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| 33467 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The various parcels that make up Lake Marion/Reedy Creek are extremely diverse and have high natural resource and water resource importance. They contain the largest areas of scrub habitat (the most endangered community type in Florida) in the District. More importantly the scrub communities are interconnected with flatwoods, floodplain swamps, and lake shoreline which, when combined, form protected landscapes large enough to support breeding populations of wildlife. Land management and habitat restoration activities on many of these lands by the District have dramatically increased wading bird populations. The shoreline swamps and pine flatwoods of the Upper Lakes Region contain the largest population of bald eagles in the Continental United States. The shoreline properties of lakes Kissimmee, Cypress, Tiger, and Hatchineha were acquired to allow additional water storage that will "drive" the restored Kissimmee River. The Lake Russell tract contains an important environmental education facility operated by Osceola District Schools, again at no cost to the District. At Lake Russell, the District property adjoins The Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve, further protecting Reedy Creek Swamp and the Lake Russell shoreline—one of central Florida's last undeveloped lakes. | no | no | |
| 32317 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other | The information below is from the FNAI. The site supports all of core missions of the District and should be retained as conservation land under the management of Orange County. The natural communities on this preserve include major areas of bay swamp, pine flatwoods and wetland forest mixed with smaller areas of xeric oak, burned trees, coniferous plantation, cypress, pond pine, freshwater marsh and other emergent aquatic vegetation. The preserve includes approximately 4000 feet of shoreline on Lake Tibet. The majority of the site is within the 100-year floodplain and is subject to seasonal inundation. | | | |
| 32751 | Shingle Creek | Munger Tract | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Munger Tract – This land is vital to water management, wetlands, and flood control. Were this tract to be developed for residential or commercial purposes, significant additional drainage structures emptying into the SFWMD system would be necessary providing additional flood protection for this area would require sending local storm water downstream during rain events, exacerbating water management problems in the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes area and downstream systems. The tract, as noted in the staff review, has unique ecosystem features and both wetlands and upland ecosystem values. Continuing efforts to consolidate land holdings and apply management to this area is important to all of the core missions of the district. | Munger Tract – While the "checkerboard" of ownership presents management challenges, the district should strive to overcome these challenges through innovative mechanisms rather than considering the property for surplus. It should be a priority for additional purchase when additional land acquisition funds are available. A public-private partnership with a mitigation banking entity might facilitate a mitigation bank being created on the property to take advantage of mitigation potential in the remaining private parcels. | No, for the entire Shingle Creek unit. As mentioned for the Munger Tract, securing controlling interest in the lands along this waterway will protect the water resource values of this waterway and watershed in a future of intense regional development and water resource function loss. This area presents one of the best opportunities for a distributed water management approach (fee simple, easements, mitigation, etc.) to provide resource benefits and protections for an imperiled waterway of the Northern Everglades. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
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| 32751 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Intercession City Assessment Unit – This unit is well suited to further all of the district's core missions if retained in District ownership. The assessment material shows high quality habitat value and species diversity values for the entire tract. Strategic habitat conservation value shows priority 2 for the entire tract. Wetlands, floodplain values are very significant. | Intercession City – We do not believe there is a better use of the property for the district's core missions. The individual parcel assessments of the "6 acre pond" and "16 acre strip" sites reveal that both of these sites have significant water resources value and involvement, and in the case of the "6 acre pond", very high habitat richness (8-13 species), plus a priority 3 ranking in the rare species habitat category. Rather than being subject to "site preparation for development", much of the site appears to be a borrow excavation which has created a surface water/wetland interface heavily utilized by wading birds. The narrow "16 acre strip" also shows high habitat richness, with greater than 7 species and up to 8-13 species potential mapped for much of the tract. Development of this tract would require wetlands mitigation and needlessly fragment a wildlife corridor. We do not believe that these two small tracts should be declared surplus because of the significant natural values indicated. | With regard to all tracts, we do not believe there is a better use of the property in regard to natural resources or public use issues. Indeed, the area is a model of many entities cooperating to manage tracts for overall good, and considering that the SFWMD may derive the most cumulative good for its core agency missions of any entity involved, it would be highly inconsistent to for SFWMD to surplus its lands and responsibilities by withdrawing its partnership and support in this watershed. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Intercession City Assessment Unit – This unit is well suited to further all of the district's core missions if retained in District ownership. The assessment material shows high quality habitat value and species diversity values for the entire tract. Strategic habitat conservation value shows priority 2 for the entire tract. Wetlands, floodplain values are very significant. | Intercession City – We do not believe there is a better use of the property for the district's core missions. The individual parcel assessments of the "6 acre pond" and "16 acre strip" sites reveal that both of these sites have significant water resources value and involvement, and in the case of the "6 acre pond", very high habitat richness (8-13 species), plus a priority 3 ranking in the rare species habitat category. Rather than being subject to "site preparation for development", much of the site appears to be a borrow excavation which has created a surface water/wetland interface heavily utilized by wading birds. The narrow "16 acre strip" also shows high habitat richness, with greater than 7 species and up to 8-13 species potential mapped for much of the tract. Development of this tract would require wetlands mitigation and needlessly fragment a wildlife corridor. We do not believe that these two small tracts should be declared surplus because of the significant natural values indicated. | With regard to all tracts, we do not believe there is a better use of the property in regard to natural resources or public use issues. Indeed, the area is a model of many entities cooperating to manage tracts for overall good, and considering that the SFWMD may derive the most cumulative good for its core agency missions of any entity involved, it would be highly inconsistent to for SFWMD to surplus its lands and responsibilities by withdrawing its partnership and support in this watershed. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Lake Russell and Poinciana Blvd Tracts | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Lake Russell and Poinciana Blvd. Tracts – This unit is well suited to further all of the district's core missions if retained in district ownership. The Poinciana Blvd tract is largely deep cypress swamp associated with Reedy Creek and is generally subject to year round inundation and water movement. The Lake Russell tract contains both creek floodplain and high value uplands including scrub. Strategic habitat conservation value shows priority 2 for the entire tract. High species richness due to scrub. Osceola County Schools environmental center located on the property is a significant community asset. This tract is also a crucial component of the ecosystem that is preserved on the Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve immediately south of the district lands. | Lake Russell and Poinciana Blvd. Tracts – We do not believe there is in general any better use of the property to support the District's Core missions. It is possible that more closely coordinated management of the Lake Russell property with the adjacent Disney Wilderness Preserve property held by the Nature Conservancy would benefit both properties. | With regard to all tracts, we do not believe there is a better use of the property in regard to natural resources or public use issues. Indeed, the area is a model of many entities cooperating to manage tracts for overall good, and considering that the SFWMD may derive the most cumulative good for its core agency missions of any entity involved, it would be highly inconsistent to for SFWMD to surplus its lands and responsibilities by withdrawing its partnership and support in this watershed. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Avatar Scrub | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Avatar Scrub – This smaller tract is largely scrub uplands with a major seepage slope allowing water recharged into the shallow aquifer to flow overland toward the wetland system and adjacent creeks. This site shows a large percentage of priority 2 rare species habitat ranking. This tract meets district core mission of water quality improvement, Natural Resources Protection and Restoration and water supply through its aquifer storage in summer and base flow during winter. | Avatar Scrub – We recommend no change in the status of this tract. While there are previous impacts from past development attempts by Avatar and its predecessors, the open areas created have become superior Scrub Jay habitat. SFWMD should assure that an adequate prescribed fire management schedule for this tract will be carried out to retain its scrub characteristics. Seepage slopes on ridges provide optimal water retention during wet periods and base flow during dry periods. | With regard to all tracts, we do not believe there is a better use of the property in regard to natural resources or public use issues. Indeed, the area is a model of many entities cooperating to manage tracts for overall good, and considering that the SFWMD may derive the most cumulative good for its core agency missions of any entity involved, it would be highly inconsistent to for SFWMD to surplus its lands and responsibilities by withdrawing its partnership and support in this watershed. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32625 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | | | | |
| 32625 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other Conservation of resources | It is my opinion that the SFWMD should not be selling lands that are publically owned and the District serves as trustee of these lands for conservation, recreation and perpetual preservation. These public benefits and public good were acquired by state, district and Federal dollars and entrusted to the ownership and management of SFWMD board of Governors to forward that public good. Earl M. Starnes | There is no better use of these lands then conservation of the state's natural resources. | There is no better use of these lands. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 32806 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Quality | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Maintaining these properties as conservation lands is very important to Central Florida as well as to the systems downstream. I recommend the properties be retained by the district (unless a new agency such as USFWS can insure equal or greater resource protection). Conservation lands such as Tibet Butler and Shingle Creek basin are important to flood control, water quality, water supply, and rare species protection. | No. | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32751 | Shingle Creek | Shingle Creek Management Area | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Shingle Creek Management Area – This land is highly valuable for water management, wetlands, flood control, further restoration Restoration work completed so far is remarkably successful, and SFWMD managers have brought together an innovative plan and recruited community stakeholders to help complete the restoration. This tract has highly valuable wildlife habitat, and ecosystem features. Continued ownership of this tract is important to all SFWMD core mission components. | Shingle Creek Management Area- No. Protecting the corridor matches the core missions of the SFWMD and we believe that use and management should continue as present. | No, for the entire Shingle Creek unit. As mentioned for the Munger Tract, securing controlling interest in the lands along this waterway will protect the water resource values of this waterway and watershed in a future of intense regional development and water resource function loss. This area presents one of the best opportunities for a distributed water management approach (fee simple, easements, mitigation, and so on) to provide resource benefits and protections for an imperiled waterway of the Northern Everglades. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | Shingle Creek | Osceola County - Poinciana Blvd. 70 acre parcel | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Osceola County Management Unit—All of the land owned by public entities and the mitigation bank within this management unit makes significant contribution to all of the district's core missions. The 70 acre property actually owned in fee simple by SFWMD has high rankings for habitat richness, with the majority in a 7+ species category. The property also has a priority 2 ranking as in the Strategic Habitat Conservation Area system. Its proximity in the mitigation bank adds to the conservation function of both. | Osceola County Management Unit - While transfer of the 70 acre parcel to Osceola County, the City of Kissimmee or the mitigation bank, (with conservation easement and reverter provision) may initially appear attractive, we see little value in this exercise unless the county, city or mitigation bank presents a convincing plan to justify such action. Due to the characteristics (largely wetland) and isolation of this 70 acre tract, management activities necessary seem minimal, and the transactional costs of conveying title seem likely to outweigh the benefits of achieving such a transfer. | No, for the entire Shingle Creek unit. As mentioned for the Munger Tract, securing controlling interest in the lands along this waterway will protect the water resource values of this waterway and watershed in a future of intense regional development and water resource function loss. This area presents one of the best opportunities for a distributed water management approach (fee simple, easements, mitigation, and so on) to provide resource benefits and protections for an imperiled waterway of the Northern Everglades. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Intercession City - 16 acre strip btwn Old Tampa Hwy and US 17 | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Intercession City Assessment Unit – This unit is well suited to further all of the district's core missions if retained in District ownership. The assessment material shows high quality habitat value and species diversity values for the entire tract. Strategic habitat conservation value shows priority 2 for the entire tract. Wetlands, floodplain values are very significant. | Intercession City – We do not believe there is a better use of the property for the district's core missions. The individual parcel assessments of the "6 acre pond" and "16 acre strip" sites reveal that both of these sites have significant water resources value and involvement, and in the case of the "6 acre pond", very high habitat richness (8-13 species), plus a priority 3 ranking in the rare species habitat category. Rather than being subject to "site preparation for development", much of the site appears to be a borrow excavation which has created a surface water/wetland interface heavily utilized by wading birds. The narrow "16 acre strip" also shows high habitat richness, with greater than 7 species and up to 8-13 species potential mapped for much of the tract. Development of this tract would require wetlands mitigation and needlessly fragment a wildlife corridor. We do not believe that these two small tracts should be declared surplus because of the significant natural values indicated. | With regard to all tracts, we do not believe there is a better use of the property in regard to natural resources or public use issues. Indeed, the area is a model of many entities cooperating to manage tracts for overall good, and considering that the SFWMD may derive the most cumulative good for its core agency missions of any entity involved, it would be highly inconsistent to for SFWMD to surplus its lands and responsibilities by withdrawing its partnership and support in this watershed. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Lake Marion | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | Lake Marion Unit – This tract is among the most ecologically diverse in the district's land inventory and contains very high species richness and habitat values. The scrub ridge with cutthroat seepage slope areas are among Florida's most rare and most vulnerable habitats. Habitat richness is 7 key species or above for much of the tract and 8-13 species on some of the tract with the tract in its entirety ranking priority 2 on the Strategic habitat Conservation value index. With water resources and wetland components incorporating a major stream system, this tract furthers all of the district's core mission components. | Lake Marion Unit – We recommend no change in the status or management of this tract; it is fulfilling all of the district's core mission components. | With regard to all tracts, we do not believe there is a better use of the property in regard to natural resources or public use issues. Indeed, the area is a model of many entities cooperating to manage tracts for overall good, and considering that the SFWMD may derive the most cumulative good for its core agency missions of any entity involved, it would be highly inconsistent to for SFWMD to surplus its lands and responsibilities by withdrawing its partnership and support in this watershed. | |
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| 34358 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Boating | | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, SUMICA, |
| 32233 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32233 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34769 | Shingle Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I support recommending their retention as Conservation Lands and expressly recommend that properties not be declared surplus. The retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. They constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". Properties being studied for possible surplus declaration include the Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve, the Shingle Creek floodplain properties in Orange County and Osceola County, the Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek floodplain tracts in Osceola and Polk Counties, and the SUMICA conservation area in Polk County. | FL has developed more natural areas than most states have. We need to keep natural areas safe from development to allow the survival of other species as well as pristine places for humans to experience nature. | The best "use" of these properties is to allow them to remain as they are. This ensure better protection for our water as well as protecting other species and the Everglades. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34769 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I support recommending their retention as Conservation Lands and expressly recommend that properties not be declared surplus. The retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. They constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". Properties being studied for possible surplus declaration include the Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve, the Shingle Creek floodplain properties in Orange County and Osceola County, the Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek floodplain tracts in Osceola and Polk Counties, and the SUMICA conservation area in Polk County. | FL has developed more natural areas than most states have. We need to keep natural areas safe from development to allow the survival of other species as well as pristine places for humans to experience nature. | The best "use" of these properties is to allow them to remain as they are. This ensure better protection for our water as well as protecting other species and the Everglades. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32301 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | On behalf of the approximately 60,000 members and supporters of the Florida Wildlife Federation, which has worked for over 30 years to protect the lands now under consideration for surplus, we ask that ALL sites be perpetually protected for water quality, quantity and public recreation. These lands, bought with public dollars, benefit the public good, and as we increase our human population, they become even more important. Our members are from all political stripes, and hunt, fish, hike, birdwatch or otherwise enjoy what is left of the "real Florida." We all need clean and abundant water, as does our ecology. If SFWMD must surplus any of these tracts, they should be sold or otherwise transferred with perpetual conservation easements on them. | No - All listed properties support the SFWMD's core mission- water quality and quantity protection | No | Shingle Creek, |

