The Department is sharing that the challenges to the 2025 Silver Springs and Upper Silver River and the Rainbow Springs Group and Rainbow River Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) have been withdrawn and the BMAP is effective as of April 27, 2026. Implementation of the OSTDS requirements within this BMAP will begin on **Monday, July 27**.

The following additional requirements for systems will apply starting on **Monday, July 27** to all lots within the Silver Springs/Upper Silver River & Rainbow Springs Group/Rainbow River BMAP (Alachua, Lake, Levy, Marion, Putnam & Sumter counties):

- All new systems within the BMAP must be enhanced nutrient-reducing systems (all lot sizes).
- All existing systems (all lot sizes) within the BMAP must be upgraded to enhanced nutrient-reducing systems upon the need for a construction permit to repair, modify, or replace the system unless a planned and funded sewer connection is documented and approved by the BMAP group at DEP.
- Please use the following link to determine if a property is within the springs BMAP boundary:
    - https://fdep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=9bc1c32ee440404695afef1e71635c7c

This guidance is in line with the department's previous outreach (below) committing to a 90-day period after the BMAP become effective to allow property owners and industry professionals to adequately prepare for the new requirements. Any **complete** applications received on or before Sunday, July 26 (except for the site evaluation only if the applicant is requesting the state to conduct the evaluation) should be permitted according to state law and the previous BMAP requirements.

The 2025 BMAP document is available at the Department's website. If you have further questions about implementation of BMAP requirements, please emailOSTDS_Feedback@DEP.gov.

Thank you,

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