Brown Lake Hydrologic Restoration (CS-09)

De-authorized

Project Status
Approved Date: 1993  Project Area: 916 acres
Approved Funds: $1.09 M  Total Est. Cost: $1.09 M
Net Benefit After 20 Years: 37 acres
Status: De-authorized
Project Type: Hydrologic Restoration
PPL #: 2

Location
This project is located in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes, approximately 3 miles north of Hackberry, Louisiana.

Problems
Saltwater intrusion from the Calcasieu Ship Channel and increased tidal amplitudes have caused 90% of the marsh in this system to be lost.

Restoration Strategy
This project will restore, to the extent possible, the altered hydrology of approximately 2,800 acres of wetlands in the area of Brown Lake. This project consists of the installation of two water control structures, two freshwater introduction structures, the rehabilitation or construction of approximately 30,000 linear feet of boundary levees, and 20,500 linear feet of terraces and associated vegetative plantings.

Progress to Date
This project is being coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredging program. Several pipeline-related issues have caused delays, but these issues have been resolved. The permits, the effects of Crab Gully, and the operations agreements have been addressed. Contract advertisement will take place after receiving Phase 2 funding approval from the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force.

This project is on Priority Project List 2.

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