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| 33467 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Tibet-Butler Preserve is a small tract at ~435 ac., but it is an environmental oasis in a sea of urban development. It is highly diverse and contains a variety of community types including xeric scrub, pine flatwoods, isolated marshes, and lakeshore swamp. When originally purchased in the late 1980s it was surrounded by citrus groves, but with the back entrance to Disney just down the road those groves have been transformed into high end residential development. Orange County Parks has been the manager of the site for years and has constructed a \$1M+ environmental education center at no cost to the District. Thousands of school children pass through the facility each year. The county has done an excellent job of habitat restoration & protection, exotic plant control, and interpretation of the site with a series of hiking trails and a boardwalk that runs to the edge of Lake Tibet-Butler and provides the only public access to that lake. | No, while the District has completely abandoned environmental education, other agencies have not been so shortsighted. Allowing the Vera Carter Nature Center to remain on the property under the management of Orange County is by far the best use of the land. | no | |
| 33467 | Shingle Creek | All | Flood Control | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Shingle Creek Swamp is the headwaters of the Everglades. Florida's 5 water management districts' boundaries were established based on watersheds and the SFWMD extends as far north as it does because of Shingle Creek, which is the northernmost tributary to the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes. The channelization of Shingle Creek through Shingle Creek Swamp and the construction of an earthen flood control berm along its west side many years ago isolated the swamp, but also kept it from being drained. Valencia Water Control District provides Sea World and the residential and commercial developments along International Drive and around the northern and eastern edges of the swamp with drainage and flood protection. VVCD's single discharge point is in the northwest corner of the swamp, near the Marriott. As a result, Shingle Creek Swamp no longer functions as a natural system, rather it pulses with each rain event as stormwater runoff enters in the NW corner and then works its way southeast across the swamp to Shingle Creek. While these stormwater inputs have dramatically altered the character of the swamp it still serves a vital water management/flood control role. | no | no | |
| 32301 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | These properties are critically important to protect the headwaters of the Everglades ecosystem and need to be retained as public lands in their natural state. | No | No | Shingle Creek, Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | Shingle Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Shingle Creek Management Area – This land is highly valuable for water management, wetlands, flood control, further restoration Restoration work completed so far is remarkably successful, and SFWMD managers have brought together an innovative plan and recruited community stakeholders to help complete the restoration. This tract has highly valuable wildlife habitat, and ecosystem features. Continued ownership of this tract is important to all SFWMD core mission components. | Shingle Creek Management Area- No. Protecting the corridor matches the core missions of the SFWMD and we believe that use and management should continue as present. | No, for the entire Shingle Creek unit. As mentioned for the Munger Tract, securing controlling interest in the lands along this waterway will protect the water resource values of this waterway and watershed in a future of intense regional development and water resource function loss. This area presents one of the best opportunities for a distributed water management approach (fee simple, easements, mitigation, and so on) to provide resource benefits and protections for an imperiled waterway of the Northern Everglades. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Huckleberry Island / Snell Creek | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Huckleberry Island & Snell Creek – This unit is well suited to further all of the district's core mission goals if retained in district ownership. This tract has both high wildlife habitat and high water resources values, serving as a filtration and nutrient uptake feature in the ecosystem. It also has upland components with high species diversity and ranks priority 2 in the Strategic habitat conservation value matrix. | Huckleberry Island & Snell Creek – We recommend no change in the status or management of this tract; it is fulfilling all of the District's core mission components. | With regard to all tracts, we do not believe there is a better use of the property in regard to natural resources or public use issues. Indeed, the area is a model of many entities cooperating to manage tracts for overall good, and considering that the SFWMD may derive the most cumulative good for its core agency missions of any entity involved, it would be highly inconsistent to for SFWMD to surplus its lands and responsibilities by withdrawing its partnership and support in this watershed | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 32751 | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The SUMICA tract supports achievement of all of the district's core missions, particularly water quality and natural resource protection. This tract has very high ecological diversity values, incorporating lands that are ranked 1 through 3 in Strategic Habitat Conservation value, contains imperiled rare natural communities, and much of the tract is rated at 7 species and 8-13 species in habitat richness value. Most of the property is rated at priority 3 or 4 in the rare species priority index. This is a highly valuable and near pristine tract providing an example of relatively undisturbed native Florida wetlands interfacing in ecotones with other habitat types which are also rarely seen in this condition. This property remains in a mostly undrained condition and thus provides distributed water management characteristics of retaining water during wet periods (reducing downstream surges of (nutrient-carrying) water) and providing base flow during dry periods, thus assisting with flood control, water supply and improved water quality—all without spending additional money for these services through a PES or similar program. These benefits are local, and carry downstream to Okeechobee, the Northern Estuaries and the Everglades. | In general, No. The description of the property provided states "The area is operated and managed by the Polk County through an agreement with the District", and "the whole site is managed and operated by Polk County through their Environmental Lands Program". However, the information provided on the web site does not reveal the duration of this agreement or whether the agreement constitutes a legally binding document such as a lease. Further, the web site does not clarify whether title to the property is jointly held with Polk County, or if Polk owns a portion of the site in fee and the district holds another portion of the site in fee. Finally, it is not clear what the long term management funding commitment from Polk County will be under this arrangement. A possible consideration for the district to undertake would be a more formal long term lease to the county or possibly deeding the property to the county with the district retaining a conservation easement and reverter provision assuring its continued use and management to protect the natural values now present. | No changes recommended. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33838 | Shingle Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Shingle Creek serves the District's mission and should not be surplused. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34117 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I feel that the property needs to be kept as conservation for our future instead of being sold for public use or housing or businesses. | No, it needs to stay in the conservation section as it was purchased for. | no | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 33511 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I think the properties should remain as conservation areas. | no | no | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34769 | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I support recommending their retention as Conservation Lands and expressly recommend that properties not be declared surplus. The retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. They constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". Properties being studied for possible surplus declaration include the Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve, the Shingle Creek floodplain properties in Orange County and Osceola County, the Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek floodplain tracts in Osceola and Polk Counties, and the SUMICA conservation area in Polk County. | FL has developed more natural areas than most states have. We need to keep natural areas safe from development to allow the survival of other species as well as pristine places for humans to experience nature. | The best "use" of these properties is to allow them to remain as they are. This ensure better protection for our water as well as protecting other species and the Everglades. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34769 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I support recommending their retention as Conservation Lands and expressly recommend that properties not be declared surplus. The retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. They constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". Properties being studied for possible surplus declaration include the Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve, the Shingle Creek floodplain properties in Orange County and Osceola County, the Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek floodplain tracts in Osceola and Polk Counties, and the SUMICA conservation area in Polk County. | FL has developed more natural areas than most states have. We need to keep natural areas safe from development to allow the survival of other species as well as pristine places for humans to experience nature. | The best "use" of these properties is to allow them to remain as they are. This ensure better protection for our water as well as protecting other species and the Everglades. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 33611 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I am an avid outdoorsman who loves and frequently uses Florida's natural areas, much of which is SWFMD property. Unfortunately, much of Florida's natural environment has been lost and is still being lost at an alarming rate. Please do not declare any properties surplus. Retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. The loss of these properties would greatly reduce or eliminate the natural environmental services that these lands provide our state for free. | NO | NO | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Leaving places wild improves all water retention on flow within the state of Florida. We have to have these dense forested and swampy areas to filter out all the toxins we daily put in the air and in the water. These mostly undisturbed places are doing the work that millions of dollars of equipment cannot. | I believe this property should be left available as part of Florida's Wildlife Corridor - we do not have to build out or have a purpose for every piece of land in the state. | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 18062 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Protecting the environment should be the most important core mission. | No. This not surplus property and should be valued as habitat, | | |
| 33146 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | All of these parcels were acquired for conservation purposes. The need was great then and is even greater now. Please do not sell any of these parcels. | No. | No. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34110 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | These lands should be kept in the general public interest. We have destroyed too much of our public lands and allowed development sacrificing shallow wet lands needed for wildlife and bird nesting. We came to Florida to enjoy wildlife and birds and we must live side by side giving them space to proliferate and exist. It is time to halt over jealous development for gain and thereby threatening those we have to share this planet. Keep public lands intact. | Keep these lands for public enjoyment thereby allowing birds and animals to thrive and share with humans. | | |
| 32794 | Shingle Creek | All | Water Quality | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I am writing on behalf of Orange Audubon Society with approximately 2000 households in Central Florida. Our organization supports retention of district conservation lands and think district lands serve important conservation roles. We oppose surplus conservation lands unless deed restrictions required equal or better water quantity, water quality and natural resource protection and restoration. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 33467 | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Sumica, named for the logging community that existed there in the 1920s, was jointly acquired by the District and Polk County, after a busload of Polk County residents, including the entire county commission, attended a District governing board meeting in WPB in the 1990s supporting inclusion of the property on the District's Save Our Rivers acquisition list. Prior to purchase by the District and county the 4,000 acres of pine flatwoods, vast marshes, and 1 mile+ of shoreline on Lake Weohyakapka was slated to become a watermelon field. Polk County has managed and restored the property at no cost to the District and developed a series of hiking trails and interpretation site at the location of the old Sumica community. | no | no | |
| 33812 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Tibet-Butler as well as some of these other sites is wetland and scrub areas that we can not afford to give away. So few of these management areas are available to the wildlife of Central Florida. Why do you think there are bears in people's developments? It is because we don't have enough wild places left. | Your core mission is not necessarily fully functioning on some of these sites. The citizen's voted for the funding to protect and preserve and your committees decided and negotiated for these properties and now you need to make them work. That is part of the job. If our Institutional Individuals Governor/Legislature want to make money try selling off these properties than perhaps they should sell off the art in the Capital or the Gov's mansion. Or the extra fleet of vehicles they manage. Once these properties leave District hands they are going to be developed and lost forever for ecological use. | All these properties should be restored as best as possible to their origins. As headwaters or river basins as wetlands or pinewoods they need to be recovered and made ecologically productive. If it takes management and money to preform these tasks perhaps the private sector can support the District through fundraising or in kind service. No one said that once these were purchased they would be money makers. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 32751 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | This 438 Acre tract includes 300+- acres of wetlands which are an important feature of the floodplain of the Butler Chain of Lakes, which is part of the tributary system to the Kissimmee River Watershed. This is one of the larger areas of undisturbed wetlands remaining in existence on this chain of lakes. The property contains 138+- acres of upland habitat which is generally high quality and which has been appropriately developed and managed by Orange County with a trail system facilitating public use for passive recreation, wildlife observation, and nature study. This property is the site of the Vera Carter environmental center, which is a significant environmental education center in Central Florida. This property fulfills flood control, water quality, water supply (through distributed water management characteristics of the wetlands) and natural resource protection elements of the district's core missions. | This property is currently managed by Orange County under a lease agreement with SFWMD which extends to 2094. The duration of this lease is just short of 100 years, making it nearly tantamount to fee title ownership for Orange County under Florida Law. The district could consider a fee title transfer of this tract to Orange County with appropriate restrictions and a conservation easement limiting the tract to preservation/conservation and nature interpretive uses. If such a transfer is contemplated, there should be an automatic reverter provision returning the title to the district in the event of inappropriate uses in addition to a conservation easement. However, given the long-term lease governing the use of this property, going through the exercise of a title transfer may amount to a "distinction without a difference" and result in unnecessary transactional costs and legal expenses for both Orange County and SFWMD. | No. This property should either be retained by the district under the current arrangement with Orange County, or transferred to Orange County for the limited purpose of continuing the current preservation/conservation/recreational uses, with a conservation easement and reverter clause operating in favor of the district. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | This 438 Acre tract includes 300+- acres of wetlands which are an important feature of the floodplain of the Butler Chain of Lakes, which is part of the tributary system to the Kissimmee River Watershed. This is one of the larger areas of undisturbed wetlands remaining in existence on this chain of lakes. The property contains 138+- acres of upland habitat which is generally high quality and which has been appropriately developed and managed by Orange County with a trail system facilitating public use for passive recreation, wildlife observation, and nature study. This property is the site of the Vera Carter environmental center, which is a significant environmental education center in Central Florida. This property fulfills flood control, water quality, water supply (through distributed water management characteristics of the wetlands) and natural resource protection elements of the district's core missions. | This property is currently managed by Orange County under a lease agreement with SFWMD which extends to 2094. The duration of this lease is just short of 100 years, making it nearly tantamount to fee title ownership for Orange County under Florida Law. The district could consider a fee title transfer of this tract to Orange County with appropriate restrictions and a conservation easement limiting the tract to preservation/conservation and nature interpretive uses. If such a transfer is contemplated, there should be an automatic reverter provision returning the title to the district in the event of inappropriate uses in addition to a conservation easement. However, given the long-term lease governing the use of this property, going through the exercise of a title transfer may amount to a "distinction without a difference" and result in unnecessary transactional costs and legal expenses for both Orange County and SFWMD. | No. This property should either be retained by the district under the current arrangement with Orange County, or transferred to Orange County for the limited purpose of continuing the current preservation/conservation/recreational uses, with a conservation easement and reverter clause operating in favor of the district. