Haines Creek Canal (Chain of Lakes) (Florida)

LOCATION (ENDPOINTS OF CANAL)
Lake Eustis-Lake Griffin (Burrells Lock & Dam)

LENGTH
Approx.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
About 1956

EQUIPMENT
Canal 8 Blackwater — Total 8

LIFTLOCKS
1

DIMENSIONS
Lock Chamber 30 x 85 ft Overall

AGUDEUTS

TUNNELS

DESCRIPTION:
Type of navigation, features of note (include URL coordinates where useful), e.g., sandbars (navigable & otherwise), locks other than above, type of locks, use of unusual materials or methods of construction, present owner, present use & condition, etc.

Pleasure craft and fishermen can use these locks if under 35 ft. in length and under 30 ft. beam. There is normally 6.0 ft. of water at sill. Structures are of concrete, gates of steel. This lock handles very heavy traffic during the winter season. Canal and lock form a part of the drainage system from lakes below into Lake Griffin. Built by Lake County in 1956, transferred to SWFWMD in 1964 for operation and maintenance. This is a beautiful site, quite tropical.

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANAL'S PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:
Southwest Florida Water Management District, P.O. Box #457, Brooksville, Florida 33512

REPORTER'S NAME & ADDRESS:
Alden W. Gould, 5558 Palm Beach Blvd., P.O. Box #114, Fort Myers, Fla. 33905

DATE
3/17/75

HISTORICAL SUMMARY:
Original site of company, date of incorporation, prominent engineers, cause of closure, significant alterations to structure or route, height of traffic data, nature of ownership, etc.

A canal route to open up the Lake Region to transportation and for controlled drainage of the lakes to the Oklawaha River flowing northeast, owned by either State of Florida or Lake County. After the completion of construction & maintenance work navigation can proceed all the way from Lake Griffin to the Redman Pool. Approximately July 1975. This will involve the Oklawaha River to Stark's Ferry Bridge and beyond to Moss Bluff. SWFWMD controls this section. Permission required at lock.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:
[Published works relating to canal]
Southwest Florida Water Management District. Inquire for information and maps of areas involved.

Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box #4970, Jacksonville, Fla. 32201 (information)

UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, LOCATION OF PHOTOS, DRAWINGS & IMPORTANT PERIODICAL REFERENCES
See above SWFWMD address for maps and information.
Alden W. Gould (photos) See address above. Taken 3/17/75 in B & W

NATIONAL REGISTER & HACR (HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD) STATUS:
Not that I know of to date.

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