eel Grass growing near King's Bar.





Eel Grass growing west of King's Bar.





Hydrilla and Eel grass growing in Tin House cove and Indian Prairie Marsh.





- Eel Grass growing off of Turner's Cove.



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Chara growing near the
Clewiston lock.



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