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Lake Russell and Poinciana Blvd. Tracts – This unit is well suited to further all of the district's core missions if retained in district ownership. The Poinciana Blvd tract is largely deep cypress swamp associated with Reedy Creek and is generally subject to year round inundation and water movement. The Lake Russell tract contains both creek floodplain and high value uplands including scrub. Strategic habitat conservation value shows priority 2 for the entire tract. High species richness due to scrub. Osceola County Schools environmental center located on the property is a significant community asset. This tract is also a crucial component of the ecosystem that is preserved on the Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve immediately south of the district lands. | Lake Russell and Poinciana Blvd. Tracts – We do not believe there is in general any better use of the property to support the District's Core missions. It is possible that more closely coordinated management of the Lake Russell property with the adjacent Disney Wilderness Preserve property held by the Nature Conservancy would benefit both properties. | With regard to all tracts, we do not believe there is a better use of the property in regard to natural resources or public use issues. Indeed, the area is a model of many entities cooperating to manage tracts for overall good, and considering that the SFWMD may derive the most cumulative good for its core agency missions of any entity involved, it would be highly inconsistent to for SFWMD to surplus its lands and responsibilities by withdrawing its partnership and support in this watershed. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The SUMICA tract supports achievement of all of the district's core missions, particularly water quality and natural resource protection. This tract has very high ecological diversity values, incorporating lands that are ranked 1 through 3 in Strategic Habitat Conservation value, contains imperiled rare natural communities, and much of the tract is rated at 7 species and 8-13 species in habitat richness value. Most of the property is rated at priority 3 or 4 in the rare species priority index. This is a highly valuable and near pristine tract providing an example of relatively undisturbed native Florida wetlands interfacing in ecotones with other habitat types which are also rarely seen in this condition. This property remains in a mostly undrained condition and thus provides distributed water management characteristics of retaining water during wet periods (reducing downstream surges of nutrient-carrying water) and providing base flow during dry periods, thus assisting with flood control, water supply and improved water quality—all without spending additional money for these services through a PES or similar program. These benefits are local, and carry downstream to Okeechobee, the Northern Estuaries and the Everglades. | In general, No. The description of the property provided states "The area is operated and managed by the Polk County through an agreement with the District", and "the whole site is managed and operated by Polk County through their Environmental Lands Program". However, the information provided on the web site does not reveal the duration of this agreement or whether the agreement constitutes a legally binding document such as a lease. Further, the web site does not clarify whether title to the property is jointly held with Polk County, or if Polk owns a portion of the site in fee and the district holds another portion of the site in fee. Finally, it is not clear what the long term management funding commitment from Polk County will be under this arrangement. A possible consideration for the district to undertake would be a more formal long term lease to the county or possibly deeding the property to the county with the district retaining a conservation easement and reverter provision assuring its continued use and management to protect the natural values now present. | No changes recommended. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 34448 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Keep the properties as they are now, for hikers, walker, birders, etc to enjoy. I believe these properties should not be declared surplus as these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWM: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | No change is needed. | | |
| 33024 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Land is a finite resource and its acquisition and maintenance for ecosystem processes is timely and essential. Large contiguous tracts of land in proximity to other conservation lands is essential for the maintenance of ecosystem function today and into the future with increasing effects of population growth and climate change. This property allows for freshwater acquisition and recharge essential to all life in South Florida as well as preservation of needed habitat to maintain Florida's diversity of plant and animal species essential to our quality of life. | | | Shingle Creek, |
| 34995 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Please retain these parcels as Conservation Lands and do not declare them as "surplus". These properties serves the "core mission" of the SFWM: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | | | |
| 32317 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Other Surplus land | I think the current use is better than declaring any land parcels as surplus. | Declaring any lands surplus would not be a better use. | Declaring any lands surplus would not be a better use | Shingle Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34606 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Boating | Very well. Please leave it as it is. | No. | No. | |
| 33981 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Supply | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | These areas are the headwaters for the everglades. They also replenish the aquifers that supply south florida with fresh water. Please do not consider these areas "surplus" & retain them in their natural state. Thank you for your consideration. | | | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 33812 | SUMICA | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The current use is passive and not well advertised. Most folks pass by this area and do not realize that it is open for recreational use. More should be done with this property and it should remain in the possession of the District. | Build a student demonstration laboratory and allow the teaching of environmental restoration to middle and high school students. Allow local colleges (ie. Florida Poly) to develop a portion of the property for a restorative native plant nursery or other ecological project that would provide students with working knowledge -part of the Poly curriculum. Support the development of your next generation of co-workers. | Build a student demonstration laboratory and allow the teaching of environmental restoration to middle and high school students. Allow local colleges (ie. Florida Poly) to develop a portion of the property for a restorative native plant nursery or other ecological project that would provide students with working knowledge -part of the Poly curriculum. Support the development of your next generation of co-workers. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | Shingle Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Osceola County Management Unit—All of the land owned by public entities and the mitigation bank within this management unit makes significant contribution to all of the district's core missions. The 70 acre property actually owned in fee simple by SFWM has high rankings for habitat richness, with the majority in a 7+ species category. The property also has a priority 2 ranking as in the Strategic Habitat Conservation Area system. Its proximity in the mitigation bank adds to the conservation function of both. | Osceola County Management Unit - While transfer of the 70 acre parcel to Osceola County, the City of Kissimmee or the mitigation bank, (with conservation easement and reverter provision) may initially appear attractive, we see little value in this exercise unless the county, city or mitigation bank presents a convincing plan to justify such action. Due to the characteristics (largely wetland) and isolation of this 70 acre tract, management activities necessary seem minimal, and the transactional costs of conveying title seem likely to outweigh the benefits of achieving such a transfer. | No, for the entire Shingle Creek unit. As mentioned for the Munger Tract, securing controlling interest in the lands along this waterway will protect the water resource values of this waterway and watershed in a future of intense regional development and water resource function loss. This area presents one of the best opportunities for a distributed water management approach (fee simple, easements, mitigation, and so on) to provide resource benefits and protections for an imperiled waterway of the Northern Everglades. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32751 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Intercession City - Pond Parcel - 6 acre parcel south of US 17 | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Intercession City Assessment Unit – This unit is well suited to further all of the district's core missions if retained in District ownership. The assessment material shows high quality habitat value and species diversity values for the entire tract. Strategic habitat conservation value shows priority 2 for the entire tract. Wetlands, floodplain values are very significant. | Intercession City – We do not believe there is a better use of the property for the district's core missions. The individual parcel assessments of the "6 acre pond" and "16 acre strip" sites reveal that both of these sites have significant water resources value and involvement, and in the case of the "6 acre pond", very high habitat richness (8-13 species), plus a priority 3 ranking in the rare species habitat category. Rather than being subject to "site preparation for development", much of the site appears to be a borrow excavation which has created a surface water/wetland interface heavily utilized by wading birds. The narrow "16 acre strip" also shows high habitat richness, with greater than 7 species and up to 8-13 species potential mapped for much of the tract. Development of this tract would require wetlands mitigation and needlessly fragment a wildlife corridor. We do not believe that these two small tracts should be declared surplus because of the significant natural values indicated. | With regard to all tracts, we do not believe there is a better use of the property in regard to natural resources or public use issues. Indeed, the area is a model of many entities cooperating to manage tracts for overall good, and considering that the SFWM may derive the most cumulative good for its core agency missions of any entity involved, it would be highly inconsistent to for SFWM to surplus its lands and responsibilities by withdrawing its partnership and support in this watershed. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 32751 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Huckleberry Island & Snell Creek – This unit is well suited to further all of the district's core mission goals if retained in district ownership. This tract has both high wildlife habitat and high water resources values, serving as a filtration and nutrient uptake feature in the ecosystem. It also has upland components with high species diversity and ranks priority 2 in the Strategic habitat conservation value matrix. | Huckleberry Island & Snell Creek – We recommend no change in the status or management of this tract; it is fulfilling all of the District's core mission components. | With regard to all tracts, we do not believe there is a better use of the property in regard to natural resources or public use issues. Indeed, the area is a model of many entities cooperating to manage tracts for overall good, and considering that the SFWMD may derive the most cumulative good for its core agency missions of any entity involved, it would be highly inconsistent for SFWMD to surplus its lands and responsibilities by withdrawing its partnership and support in this watershed | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33701 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | This property is protected against development as the public domain for recreation, therefore this affords the fulfillment of the core mission of flood control, water quality, protection of water and natural resources. This would be jeopardized in the event of a sale to private interests that would likely convert these lands to housing tracts, intensive livestock farming, timber harvesting, and possible commercial development that could involve contaminants leaching into the aquifer. Florida is imperiled in terms of the future water supply because the aquifer is being contaminated by too many chemicals going into the ground and waterways. The land in its present state will preclude further degradation on these particular properties, thus preserving the integrity of aquifer recharge at least in this specific area. Every parcel that can be protected is vital to quell the doomsday scenario that is eventually inevitable if Florida's water supply continues to be withdrawn and polluted faster than it can be recharged and naturally filtered by lands that are in conservation vs. lands that are developed for profit by corporations that are largely unregulated because of the gutted state of affairs in Tallahassee. Granted, some lands may have questionable conservation characteristics but the fact remains that even some of these lands could possibly contribute to a reduction of water quality in the event of certain types of development that would be likely. In short, the main concern of the citizens of Florida who are conservation advocates is that this will be a serious precedent setting event that could open the door for future land sales of hard fought for lands to preserve the natural future, water quality and green space requirements is one of our largest states that is already imperiled and can only get worse with the huge growth projections that are expected in the immediate future. The main point: do not relinquish any properties that | There is no better use of the property to support the core mission than to leave the property natural and "manage" it only to preserve it in its natural state with such things as exotic removal, controlled burns, wildlife protection, low intensity recreation, etc. The property will serve the core mission well if it is preserved and protected against the inevitable development that will result from the sale. | The best use of the property is to continue the status quo in basically leaving it alone and keeping it in its natural state in perpetuity to best serve the core mission of conservation and protection to maintain a sustainable, potable water supply for present and future Floridians. Low impact recreation such as hiking, birding, nature study, kayaking, canoeing, photography and wildlife observation best serve the property vs. high impact hunting, ATV use, industrial livestock, timber harvesting, etc. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33838 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | I believe the current use upholds all of the District's core missions. Additionally, the site is home to one of the last remaining populations of Lupinus aridorum, a state and federally listed species. | No. | No. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 44124 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | All of these areas should be protected. There is plenty of development in Florida and across the USA for that matter...that the wonderful natural sites should be a priority. You may want to consider that as many of us age we downsize and no longer want the monster home nor do we enjoy the conspicuous consumption that the 1970 and 80's fostered. We are interested in preservation and "re-use and use up" philosophies. So, skip the rape of the land and keep the planet sound! | How about "leave it alone"! | How about...."leave it alone" or charge a small fee to those who wander within. | |

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| 32207 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I feel the minimalistic approach is being utilized and that more can be done to stabilize the ecosystem and protect freshwater sources. Currently, we are on a troubling path of exploitation, which will prove disastrous to our future generations. In forums such as these, no response is viewed as "disinterest"... I believe that this is a false correlation. A more perfect correlation would be mindful of how little regard to previous conversations has been given, the level of frustration experienced by the scientific community felt as a result of political indifference, and an unsettling acceptance of self destruction. Should our representatives shock us with their sudden awareness and acknowledgement of the important issues that we face, rather than the mediocre urgencies forced upon us through cultural apathy and profit driven self interest, we would indeed smile with gratitude. This generation has been witness to so much and we have become rooted in our intentions to combat the negative environmental and social norms that have behaved as a disease and a burden to all of us. We demand more self sufficiency and sustainability. Our silence has more to do with this demand than you can imagine. We are tuning all which no longer serves us out. This allows the disease to kill itself. If you were to ask any mother... Would you like your child to drink fresh water or water full of toxic chemicals that reduce their mental capacity and make them more prone to cancer? Rather than answer you, She would look at you with indifference, because only a fool would ask such a question. | Hydroponic green houses, rain water collection, and expanding the reservation. Try giving back for a change. | "Other important natural resources"? Why yes, our humanity. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33460 | Shingle Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Boating | I think this property ideally suits the districts mission of preserving the natural ecosystems, water quality and providing flood control. This is the ideal sort of property to be preserved. This property is also at the headwaters of the Everglades Ecosystem and provides the beginning of water for the Florida Everglades. I recommend that this area be preserved to prevent development that would cause a decrease in water flowing to our Florida Everglades. Shingle Creek is the historic head of the Everglades Ecosystem and should be preserved for its historic value as well as ecological. | No. | The only other use would be preserve the property as a state natural area or state park. This would guarantee its preservation in perpetuity. | |
| 34639 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The current use of these properties is superb, designating any of them as surplus would be a grave mistake. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 21122 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Other | Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve, the Shingle Creek floodplain properties in Orange County and Osceola County, the Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek floodplain tracts in Osceola and Polk Counties, and the SUMICA conservation area in Polk County should all remain in public ownership as conservation land. These properties should not be declared surplus but, in fact, retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | n/a | n/a | |
| 33062 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | | | |
| 32829 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | As a public holding, the land gives all of us opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty that is there while protecting the fragile Everglades headwaters. NO properties not be declared surplus, and should state in particular why retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | All of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". No properties not be declared surplus, and should state in particular why retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | Nothing is more important than protecting the headwaters to the Everglades. Florida is the EVERGLADES! It is a wonder of the world and we should do all possible to protect this area of wildlife and water. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |

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| | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Supply | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | All areas are contributing to the water protection/improvements and supply and natural Resource protection and restoration | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34103 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | | To surplus any public land in a time of global climate change is ecologically short sided. | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32940 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Canoing and Kayaking | All of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | No. | Again, I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32738 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Camping | I think it is a very good thing that you are leaving these lands in their natural state and preserving them, please continue to do so. I live near land that is managed by the St. John's River Management and it is beautiful. | In my opinion, there is NO better use of these lands than what you are doing with them right now, which is preserving them to aid in natural restoration. | The public can do plenty of recreational activities elsewhere, they are not hurting for activities to do. It is not imperative that they have these lands open to them too!!! How spoiled can you be? Try to think of others for a change!!! There are animals and birds and the restoration of the Everglades, etc., if people want recreation let them go to Disney World, right now you can get four days for only \$115. | |
| 33460 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | This is an ideal wetlands for preservation with significant habitat. It is providing habitat for numerous species. It has rare and vulnerable species residing upon it. It should continue as it is being used as a place to protect wildlife and educate the public. | No. Not unless it provided that this property would be protected and not sold off or removed from its current purpose of protecting wetlands. | No, it should remain in the hands of a government agency to protect its important environmental benefits. | |
| 30082 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other Conservation land | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32963 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Current use supports Natural Resource protection best of all the District's missions. As headwaters of the Everglades, they are key to the Everglades being maintained. I don't know how the District could possibly consider surplussing any of those properties. | I see no better use of these lands than conservation. | No. | Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32927 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The land needs to be retained for the reasons it was purchased for so that it can help provide clean water to use for maintaining the aquifer and help to clean up run off. Protected lands that restrict development in our sensitive lands and finite water supply. | Land should be used for recreation and for practicing good land and water management. | No, we need to protect Florida lands and promote them like Costa Rica. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33060 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe we can always do a better job protecting the environment and having resources for us humans, all of us have to live together. No changes to the land set aside as natural should be made, we have enough places to live and our wild-life are rapidly running running out of homes. | I think the District should continue to remain true their mission without political influence from either party and save our environment for our future. | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 71013 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other | Other | First, I no longer reside in S FL. I do still own properties there and visit often. This area is beyond precious and needs to be protected and preserved;doing so is essential for current and future residents. Your charge is to provide for health and safety within the area. Human population continues to explode, even with poor economics. Water, obviously, is a basic need. Therefore, it is unfathomable that a short sited action of selling ANY of the valuable holdings which protects this resource is uncomprehensible. Please do not diminish and jeopardize the treasure you are responsible for. I and every person I know that lives in, visits or just loves Florida look to you to be true stewarts. | Do not "dispose of" ANY property | Do not "dispose of" ANY property | |

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| 34748 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I am writing to express my opposition to selling off any of the land that has been purchased for conservation. I have been a Floridian most of my life and have seen many changes to the land. We have seen natural lands disappear at an alarming rate. Please keep what is protected...protected. I am retired now and will be able to see the truly "beautiful" Florida we live in. | | | |
| 33525 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Very well. This property MUST not be declared surplus!! Please retain it as Conservation Land! | NO | NO | |
| 32333 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | | | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | |
| 32050 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | | I think you should preserve all four properties just like nature made them for the preservation of the wildlife and plants for future generations to enjoy. | Keep nature the way it was made by nature. That is what's most important. Its simple common sense! | |
| , | Shingle Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | considering the involvement of gov officials probably not very well at all | providing natural eco-systems protection | limit public use and gov.interference | |
| , | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | considering the involvement of gov officials probably not very well at all | providing natural eco-systems protection | limit public use and gov.interference | |
| 32317 | Shingle Creek | Shingle Creek Management Area | Recreation and Public Use | Other Just know it is there for conservation purposes | The below information is from the District's 2005-2010 GMP for the Shingle Creek Management Area. It seems the property warrants continued conservation protection under the mission of the SFWMD. It should be retained. "Despite the alterations, the swamp appears healthy and plays vital roles in water supply, flood control, wildlife habitat, and water quality. Yet, where feasible, the District envisions restoring or enhancing the alterations within the Shingle Creek project. Ongoing acquisition in Shingle Creek facilitates that goal and is consistent with the District's mission of flood control and protection, water resource conservation and improvement, and the preservation and restoration of environmentally sensitive lands." | The District's GMP for the area addresses the importance of the area for its role in flood management, protection of environmentally sensitive lands, water quality improvement and habitat restoration all which are consistent with the District's core mission. | No | |
| 40216 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Save the land for conservation purposes only.... No development !!! Ever!!!! | Never land development | Animals and land conservation is always the best. | |
| 33785 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Quality | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | This and the other properties being evaluated serve as the headwaters for the Everglades. Therefore, it is imperative to conserve these properties, not categorize them as surplus, and not make them available for sale where lack of government control might put the entire ecosystem at risk. | Keep things as they are. Do NOT declare the site as surplus which could threaten its protected status. Keep this site as conservation land to help the ongoing efforts to restore and preserve the entire Everglades system which will benefit not only the state of Florida, but the water systems and habitats affected: the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, etc. | Keep things as they are. Do NOT declare the site as surplus which could threaten its protected status. Keep this site as conservation land to help the ongoing efforts to restore and preserve the entire Everglades system which will benefit not only the state of Florida, but the water systems and habitats affected: the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, etc. | |
| 95060 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I am aware that SFWMD is currently dividing the district up into several "Land Assessment Regions", and is starting the evaluation in the northern reaches of the district, in the "Northern Lakes" district which consists of the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes area in Orange, Osceola, and Polk Counties. As an active member of the Audubon society I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". I am aware that the lands being studied for possible surplus declaration include the Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve, the Shingle Creek floodplain properties in Orange County and Osceola County, the Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek floodplain tracts in Osceola and Polk Counties, and the SUMICA conservation area in Polk County, and I strongly feel that the most important use of these lands now and in the future is to retain them as conservation lands. | The most important use of these lands is retaining these lands as Conservation Lands. | Please retain these lands as Conservation Lands. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 33513 | Shingle Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Shingle Creek's importance to the Upper Everglades landscape can not be under-stated. Preservation of this area must be supported if we are to accomplish our goals of Everglades restoration - as well as continue to preserve and protect a critical piece of Florida wetlands. | No. | No. | Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33025 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | This property is open to the public for the purpose of passive recreation and protection of the natural resources including water resources that feed into the KOE watershed. | No | Already providing access to the public for recreation. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32640 | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | These lands should be maintained as CONSERVATION lands under our protection. They should NOT be surplus. Maintaining land for flood control and water quality, protecting our natural resources, and working toward restoring lands already altered by human activity, this should continue to be our mission. | No, simply protect the land, conserve it....once surplus, these lands will undergo development and negatively impact our wildlife and water quality. | These properties should NOT be declared surplus, and retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33681 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | it is inadequate protection. | Yes | Yes | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32086 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | These properties should remain public properties. They should NOT be declared Surplus properties our Everglades and Florida Eco-system depends on it. Thank you Sheri Cutright | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 19963 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33849 | SUMICA | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hunting | | | no, it should stay as a natural source to save endangered species, plants and provide areas for hunting and fishing. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 33173 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other | All natural areas in the state of Florida need to be preserved as habitat for the species that live there. This is the Right to Biodiversity, which is a human right, because we need all species in the interconnected web of life. I strongly believe ALL 4 AREAS- Tibet-Butler, shingle Creek, Lake Marion, and SUMICA MUST remain as nature preserves and species habitat. This is a HUMAN RIGHT. Natural Resource protection and restoration is the ONLY solution to support this right. | All natural areas in the state of Florida need to be preserved as habitat for the species that live there. This is the Right to Biodiversity, which is a human right, because we need all species in the interconnected web of life. I strongly believe ALL 4 AREAS- Tibet-Butler, shingle Creek, Lake Marion, and SUMICA MUST remain as nature preserves and species habitat. This is a HUMAN RIGHT. Natural Resource protection and restoration is the ONLY solution to support this right. | No hunting, fishing, limited boating, limited humans. Species HABITAT only. | |
| 33141 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | Current use is fine. Do not declare as surplus. | Preserve for wildlife and recreation. | No. Current use is fine. Do not declare as surplus. I like spend time there and use my Camping, Survival, Hiking, etc. Gadgets that I bought at http://www.gadgetsgo.com/camping-gear-survival-gear-outdoor-equipment/ | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 33913 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | By allowing these parcels to remain as they are the District's core mission will be served. The impact to the natural headwaters of the everglades ecosystem would be directly impacted by removing the protections that now exist for these areas. | No, please continue to allow these properties in as close to their natural state as possible. | Yes, by preserving the natural ecosystem and head water estuaries that these properties provide you will enable the further restoration of the everglades. | Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 33707 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe SFWMD does a good job looking after the water shed lands in FL. Over the years FI continues to change, as more and more people move to FL and developers want to gobble up land. More now than ever before we need to do everything possible to keep these lands in public ownership especially the Headwaters of the everglades. | | Getting the public involved and learning about the true treasure we have in FL is important. Having the public understand the importance of how the water runs down hill, all towards the Everglades. The land around this treasure needs to be kept in public ownership and managed by WFWMD. | |
| 32960 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Stay with the current use! All of the properties you have identified as non-essential and thus potentially salable should be retained in public ownership as conservation land. These lands have value for both wildlife and ecological benefits. They constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". Please do not sell them and do not develop them. | Keep these properties undeveloped! | Stick with your current use! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |

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| 33625 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Canoeing and Kayaking | Please do not develop these lands. They are vital to protecting what remains of the natural beauty of Florida, our air, natural plant and animal species. Instead, please make better use of lands which have already been developed | Please do not develop these lands. They are vital to protecting what remains of the natural beauty of Florida, our air, natural plant and animal species. Instead, please make better use of lands which have already been developed | Please do not develop these lands. They are vital to protecting what remains of the natural beauty of Florida, our air, natural plant and animal species. Instead, please make better use of lands which have already been developed | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34683 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The Lake Marion Creek properties host federally-threatened Florida Scrub-jays, our state's only endemic species. Their populations have continued to decline over the past 20 years as scrub habitat is converted for "development" and agriculture. If this property is surplus by SFWMD it would likely be sold to a private interest, furthering fire suppression and extirpation of this jay subpopulation. We can't afford to lose any more scrub habitat in the state or lose any additional Scrub-jay subpopulations. The Lake Marion Creek tract needs to stay in public ownership to protect the wildlife resources, flood control, water storage, and water quality of the headwaters of Lake O and the Everglades! | No. | There are no more important federally-listed species on this property. | |
| 32137 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | It's imperative that we keep the wild areas wild for future population use, water retention and wild life refuge... I realize that there is great pressure to turn state lands into income, but you must resist this temptation for our future generations and the states health and welfare... Florida is still a beautiful state and these forests and wetlands make it so... Please don't commercialize and destroy its primary attractions... | No, Keep it wild and wet for future generations and wildlife... Don't be tricked by trying to sell off the resources to make a budget... You cannot replace this wild property... | Again, Keep it wet and wild and keep the water and resouces clean and pristeen... | |
| 32622 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I have not visited these particular sites yet but I went on a recent kayaking/bird watching experience in South Florida and plan to return to the area for more. I was pleasantly surprised at the amount of protected public land that I was able to access in an area that has otherwise been heavily developed. I was also impressed by how clean the area was and how diverse and healthy the wildlife appeared to be. This was an improvement from the state of things in that part of the state when I lived there some 40 years ago. So, from my experience of the areas I visited, I would say that the current use of the properties has improved quality of life for both man and beast. | Maintaining undeveloped land is instrumental in controlling clean water for both nature and human needs. | As a garden club member and a master gardener, I have been concerned about the increasing disconnection between people and nature. It is important for people's physical and mental health to have experience with natural things. This requires having natural environments accessible to our increasing population. I don't think there could be a better use for the properties than preserving them for native plant and animal life as well as for our enjoyment of them. | |
| 32317 | SUMICA | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other Land Conservation | The District's own assessment below confirms its importance and the area should be retained for conservation purposes. The area is not suitable for development. Core Mission Value The site was acquired under the Save Our Rivers program to preserve a large locally significant wetland resource. Other Resource Value Natural communities include pine flatwoods, scrub, oak hammocks, prairies, marshes, and cypress and hardwood swamp. The site is an important wildlife corridor link between the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and the Tiger Creek / Lake Wales Ridge State Forest system to the west. | | No | |
| 33785 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | This and the other properties being evaluated serve as the headwaters for the Everglades. Therefore, it is imperative to conserve these properties, not categorize them as surplus, and not make them available for sale where lack of government control might put the entire ecosystem at risk. | Keep things as they are. Do NOT declare the site as surplus which could threaten its protected status. Keep this site as conservation land to help the ongoing efforts to restore and preserve the entire Everglades system which will benefit not only the state of Florida, but the water systems and habitats affected: the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, etc. | Keep things as they are. Do NOT declare the site as surplus which could threaten its protected status. Keep this site as conservation land to help the ongoing efforts to restore and preserve the entire Everglades system which will benefit not only the state of Florida, but the water systems and habitats affected: the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, etc. | |
| 07405 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I am very concerned/upset that Natural Resource protection is being lost further and further. PLEASE reverse the direction... | | | |
| 33614 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The current use(s) currently supports these core missions very well, and the removal of any acreage for other uses would weaken the overall lands ability to serve these core functions. | I don't believe so; they all serve the core mission of flood control and water retention, water conservation, and ecosystem and wildlife protection. | No there is not. Any change of use or assigned primary "functions" of these lands would be deleterious to their ecological functions as a whole | Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |

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| 33165 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Lake Russell and Poinciana Blvd Tracts | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I feel that this parcel of land has been managed and maintained in its natural state very well and I would like to see management actions in this area continue as they have. The creeks water levels have been allowed to fluctuate as they naturally would and this helps to preserve the area's biodiversity. Maintaining this parcel in its natural state is invaluable to the Osceola County School Board in the environmental and natural resource education of our youth. By exposing the students to different ecosystems they develop an appreciation and reverence for the environment. Teaching these students about the importance of preserving our natural resources is crucial to future generations living more sustainably than humans have in the past and present. | I think the parcel is managed and maintained adequately as is. | I think the parcel is managed and maintained adequately as is. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32812 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Tibet Butler Preserve (TBP) provides education for the tremendous Butler Chain of Lakes and protection of the western flood plain of Lake Tibet. The mere presence of the TBP prevents development from encroaching, at least on that part where the TBP is located. More than just the affluent property owners can enjoy the resource without having to launch a boat or own a multi-million home on the lakes. | No. | Yes, expand the preserve and protect more of the resource. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34995 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Please do not declare these properties as "surplus", they should remain "conservation lands". The current use of the property does meet SFWMD core missions of flood control, water quality protection/improvements, water supply, natural resource protection and restoration. | | | |
| 33898 | SUMICA | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Very well. It borders Lake Walk in the Water and does not have run off from septic systems or cattle. | No | A trail to the lake would be nice. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34953 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | It is ESSENTIAL that these properties not be declared surplus. The retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34420 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I do not want to see public land sold off. After decades of land acquisitions for public well-being, selling these lands is going backwards. A long-range vision is needed, not a quick attempt at a budget fix. | | | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32136 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | In the concrete jungle of Orlando area we need all of the conservation lands we can get and this preserve is a great safe area for the wildlife. Please don't get rid of any of the lands. They're not "surplus"! | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 33178 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | | | | |
| 33178 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Canoeing and Kayaking | | | Please keep the land in public ownership | |
| 33330 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | We need to retain as much open land as possible to protect the environment and wildlife population. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 33317 | SUMICA | All | Water Quality | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | There are so few "wild" areas left compared to developed land that the idea that some conservation lands are "surplus" is ludicrous. One only has to look at the threat to water quality, wildlife, native plants to realize that any undeveloped land left is critical to our survival and theirs. | Habitat fragmentation is the biggest threat to native plants and animals. Any conservation land should remain as conservation areas. We are the earth's stewards and must protect what is left. | Conservation areas cannot be regarded as surplus and should remain as conservation areas. | |
| 33158 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other Holding for the public's benefit | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | All properties should be held for the public's benefit, and that of future generations, and for the environment, of which we are custodians. | No | No. | |

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| 27713 | Shingle Creek | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Florida has little undeveloped land left, these should be left alone for the wildlife. Developing these could force more wildlife into our homes and/or cause extinction! | Properties being studied for possible surplus declaration include the Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve, the Shingle Creek floodplain properties in Orange County and Osceola County, the Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek floodplain tracts in Osceola and Polk Counties, and the SUMICA conservation area in Polk County. These properties not be declared surplus. | Keep ALL of these lands as conservation! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 56031 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | Does it well. | The land should not be declared surplus. | Please save this land | |
| 33433 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | I believe any land owned by SFWMD is valuable land and shouldn't be sold off. Florida has been and still is being developed at a rapid rate and while a parcel may not currently be in use, it may be needed in the future and should be held in reserve. | No. | Protecting the water supply and filtration of water destined for Everglades National Park are the most important use of the land held by the SFWMD. | |
| 33158 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | It is my feeling that anything that might possibly be detrimental or endanger this area, which is the head waters, you might say, to the Florida Aquifer, should not be allowed. There are numerous other areas that can be looked at for commercial use, but maintaining a fresh water supply to South Florida is of utmost importance. If we don't have an abundance of fresh water, there can not be any growth in commercial or residential land. Fresh water is our most important commodity. C.R. Durling | Lets keep it wild and natural. Nature tasks care of itself if we leave it alone. That has been proven over and over here in Florida. | Again, I say try to leave the area pristine and nature will do the rest. | |
| 32128 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | the current use and management of the properties supports the core missions quite well. all the properties should be retained for present and future use for the core missions. My comments are in regard to all the properties and projects managed by the district. | it seems the current management and use of the property is effective and should continue as is. | the current uses/preservation should continue to protect all the natural resources including wildlife, non developed land and Water and flood control. perhaps more hunting could be allowed on the appropriate properties if deemed beneficial. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34952 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | We sometimes forget the headwaters of important areas like the everglades which MUST remain in the public trust to preserve them for wildlife, our children and our children's children. | | | |
| 32608 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Water Quality | Canoeing and Kayaking | | | The Everglades is one on the Earth's Treasures and one of my most favorited places. All of south Florida is a part of the system and how water is treated anywhere affects water everywhere. Humans have put \$\$\$\$ acquisition ahead of all other considerations down through history, destroying the natural world in the process. It is way past time to stop acting so stupidly and to start taking proper care of our Home, which means cultivating what is left of our public lands to serve LIFE, and not \$\$\$\$ interests. | |
| 32266 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Canoeing and Kayaking | | | | SUMICA, |
| 33763 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Water Quality | Other | This property needs to be preserved to protect the quality of FL's watersheds, which are in peril, given the state of our springs and the Everglades. | No, preserve it. | No, preserve it. | |
| 32503 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Canoeing and Kayaking | | not be declared surplus, and should state in particular why retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration | | |
| 33908 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | at 89 years of age i have visited none of these sites in the past two years. but my interest in their future is undimmed. together they make up an invaluable portion of state lands for public use, for water conservation and purification, for preservation of the core of Florida's appeal to tourism. water, dollars, esthetics -- the real business of "idle" lands. keep all of it in its natural state and in the public domain. | no. | no | |
| 33525 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Very well. These properties MUST not be declared surplus!! | NO | NO | Tibet-Butler Preserve, SUMICA, |
| 33525 | Shingle Creek | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Boating | Very well. This property MUST NOT be declared surplus!! Please retain it as Conservation Land! | No | NO | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 33914 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Other | We desperately need to protect and save all the wild land that we can. PLEASE save this land for Florida and do not sell or trade.. | | | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34746 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bicycling | Currently the District is apparently doing as much as possible to preserve the water quality and water supply of the area. These efforts require constant vigilance to insure that future activities will not cause degradation of the efforts made thus far. This can only be accomplished if present lands are kept in their present state and improved for the future. | The only "better use" would be for the State and the SFWMD to continue to exercise vigilance and custodial care and improvement of those lands for the future of not only the northern lakes district but ultimately the Everglades. | The Kissimmee Chain of Lakes (Northern Lakes District) should be retained in public ownership as conservation land. Since they are the headwaters of the Everglades, it can only be preserved by preserving its headwaters. These crucial lands should not be declared surplus. Flood control, water quality, protection and improvements, water supply, natural resources protection and restoration are all fundamental to the character of land and water resources to keep and improve the Everglades for the future. | Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 33785 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | Until we come to the realization that Florida is overly dependent on tourism from year to year, everything else is a moot point. Of course we need to preserve everything wild, including lands and waters, in our beautiful state and yet we continue to pollute and tear down everything wild. We must realize that we should be the No. 1 State for renewable energy and get on with solar and wind generation. Let the state of Florida pay for itself for a change by offering the TRUE good life to one and all! | Make a concerted effort to get rid of the non-indigenous in the Everglades, mainly the invasive plants brought from other countries and the now thousands of non-native pythons! | Stop developing in places where we don't need to; stop cowtowing to the developers anywhere and let our state go back to being a natural bird sanctuary and overall peaceful and lovely place to visit and/or live! Stop making a microcosm of every little thing and start caring about all the plants, trees and wildlife that were here long before we were. | |
| | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | considering the involvement of gov officials probably not very well at all | providing natural eco-systems protection | limit public use and gov.interference | |
| 34223 | SUMICA | All | Other | Other | To whom it may concern, I am submitting public comment because I recently learned that SFWMD is considering downgrading unspecified properties currently listed for conservation as "surplus properties" and possibly selling or re-designating these lands for other purposes than conservation. As the remaining green spaces in Florida continue to be rapidly developed it is essential that any lands currently protected by the state remain protected. As all of these properties were originally acquired to promote SFWMD core principles, all of these properties should be protected in order to maintain Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. I understand that budgets are tight but it is essential that these properties be protected for the health and enjoyment of future generations. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32317 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other Land Conservation | Given the below information, particularly its importance to Everglades and South Florida ecosystem restoration it should be retained as conservation land. It is not suitable for development. Includes substantial portions of Reedy Creek and Lake Marion Creek drainage basins. The area is the headwaters for the Kissimmee/Lake Okeechobee/Everglades ecosystem. Reedy Creek Swamp is extensive area of mixed hardwood/cypress swamp. | No | No | |
| 33186 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Canoeing and Kayaking | in my opinion the current policy should remain unchanged. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34748 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The current use should be helpful in restoration of the Everglades Headwaters. | Your mission should be to restore the water flow to the Everglades and to help provide clean water to the millions of people who rely on it. | Perhaps for flood control but not at the expense of the Everglades and clean water. | Shingle Creek, |
| 32206 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | All properties under review should NOT BE DECLARED SURPLUS since all of them serve the core mission of the SFWMD. The future of water supply and water quality in FL requires that we preserve, protect and restore the ecosystems on which we rely to support our quality of life. | NO | NO | |
| 34610 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | The continued destruction of this Earth, the ONLY Earth we have to live on, will soon be uninhabitable. This insanity needs to END. | Conservation. Conserving on the very natural resources we have helps. Not destroying it. | PRESERVE. The Earth is shared by ALL, not the corporation who could care less of its destruction. | |

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| 19135 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Water Quality | Other have not visited these areas | I oppose selling of these properties as a breach of public trust. the proposed sales would damage water quality for people and wildlife of Florida | I feel the best course of action is to keep those areas protected and with no sales of these lands to others. | Yes keep those areas permanently protected as water management and wildlife areas | |
| 32303 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Water Quality | Other | It is interesting to me that this website does not provide for an "All" selection under the "Which Project do these comments reference?" question. This 'choice of one' technique for information gathering tends to skew statistics towards fewer 'overall' comments towards specific uses (both good and potentially harmful to the public) of the various properties in this public comment section. As a resident of the State of Florida, I care about the quality of ALL the water and land in the state that protects the public's water. My concern is that the SFWMD is trying to make a move that will allow (through 'lack of public comment' translated as 'lack of public interest' or 'no one is minding the store...') the lease or sale of these properties that function as a MINIMUM protection of water quality as well as flood control. The PRIMARY purpose of the Water Management Districts system is to PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S WATER INTERESTS, not the interests of private industry. Politicizing water management opens the door to horrible and longlasting water problems for the entire state and for future generations of Floridians and our very important tourist industry. | SEE ABOVE | SEE ABOVE | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32129 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | At the present time we have only an "adequate" score as far as protection/improvements. These resources need to remain as pristine as possible for future generations. | none | none | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34995 | Shingle Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | These properties should remain designated as "conservation lands" and not be re-designated as "surplus" lands. These properties further SFWMD core mission of flood control, water quality protection/improvements, water supply, natural resource protection and restoration. | | | |
| 34229 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Canoeing and Kayaking | We must preserve all lands yet untouched by encroaching development. Once it is gone, it is gone forever. Preserve and Protect! | | | |
| 33156 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I think the properties are helping the District's current mission | No better use | Keep the properties as is | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32903 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | | | | |
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| 34654 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Canoeing and Kayaking | Current use is fine. This property is not to be given away. It belongs to the citizens of FL. | NO - keep as conservation land. | NO - keep the land protected. | Shingle Creek, |
| | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Supply | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | All areas are contributing to the water protection/improvements and supply and natural Resource protection and restoration | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |

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| 32940 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Canoeing and Kayaking | All of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | No. | Again, I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32940 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Canoeing and Kayaking | All of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | No. | Again, I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32696 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Quality | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | These properties are vital to the restoration and continued preservation of conservation lands and water quality for our aquifers and river systems. They are also headwaters for the Everglades system. | Preservation and protection is the current use and should continue | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 33024 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | I think all of the properties should remain in your care. I am quite concerned that excess property will end up in the wrong hands and be developed. South Florida is already overcrowded and there should be some <u>wild property for us to enjoy</u> | | | Shingle Creek, |
| 33709 | Shingle Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | In my opinion, the District is doing the best it can to meet its goals concerning all our conservation lands given the economic and political problems Florida endures. | No there is no better use for any of our conservation lands. Our state is over built resulting in too many problems. There isn't any surplus land. There is an over surplus of problems related to water, mismanaged growth, over building, natural system, threatened/endangered species, and urban sprawl. | Not at this time. There is no better use for any of our conservation lands with all the problems we are facing in the state and our country. All our conservation lands should be retained for future times when our state is better at identifying problems and solutions. | SUMICA, |
| 32801 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Supply | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | No | No, please leave the land cleared and pristine so that we may protect our birds and water supply and save the trees to absorb toxins and cool the land. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34758 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | All of the properties should not be declared surplus, retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | All of the properties should not be declared surplus, retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | All of the properties should not be declared surplus, retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32960 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Canoeing and Kayaking | All of the properties you have identified as non-essential and thus potentially salable should be retained in public ownership as conservation land. These lands have value for both wildlife and ecological benefits. They constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". Please do not sell them and do not develop them. | Stay with the current use--and don't sell them for others to develop and abuse. | Keep working to restore natural water flow and other ecological processes that we have so badly disrupted. We must cherish and preserve these pieces, not dump them into Florida's development mania. Keep nature as natural as possible. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32703 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33040 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Water Quality | Other Land Conservation | Water quality is best advanced by maintaining the current status of this parcel. As a resident of the Keys, I live at the bottom of this watershed which includes the Kissimmee River basin, Lake Okeechobee, and the Everglades. Think of the Keys as the "bathtub drain." The quality of the water that finally trickles down to the Keys is the most important factor affecting the health of our endangered coral reefs. | No | No | |
| 34145 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | It currently protects clean water and contributes to the headwaters of the everglades. | No. It should be protected, for many reasons, including protection of water supply and preservation of natural habitats. | No. It should be preserved as is. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 33525 | SUMICA | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Boating | Very well. This property MUST NOT be declared surplus!! Please retain it as Conservation Land! | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 33158 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | All land should be preserved for the protection of all species. Do not develop or sell any public property. | All land should be preserved for the protection of all species. Do not develop or sell any public property. | All land should be preserved for the protection of all species. Do not develop or sell any public property. | |
| 32034 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Sirs, The consideration of selling off some conservation lands as "surplus" is ill advised. The lands are considered the true "Headwaters of the Everglades" and as such should be protected. They were bought for the purposes of conservation and should remain such. These properties perform core missions for our water. They are not "surplus". For example, the Shingle Creek floodplain performs flood hazard mitigation for over 11 miles, as well as other important tasks. I am against selling these lands, which include the Tibet-Butler Preserve, the Shingle Creek floodplains in Orange and Osceola counties, the Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek Floodplains in Osceola and Polk counties, and the SUMICA conservation area in Polk county. Sincerely, Muffie Austin | No, better use than conservation. | No, better use than conservation. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | I echo these concerns: "The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has embarked on a process to potentially declare some conservation lands as surplus, and subsequently sell or trade them, or dedicate lands to uses other than the conservation purposes for which they were purchased. Unlike the Land Assessments recently conducted by the St. Johns River Water Management District and Southwest Florida Water Management District, the staff at SFWMD is not releasing information that reveals which parcels may be proposed to be declared surplus." Why any land protected for conservation could be considered a surplus is beyond comprehension. I also understand over development and exploitation of Florida's natural habitats has contributed greatly to it's vulnerability to storms, loss of species and toxins in our food chain. | I echo these concerns: "The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has embarked on a process to potentially declare some conservation lands as surplus, and subsequently sell or trade them, or dedicate lands to uses other than the conservation purposes for which they were purchased. Unlike the Land Assessments recently conducted by the St. Johns River Water Management District and Southwest Florida Water Management District, the staff at SFWMD is not releasing information that reveals which parcels may be proposed to be declared surplus." Why any land protected for conservation could be considered a surplus is beyond comprehension. I also understand over development and exploitation of Florida's natural habitats has contributed greatly to it's vulnerability to storms, loss of species and toxins in our food chain. | I echo these concerns: "The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has embarked on a process to potentially declare some conservation lands as surplus, and subsequently sell or trade them, or dedicate lands to uses other than the conservation purposes for which they were purchased. Unlike the Land Assessments recently conducted by the St. Johns River Water Management District and Southwest Florida Water Management District, the staff at SFWMD is not releasing information that reveals which parcels may be proposed to be declared surplus." Why any land protected for conservation could be considered a surplus is beyond comprehension. I also understand over development and exploitation of Florida's natural habitats has contributed greatly to it's vulnerability to storms, loss of species and toxins in our food chain. | |
| | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | considering the involvement of gov officials probably not very well at all | providing natural eco-sytems protection | limit public use and gov.interference | |
| 33785 | Shingle Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | This and the other properties being evaluated serve as the headwaters for the Everglades. Therefore, it is imperative to conserve these properties, not categorize them as surplus, and not make them available for sale where lack of government control might put the entire ecosystem at risk. | Keep things as they are. Do NOT declare the site as surplus which could threaten its protected status. Keep this site as conservation land to help the ongoing efforts to restore and preserve the entire Everglades system which will benefit not only the state of Florida, but the water systems and habitats affected: the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, etc. | Keep things as they are. Do NOT declare the site as surplus which could threaten its protected status. Keep this site as conservation land to help the ongoing efforts to restore and preserve the entire Everglades system which will benefit not only the state of Florida, but the water systems and habitats affected: the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, etc. | |
| 33785 | SUMICA | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | This and the other properties being evaluated serve as the headwaters for the Everglades. Therefore, it is imperative to conserve these properties, not categorize them as surplus, and not make them available for sale where lack of government control might put the entire ecosystem at risk. | Keep things as they are. Do NOT declare the site as surplus which could threaten its protected status. Keep this site as conservation land to help the ongoing efforts to restore and preserve the entire Everglades system which will benefit not only the state of Florida, but the water systems and habitats affected: the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, etc. | Keep things as they are. Do NOT declare the site as surplus which could threaten its protected status. Keep this site as conservation land to help the ongoing efforts to restore and preserve the entire Everglades system which will benefit not only the state of Florida, but the water systems and habitats affected: the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, etc. | |
| 34235 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Florida needs to protect and save all these natural areas so that water can be saved and the land not developed. Unlike other states, our land protection Must include natural areas so that rainfall can save the ecosystem from dehydration. Our state is drying out according to many reports and the springs are extremely low. Your job is to save the land so that we can save water. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34995 | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Please do not designate these properties as "surplus lands", they should remain designated as "conservation lands". These properties further SFWMD core mission of flood control, water quality protection/improvements, water supply, natural resource protection and restoration. | | | |
| 33160 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | | I recommend that properties not be declared surplus, and should state in particular why retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | I recommend that properties not be declared surplus, and should state in particular why retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 32316 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | | "There can be no greater issue than that of conservation in this country." Theodore Roosevelt, August 6, 1912, Confession of Faith Speech, Progressive National Convention. We have deviated from this mandate in a catastrophic way. Conservation of our wild lands, river systems and oceans is non-partisan work and an issue of pronounced responsibility requiring our leaders to provide the stewardship necessary to protect the remaining undeveloped areas from further destruction. This is of critical importance as greed and shortsightedness have decimated Florida, the immense beauty and diversity of the natural world we all love and depend on; sanctuaries that restore, inspire, and are an integral part of maintaining a healthy ecosystem that supports us all. Please preserve in perpetuity the listed properties as publicly owned conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | | |
| 32311 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other | This particular locally significant wetlands area on the SW short of Lake Tibet is close to 440 acres including hiking trails & the Vera Carter Environmental Center which is managed by Orange County. There are environmental programs for school children as well as opportunities for photography & birding which happens to be my main interest. Hiking trails cover a number of habitats. This provides protection from flood in the surrounding suburbs, homes for wildlife that may otherwise be pests to homeowners, & it maintains an area for recreation & education for citizens. | Certainly not. Prior to public control, this land was scheduled to be ruined & simply turned into more fertilized lawns which pollute the lakes, & homes & streets with non native shrubs all trimmed into rounded shapes. The native birds would have had to move on where they could find native insects feeding on native shrubs to feed their young, & natural dead snags & dense bushes where they could build their nests. | I have not been there, so I cannot comment on this question. | |
| 32311 | Shingle Creek | All | Water Supply | Other | This is a significant part of the Everglades headwaters & the Everglades watershed & luckily has been saved from almost certain takeover by the urban Orlando sprawl. Since 1991, parcels have been added so that real flood hazard mitigation is now a reality & 11 miles of stormwater runoff is handled & basically treated naturally while at the same time providing wildlife habitat & ensuring the corridor to the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Wildlife Corridor system. This entire area provides increased dispersed water storage capacity for the entire urban/suburban area. | As far as I can see - the best use is to expand this area even more if that is at all feasible by adding any additional parcels - even if small - to this patchwork of excellent land usage. | Since I have not been there, I can't imagine any better use - unless recreational trails for hiking, biking, birding might be added when funds permit. | |
| 34715 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Too many of our public lands are slowly being destroyed because of toxins & water mismanagement. Too many parts of FL are being destroyed for housing or commercial use. Not enough precaution & protection is given to wilderness & wildlife & water use for wildlife. | Improving these areas to fully improve wilderness & wildlife protections. | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34292 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I support the return to natural systems and whatever it takes to effectively do this. If we start pecking away at the land that has been preserved for what SWFWMD states could be put to better use, it would only start a long horrible mistake in the wrong direction. SWFWMD has been trying to repair its earlier mistakes by becoming a friend of the environment. I would hate to see this trend reverse itself. My family has been in Florida since 1863 and have always been respectful of the land in that we have been in a mutual beneficial relationship as farmer, fishermen and cattlemen. I want to preserve as much as the land as possible. | no | no | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 33612 | SUMICA | All | Water Supply | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Properties should "NOT" be declared surplus because the retention of these properties serves the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 32792 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other | Other | As well as possible with the resources they have. Great for education, connecting with nature. But more importantly, habitat for both residential and migratory animals. For instance: https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=523153624374721&set=a.101637403193014.3757.100000402633352&type=1&theater Please increase these areas. What seems like surplus today may be essential in 20 years. I am referring to all preserved areas throughout Florida. Thank you. | no | Please make sure that properties connect enough to allow movement of indigenous and migratory species throughout the year. Expand the educational aspect in many of the areas which don't have them yet. Perhaps provide small areas of places (benches, gazebos) for people to reconnect with nature. This is vital in our society for mental and physical health. Thank you. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32792 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other | Other | As well as possible with the resources they have. Great for education, connecting with nature. But more importantly, habitat for both residential and migratory animals. For instance: https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=523153624374721&set=a.101637403193014.3757.100000402633352&type=1&theater Please increase these areas. What seems like surplus today may be essential in 20 years. I am referring to all preserved areas throughout Florida. Thank you. | no | Please make sure that properties connect enough to allow movement of indigenous and migratory species throughout the year. Expand the educational aspect in many of the areas which don't have them yet. Perhaps provide small areas of places (benches, gazebos) for people to reconnect with nature. This is vital in our society for mental and physical health. Thank you. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 60564 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The current use of the land is adequate and is in good use for the purpose of wildlife and everglades. None of this land should be parcelled off for any other reason. | No better use than what it is now for the wildlife and everglades. No other use is better for this land. None of the parcels of land should be rid of for any other purpose. | No other use by anyone is better than what the land is used for now. Keep the land as is for the wildlife and everglades. None of the parcels of land should be rid of for any other purpose. | |
| 32935 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | | The property should remain in public ownership as conservation land. There is absolutely no reason that this land should be declared surplus | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32708 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Water Quality | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | adequately. Anything is better than no protection at all. | I do not know, I am just an average citizen, I cannot give a more detailed opinion. I only know that water is our most valuable resource that must be protected at all costs and Florida (government/politicians) are doing nothing. And there are many options. | No! All the properties should be protected; that is why they were purchased in the first place. | Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33898 | SUMICA | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The current usage of the property reflects the District's core mission concerning Water Quality, Water Supply, and Natural Resource protection and restoration. The SUMICA tract lies close to a wildlife corridor and provides habitat for many species including the Florida Scrub Jay, Gopher Tortoise, and Gopher Frog. I ask that this area be preserved in support of the District's core mission. By utilizing the area for hiking, the tract can be utilized without any undue impact on the environment. | No | Not at this time. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32806 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other land preservation | Other land preservation | Significantly | Some properties could be opened for public use. I am a native Floridian and I strongly believe that no land should be slated for sale, instead more land should be procured so that some of old Florida will remain for future generations! | | |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Considering the core missions, because I live across the street from TBP and frequent the park, I see that flood control is working, water quality good, water supply adequate, natural resource protection/restoration the weak point which I assume is more the responsibility of Orange County. The Butler Chain Lakes' overflow that comes from TBP goes under CR 535 into ditches one of which is on my property and eventually ends up in Lake Mable where I live. | NO!! leave this property as is, an oasis in the midst of over development that has significantly impacted wildlife habitat, noise pollution, green areas. There are so few natural areas left in Southwest Orange County. | NO!! I believe that this property is at the best use, especially public use and wildlife habitat. I am a long time member of the Florida Trail Association, Central Florida Chapter and have hiked, built and maintained trails all over Central Florida. Now that I am older and less physically active, I am thrilled to have TBP so near. There are Trails to walk, flora and fauna to observe, and excellent programs to attend for all age groups. TBP is a valuable asset For The People. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| orida | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | OK | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | It's wonderful, the wildlife and peacefulness of the area makes it a place I often visit especially to go on walks or runs. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Quality | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The Tibet-Butler Preserve is serving all of the core missions very well. Most of the 440 acres are wetlands. The wetlands do an excellent job of flood control for the surrounding residential neighborhoods. The Preserve is located on the Butler Chain of Lakes, and serves a vital role in maintaining the excellent water quality in these lakes, as well as the adjacent pristine Lake Mabel. Lake Mabel and the Butler chain consistently rank among the best in Florida for water quality. Allowing the Tibet-Butler Preserve to be developed could be devastating to these 14 pristine lakes. The Preserve has abundant natural resources, including diverse wildlife (eagles, bobcats, wild turkey, owls, otters, deer, heron and various other wading birds, fox, etc.), as well as diverse tree and plant life. The surrounding area has been almost completely developed, so the Preserve is just about the last remaining habitat in the area for the abundant wildlife. Many of the homes surrounding the Preserve (including mine), are on private wells. The Preserve is helping to maintain the quality and supply of our excellent drinking water. Please ensure that the Preserve remains a Preserve. | There is no better use for this land. I applaud the SFWMD for purchasing this land back in '89, to prevent it from being developed. As mentioned above, selling this land to developers would have a significantly negative impact on all of the core missions. I'm a pilot and fly over the Central Florida lakes on a regular basis. It's very sad to see the "dead" lakes, that have been destroyed by over-development and chemical runoff. The Tibet-Butler Preserve is an outstanding "filter" for Lake Mabel and the Butler Chain of lakes. Please don't let our "filter" be developed and buried in concrete. | There is no better use for this land. Many Orange County residents choose to live here because of the convenient access to the Preserve. The trails are a beautiful place to escape the city, and go for a hike or run. Many kids have seen their first otter, eagle and bobcat at the Preserve. We spent our life savings building our home adjacent to the Preserve. It would be very unfair to us and the surrounding residents to allow the Preserve to be developed. Is nothing sacred? | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | This area is the fastest growing housing market in Orange County. Our schools and highways are becoming overcrowded. Tibet-Butler is our last refuge for this area. We can bicycle there with our children, take walks, view the lakes (which we can not do anywhere else without having private access) and carve out the last piece of nature and wildlife before heading back to the ever-growing hustle and bustle of this area. My kids attend the local school and appreciate the learning classes provided by Tibet-Butler Preserve. It is important we preserve Florida. | Great hiking, walking, nature refuge. | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | It does a great job. I actually don't know too much in this field, but I love Tibet-Butler Preserve. | No. I grew up going to Tibet-Butler. It is one of the best parks in the county. I still recall when it was mostly just dense forest with a few hiking trails. I've attended tons of classes there and learned so much as a kid. | Keep it as a Preserve. It's great. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32316 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | | "There can be no greater issue than that of conservation in this country." Theodore Roosevelt, August 6, 1912, Confession of Faith Speech, Progressive National Convention. We have deviated from this mandate in a catastrophic way. Conservation of our wild lands, river systems and oceans is non-partisan work and an issue of pronounced responsibility requiring our leaders to provide the stewardship necessary to protect the remaining undeveloped areas from further destruction. This is of critical importance as greed and shortsightedness have decimated Florida, the immense beauty and diversity of the natural world we all love and depend on; sanctuaries that restore, inspire, and are an integral part of maintaining a healthy ecosystem that supports us all. Please preserve in perpetuity the listed properties as publicly owned conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | | |
| see,f | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | | | | |
| 33908 | Shingle Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Camping | If we keep selling off our so called surplus lands eventually there will be nothing left. We have little undeveloped land in Florida, and as I have lived here all my life have seen estuaries and public lands sold off again and again. When will it stop. When there is nothing left to sell? We are developing at a rate which is bringing a lot of our wildlife to extinction. It is a sad fate for our children and the future. | Keep it Natural! | Wildlife habitat | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 32311 | SUMICA | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Other | it seems to me that the important thing about this locally significant wetland resource is that it is a wildlife corridor link to the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes & Tiger Creek/Lake Wales Ridge State Forest System to the West. I am a proponent of getting this corridor completed at all cost because of the importance of all our wildlife being able to interact - especially for breeding & gene mixing purposes throughout the state & up into Georgia & the Carolinas. The top priority right now is the Central FL area & of course, this area is one of the key sections. The FL panther will hopefully expand it's range if we continue our efforts in this direction. Of note - hog hunting is allowed too which is important since these animals are a pest problem. | We need to expand this corridor by acquiring additional parcels ASAP, so that this area can be more secure for the animals to make their way along our state - top to bottom. | We need to just keep this going & expand & protect this use as funds permit. | |
| 33898 | SUMICA | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I have been a part of an extremely enriching and life altering program that used Sumica to help people. The Wounded Warrior Project accessed Sumica land recently to give back to our troops. These soldiers who sacrificed their health and well being for us thoroughly enjoyed the access to one of Florida's beautiful public lands. This event only scratches the surface of the potential impact that such a wonderful tract of public land can have for a community and the public at large. Please consider allowing more of this type activity in the future and preserving the access that the public has currently. I am blessed to have set foot on Sumica and hope to do it again in the future. Thank you...Jimmy Hurst | | | SUMICA, |
| 32317 | Shingle Creek | All | Water Supply | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I was born in Florida and have watched my state disappear acres at a time. We have no surplus land to give up anymore. Our water supplies are limited and growing smaller every day. Keep these lands. Thank ou | | | |
| 72632 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". I dream of visiting Florida to see the incredible wildlife there. Many of my birding friends have already made the trip and returned with great photos. | | | |
| 72632 | SUMICA | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". I dream of visiting Florida to see the incredible wildlife there. Many of my birding friends have already made the trip and returned with great photos. | | | |
| 34232 | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | All of the land managed by SWFWMD are essential for fulfilling its core missions! | | | |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The current use of Tibet-Butler Preserve strongly supports the Natural Resource protection and restoration mission of the District. The Vera Carter environmental Center's special environmental studies series of 5th graders increases in our future leaders an appreciation for the natural habitat of Central Florida's wildlife. Trails within the preserve offer many opportunities for viewing Florida's freshwater marshes, scrub and pine flatwoods, views that are rapidly disappearing. | Absolutely Not! | Absolutely Not! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 34601 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | These are superlative lands that merit being retained in fee ownership by SFWMD. The extensive floodplains have tremendous flood control value, and also are extremely important for water quality enhancement given the developed land areas that drain into the system. The uplands are also important for habitat value, recharge (especially scrub areas) and the buffer they provide when located on the periphery of the property. The only parcels that could potentially be considered for surplus are the 16-Acre Strip and 6-Acre Pond due to configuration (between two highways) and alterations that preceded acquisition; however, they still have conservation value owing to contributions to maintaining connectivity (16-Acre Strip) and serving as a buffer (6-Acre Pond). That staff report acknowledged these values, which must be given considerable value. In addition, 6-Acre pond is regularly inundated, which suggests it has flood protection values and limited development potential. All lands within this project area should be retained. The staff report also acknowledged that the land use land cover map for the Avatar Scrub parcel mistakenly identifies the parcel as developed. Although it suffered some alteration, it is extremely valuable as an intact scrub site that harbors multiple rare species. The map should be corrected to remove the "developed" designation and to distinguish the parcel as primarily scrub. | No. The best use of the lands is to be retained in public ownership for conservation purposes. | The public uses seem adequate and compatible with the character of the land. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I have never understood the minds of the water management district, does anybody. I'm not sure they understand themselves. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Please keep the Tibet-Butler Preserve. The lakes do not need anymore development and it allows for a place for wildlife and people to enjoy the wildlife. I strongly disagree with any decision to sell or alter the usage of the Tibet-Butler Preserve. | No, please keep the Tibet-Butler Preserve as is. | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | My family and the neighborhood I am President of (Cypress Isle HOA, next door to this property) dearly love knowing that the Preserve's efforts to create a sanctuary for native species (plant and wildlife) exists among the massive and expanding building sprawl of SW Orange County. Please continue to maintain it exactly as it is!!! Big Thanks for all you do!!! | n/a | n/a | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 33853 | SUMICA | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | All of these properties function extremely very well in promoting the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration | The properties are used to their highest use to support the district's mission | The management of the properties, especially Sumica, could consider aesthetics more. The burn management of Sumica has killed or cut back trees (equipment access) along the historic raised walking trail. This old railroad bed was a shaded corridor and was essentially a linear "hammock" which was nice to hike and afforded good views of wildlife for photography. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33881 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Why would you not want to protect what few waterways we have left in our few semi wild places. I live in Auburndale and work in Winter Haven, the Lake Marion Creek tract is the closest to me for really getting out into the woods. I tell many people about this area. Please, please do not open it up for development. There are many areas where Indians have camped along the creeks. I have found many arrowheads and shards of pottery along Marion Creek. My family fished Reedy Creek when I was a child in the 1950's. I used to take my young children to the Reedy Creek raised walk for a Sunday afternoon outing. | | | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The Tibet Butler preserve is an extremely important property for the area it is located in and the preserve furthers the District's core missions not only by those listed but also by providing an area that can be appreciated and experienced while the core missions are being accomplished. With the large influx of homes being built in the area, the land is being destroyed, the lakes polluted, and there are less and less local and convenient areas to view wildlife, learn about the important species that inhabit the area, and "get away" from the crowded spaces that are nearly impossible to escape. My son is 4 years old and this is one of his favorite places to visit - even more so than visiting Disney. He loves being able to hike the paths and get out to the area where the lake and its many majestic birds can be viewed. There are so few places in this particular area where there is wildlife left. To lose this valuable preserve in this area will be devastating, not only for the animals that live and rely on the preserve, but also in a time when science is not on the forefront of our educational system, and the ability of children to learn, appreciate, and eventually support/protect natural areas that are being diminished at an alarming rate. My Bachelor's degree is in Biology and Marine Science so I am highly aware of the importance of not only protecting the natural resources we have in Florida, but also having preserve areas where our children can learn firsthand about the importance of protecting these areas and its species. In this particular area there are no other preserves available for the surrounding schools to visit. With funding and budget cuts that will continue, if the schools have to travel farther distances, these important field trips will simply not happen. Species protection cannot happen to its fullest extent if the species and resources to be protected are only viewed in a book and not experienced in person. | I would love to see more educational programs available for younger children at this preserve. There have been several programs I have wanted to take my son too, but he was too young. | This preserve is perfect. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 32826 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | We bring guests from out of state there for some relaxation. Please keep it the way it is! No more developers, please. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32835 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I believe the land should be retained in public ownership as conservation land | No - as stated above this should be retained as conservation land | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32316 | Shingle Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | | "There can be no greater issue than that of conservation in this country." Theodore Roosevelt, August 6, 1912, Confession of Faith Speech, Progressive National Convention. We have deviated from this mandate in a catastrophic way. Conservation of our wild lands, river systems and oceans is non-partisan work and an issue of pronounced responsibility requiring our leaders to provide the stewardship necessary to protect the remaining undeveloped areas from further destruction. This is of critical importance as greed and shortsightedness have decimated Florida, the immense beauty and diversity of the natural world we all love and depend on; sanctuaries that restore, inspire, and are an integral part of maintaining a healthy ecosystem that supports us all. Please preserve in perpetuity the listed properties as publicly owned conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | | |
| 32223 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Water Supply | Fishing | I believe the current use furthers the District's core missions of Water Quality, protection/improvements, Water supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. It is great just the way it is. Why change it? And why haven't you made public which lands you are considering for changes? What are you hiding? | No. | | Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32725 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The same principles apply here as did to the evaluated lands in Volusia County. Like those lands, these serve the "core missions" of the SFWMD: Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. They SHOULD NOT be declared surplus or tampered with in any way. | NO | NO | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 33707 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | How can you have too much undeveloped land set aside for people? | I Doubt it. | | Shingle Creek, |
| 72632 | Shingle Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". I dream of visiting Florida to see the incredible wildlife there. Many of my birding friends have already made the trip and returned with great photos. | | | |

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| 32583 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | None of the properties that protect the headwaters of the Everglades should be sold or traded away. These properties protect crucial wildlife habitat, ensure clean water supplies for more than 6 million people, sustain Florida's ranching economy, increase recreational opportunities and safeguard wildlife migration corridors. They can never be replaced. Humanity does best where nature flourishes. | No | No | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 33414 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | All of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades. | To paraphrase: all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades. | Again: All of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | All of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades", so the current use is its highest, best use. I have enjoyed Lake Tibet Butler for 20 years. My daughter experienced wildlife and natural Florida lands for the first time there, as a baby. With all of the development that has sprung up in that area, losing that property would be a disaster. It was a great disappointment to me when development was allowed so close to the preserve that you could see it from some of the trails, but the core of the property retains its natural integrity. Please do not let this gem be swallowed up by the sprawl around it. Leave on little piece of Florida there as a spot for those of us who still like to take respite in nature. | No, it is already being held for the purpose of maintaining the integrity of the watershed. There is absolutely no reason to cede any of these properties to development. | Perhaps if more people knew about these little hidden gems, they would get more public use. However, lands such as these need to be properly managed so that over-use does not destroy their natural integrity. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 32967 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land. These lands were purchased for the specific purpose of water management and protection; they should remain functioning as such. With the US Fish and Wildlife Service's designation of a Northern Everglades National Wildlife Refuge, these lands play an important critical role in water supply of clean water, recharge and wetland habitat, thus constituting the headwaters of the entire Everglades system. | No, retain as they currently exist. | No, retain as they are. | Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 33403 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | These lands should be retained in their current use for water management and preservation of ecosystems and species. Florida is growing faster than most states which makes the demands on water systems very high. 23 birds are considered threatened including many water birds. With a growing population like Florida has, we should be adding acres to our conservation system rather than releasing them, in the future land purchases may be prohibitively high. | No | No | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34601 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other Environmental Education | Despite the small size of this property, it is important that it be retained in public ownership for conservation purposes. It is largely floodplain, and harbors rare upland scrub habitat. It is also extremely useful for environmental education. I have attended several meetings and other events at the center and have enjoyed the wildlife viewing opportunities. Please retain these lands in public ownership. | No, the SFWMD should retain ownership of these lands. | It could be utilized even more effectively for environmental education. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34601 | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other I have not recreated on this property. | SFWMD must retain ownership of this entire property. The mix of habitat types confers high value for natural systems protection and conservation of biodiversity. It's position in the landscape also confers high value for connectivity, as the staff report acknowledges. Please note that the floodplain map provided for this property, and the 3 others included in this assessment, appear to have been mislabeled. The legend would suggest that the lake does not consist of open water, and that nothing within the entire extent of the map is located above the 100-yr floodplain. Doesn't "v" refer to velocity zones? Are there actually Velocity Zones this far inland? I could be mistaken, but your floodplain maps do not conform with my understanding of FEMA/FIRM mapping. | No; ownership of the entire property must be retained. Proper, proactive management of the property, particularly using prescribed fire and controlling invasive nonnative species, must be approached aggressively on this and the other 3 properties to ensure the natural values are maintained or restored. | No; the mix of public uses appears to be consistent and compatible with the resources of the property. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |

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| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Picnics | in it's current use, the property is providing excellent support to all the areas of concerns for the residents living in the area including Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration | HOW can there be a better use for any property which our local schools use to frequently bring the kids to on field trips, where they have the opportunity to see a huge variety of wildlife, including eagles, osprey, deer, fox, turkey, bobcat, heron and various other wading birds, otters, owls, etc. Where area residents take their family for an for enjoying the outdoors on the weekends. Using the public docs to enjoy the waters of Central Florida. If you keep the greed aside, there CANNOT be a better use of properties like this! | Just leave it as it! The public has paid so much money and time to call this area their home. Lake Tibet-Butler preserve is one of the big reasons a lot of residents live in this area. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Quality | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | the tibet butler preserve is beautiful. Please do not sell the land to developers. I have been in my home for 5 yrs and I can't believe all the development that is being allowed. you are ruining this area. if you sell and allow developers in it will surely affect all the natural beauty of the lakes and the water tables and flood problems. I know that developers will promise that nothing will be affected, but the natural beauty of this area has already been tarnished by over development. please leave the land and lakes alone. gary & karen duryee | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 32835 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Enjoy seeing the natural Florida environment. | No. | Leave it alone. It is good just as it is. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I feel that current use is in keeping with the mission of the water management district. | No. The property should remain as it is currently managed. | No. As an adjacent property owner I am extremely disappointed that the water management district is considering sale of this precious resource. The property is one of the last remaining preserved areas in our community. It serves as an important buffer and habitat for plants and animals. If the property is lost, it is gone forever and cannot imagine the horrible impact it would have to the environment and our community. I urge you not to dispose of this valuable resource. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The current use of the property further's the District's core missions of flood control, water quality protection, water supply and natural resource protection and restoration in the following ways. For flood control and water quality, the Tibet-Butler Preserve tree canopy controls storm water run-off and helps preserve the water quality. The Bald and Pond Cypress stands in the lakes maintain water quality by the ability of the trees to filter impurities. The dense tree canopy sequesters carbon in massive quantities and provides oxygen in return. Tibet-Butler Preserve provides habitat and food for local birds, animals and many migratory species of birds who winter and feed there. The Tibet-Butler Lakes act as a natural water supply and offers natural resource protection as long as the site is not developed and the tree canopy and lakes are preserved. | No. There is no better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection, Water Supply and Natural Resource protection. | No. This area is a natural wildlife preserve and there are so few of these areas left in the Butler Chain of Lakes due to commercial and residential development that has overtaken the area. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 33837 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The present management and public use of these lands both allows for protection of the natural systems and public activities. I have reviewed some of these lands for the 5 year plan and find them well managed and I regularly hike several of them. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Over the years the Butler Chain of Lakes has become surrounded by development, with few areas left for natural plant life, drainage and wildlife. The Tibet Butler Preserve maintains an important area in its natural state, while also allowing appropriately controlled public access so that people can appreciate the local birds and other wildlife and natural function of these areas in maintaining water quality. As Florida continues to develop conservation areas will continue to disappear, and the cost to purchase or restore will become prohibitive. It would be extremely unwise to give up valuable areas such as the Tibet Butler Preserve. | I cannot think of any better use for the this property. | The property currently does a very good job of preserving the natural environment, educating the public (excellent nature center and activities) and providing access for the public. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The property is well maintained and is providing for the water quality, supply and natural resources that it was intended for. Please do not sell it to Developers. It will cause great harm to the environment. | No, keep it like it is. | No, its fine as it is. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 32316 | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | | "There can be no greater issue than that of conservation in this country." Theodore Roosevelt, August 6, 1912, Confession of Faith Speech, Progressive National Convention. We have deviated from this mandate in a catastrophic way. Conservation of our wild lands, river systems and oceans is non-partisan work and an issue of pronounced responsibility requiring our leaders to provide the stewardship necessary to protect the remaining undeveloped areas from further destruction. This is of critical importance as greed and shortsightedness have decimated Florida, the immense beauty and diversity of the natural world we all love and depend on; sanctuaries that restore, inspire, and are an integral part of maintaining a healthy ecosystem that supports us all. Please preserve in perpetuity the listed properties as publicly owned conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | | |
| 33843 | SUMICA | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hunting | | | Being part of the Operation Outdoor Freedom. This property can help impact the lives of many wounded warriors who were injured defending the land we call home. It is located across the road from Camp Prairie and will allow us to provide more property to bring in more of these service men and women to enjoy the great properties and as they have told us, provide therapy that can't be received in a doctors office. With the use of SUMICA we can bring in about 5 more people. The past hunt we had over 100 wounded warriors who wanted to come and we only had room for 10. | SUMICA, |
| 33757 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Could be better. | SFWMD is dividing the district up into several "Land Assessment Regions", and is starting the evaluation in the northern reaches of the district, in the "Northern Lakes" district which consists of the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes area in Orange, Osceola, and Polk Counties. I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". Properties being studied for possible surplus declaration include the Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve, the Shingle Creek floodplain properties in Orange County and Osceola County, the Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek floodplain tracts in Osceola and Polk Counties, and the SUMICA conservation area in Polk County. | SFWMD is dividing the district up into several "Land Assessment Regions", and is starting the evaluation in the northern reaches of the district, in the "Northern Lakes" district which consists of the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes area in Orange, Osceola, and Polk Counties. I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". Properties being studied for possible surplus declaration include the Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve, the Shingle Creek floodplain properties in Orange County and Osceola County, the Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek floodplain tracts in Osceola and Polk Counties, and the SUMICA conservation area in Polk County. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32301 | Shingle Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | This property, as well as Tibet-Butler, Reedy Creek, and the SUMICA site all are part of Everglades headwaters and need to be preserved to fulfill the District's core missions in this region. Current use (protected) provides the long-term opportunity for regional water supply, water quality improvement and flood control. The sites need to be better integrated with other purchases to more fully advance the mission of natural resource protection and restoration. | | No, other than refining long-term management objectives to coordinate more closely with the needs of CERP and other Glades-related restoration initiatives. | Shingle Creek, |
| 32960 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Boating | Because these lands are publicly owned, we prevent pollution and loss of natural water flow. Land that is not publicly owned is at high risk of becoming developed by commercial or residential interests, leading to increased run-off of waste material and pollutants, as well as disruption of the natural water cycle of Florida. If lands are allowed to remain in their natural state, we improve natural flood control, improve water quality and water supply. | No, I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | No, I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". | |
| 72632 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". I dream of visiting Florida to see the incredible wildlife there. Many of my birding friends have already made the trip and returned with great photos. | | | |
| 33712 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Supply | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I am particularly concerned that no property be declared surplus and subject to sale to private developers. The core missions of the District particularly as they relate to preservation of natural spaces. The threats of climate change mean that the natural world needs as much conservation as possible to counteract the deleterious effects of "development" and their consequent loss. | No | Keep it and as untouched as possible. | Shingle Creek, |

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| 34655 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Other | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The District does a good job right now, but I am concerned that naming any of these properties as surplus will ruin our water quality and increase flooding during storms. It is vital to keep these areas you have saved green so Floridians and visitors can enjoy. | Keep it green | Keep it green | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33884 | SUMICA | All | Other Biodiversity Conservation | Other Nature Education | Sumica has both environmental and historical value. Woyhyakapka creek is one of the most pristine creeks in Florida and the surrounding areas serve as a wildlife corridor for many important species in Florida. Additionally the land comprised by the SUMICA property provide essential water recharge. | No, any other use that the current will probably degrade its current status. Preserving this large corridor for aquifer recharge and wildlife is important for FL. | The property is currently open to various nature related activities, any other use may jeopardize the ecological role of the are. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33889 | SUMICA | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | It would be a shame to even consider a site as beautiful as Sumica for surplus. It host a marsh system that flows thru another public site that eventually ends up in the everglades. It has a wonderful mixture of upland communities. Let conservation be the driving force in your decision not politics. | Just conservation & recreation. Especially when SFWMD is a partner in owership with another agency. Do you really think its fair to them to consider surplussing if they are trying to do the right thing? | | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32837 | Shingle Creek | Shingle Creek Management Area | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The Shingle Creek Management area provides habitat for turkey, deer, owls, ospreys and eagles. We also observe hawks, cranes and an occasional alligator during our hikes there. This management area is one of the few places in the Orlando area that provide the opportunity to observe wildlife in a natural setting. The area seems very dry now. Areas that were once swamp are now dried out. This illustrates to me that the area is a vital resivior to contain excess rain water and control flooding, while at the same time it provides natural habitat for birds and wildlife. | No, The preservation of habitat and flood control are very important | | Shingle Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | it provides an important nature area that preserves and protects wetlands, vegetation and wildlife. | NO! We must preserve and protect these areas for public use. | I believe this is its best use. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other | I think it serves us well, to have a class A Lake Tibet Butler Preserve for all to enjoy all the amenities that we as Floridians enjoy and have the opportunity to share with all new visitors and residents in our community. Please save this Preserve! It is a blessing to all, but helps balance our eco system throughout the area. | The use of the land is best in the hands of those who have an education and can make the proper determination for the highest and best use. Obviously, the education is fabulous and the natural habitat is NOT replaceable. | NO and NO and if you ask for the third time NO~~~~ | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32835 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Very well. | Unknown | Unknown | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | Hello, In my opinion, the current use of the referenced properties undeniably further's the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. | I believe there are ways to expand the current use, and this should be explored, however only to the degree that the properties remain within the current use definition. | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Tibet Butler has been an integral part of my family's outdoor experiences for many years. I have utilized the homeschool programs, scout programs, and have just brought my family out to explore a true florida adventure. We have always had unique and natural experiences that have help shape my family's views on protecting and promoting our natural gifts. These unique opportunities are important to preserve to help educate future generations on the importance of tolerance of all life on this planet..even that of lives yet undiscovered! It is not our destiny to obliterate but appreciate! Tibet Butler offers these unique opportunities! | Provide these unique experiences for the public! | TB is doing a fantastic job of preserving the native habitat | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I believe the Districts core Missions are addressed well at Tibet-Butler Preserve. Left in it's current condition the Preserve serves these goals, and maintains a buffer to the endless construction of new homes,town-homes,condos,and apartments on,and just off of,CR 535. Protecting the environment in our Community is dependent on the naturally functioning wooded acreage of the Preserve, which acts as the anchor to this essential life sustaining role. Additionally,the Preserve serves the Community by Sponsoring educational Programs at its facilities, such as the All About Manatees program being held on Saturday, February 16,2013, and many, many, others. | No. | Yes. Please see above. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Tibet-Butler helps to preserve the high quality water of the surrounding lakes. Commercial/residential development would impact the area in a very negative way. There has been enough (too much) development in the past 5-10 years. Leave natural spots, preserves, and parks alone! | No. Leave it "as is", or expand it's acreage. | Don't sacrifice this property to save another. Find the money to save BOTH! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34787 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other Classes | We are losing natural habitat here in nearby Independence. The animals have less and less space to survive on. Tibet-Butler we thought guaranteed them a nearby refuge. It must not be developed. There is so much development going on in this Horizon West vicinity, the impact on wildlife will be dramatic. | There is no better use than keeping it as a Preserve. | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32835 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | It gives us a chance to get away for the busy Orlando and able to enjoy a day with the family in a beautiful natural area. We need as much natural area as possible to keep our sanity. | Make bike trails and picnic stops. | Could be used as an animal rescue facility for all to see like in New Smyrna | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I frequently enjoy the Tibet-Butler Preserve for walking and observing the natural areas and abundant wildlife that live there. The area around Walt Disney World is under constant change and development, with the TB Preserve serving as a last refuge for many of the areas animals. The Butler chain of lakes has already supported significant residential development along its corridor and the TB Preserve allows for a natural break and protective environment for this section of the chain. The Preserve also provides West Orange Country residents, including school children, and excellent learning opportunity to develop a healthy respect for the environment. | No. The Tibet Butler Preserve is performing an extremely valuable function as a natural area for wildlife to take refuge and to educate residents on the preservation. | No. Please leave the Preserve to continue its current mission. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34741 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Huckleberry Island / Snell Creek | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | As you are fully aware, the core mission of Florida's five water management districts is to protect Florida's water supply, water quality, natural systems and provide flood protection. This property does all of these things. The Lake Marion, Huckleberry Island/Snell Creek Tracks is established as part of the Lake Marion Creek Wildlife Management Area by FWC. The SFWMD and FWC collectively manage the property with wildlife issues. What better stewards of the land to manage this land? If we "change" the ownership of this property, we are subjecting this property to potential development which would destroy protected wildlife and other natural resources. This site serves as significant flood attenuation and water quality benefits, with natural filtration and water storage. This land was purchased for conservation and to protect wildlife corridors and green space. As the budgets for conservation of environmental sensitive land continue to be cut, this is a time to save what we have already acquired and not allow 20 years of progressive thinking and good stewardship for Florida's resources to be erased. The land purchases were intended to be held in perpetuity for the benefit of future generations for years to come. And now it has been decided that this could ultimately be reversed? Large tracks of land are becoming a thing of the past. Each parcel has a unique set of diverse ecological habitat that influenced the original acquisition by SFWMD. If this land is sold, the citizens of the State of Florida will lose forever this fragile resource. It is ultimately a choice whether the land supports the core mission of the water management district. Abandoning land that is currently under conservation is not supporting the core mission and hence not good for the environment. 3) | No, this property needs to be continued to be maintained as it is today, under conservation and continue to protect the floodplain of Reedy Creek. | No, this property needs to be continued to be maintained as it is today, under conservation. | |

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| 34741 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | The Lake Marion Tracks is approx. 3,000 acres! This is a lot of land! The District acquired through Save Our Rivers, to PROTECT THE FLOODPLAIN. The fundamental value of the Core Mission! This needed land provides a buffer to the wildlife from all the neighboring development. This site cannot be "changed" as the risk for development would be detrimental to this region. The water quality improvements from this land provides flood protection and filtration. This land was purchased for conservation and to protect wildlife corridors and green space. As the budgets for conservation of environmental sensitive land continue to be cut, this is a time to save what we have already acquired and not allow 20 years of progressive thinking and good stewardship for Florida's resources to be erased. . The land purchases were intended to be held in perpetuity for the benefit of future generations for years to come. And now it has been decided that this could ultimately be reversed? Large tracks of land are becoming a thing of the past. Each parcel has a unique set of diverse ecological habitat that influenced the original acquisition by SFWMD. If this land is sold, the citizens of the State of Florida will lose forever this fragile resource. It is ultimately a choice whether the land supports the core mission of the water management district. Abandoning land that is currently under conservation is not supporting the core mission and hence not good for the environment. | No, this property needs to be continued to be maintained as it is today, under conservation and continue to protect the floodplain of Reedy Creek. | No, this property needs to be continued to be maintained as it is today, under conservation. | |
| 32835 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | We should keep the property as is, as it feeds aquifers for the region. | Keep the preserve in the public domain, as that is its highest and best use. | The highest and best use is as a Preserve, so that our children's children can enjoy the benefits that we do today. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34741 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | The Lake Marion Tracks is approx. 3,000 acres! This is a lot of land! The District acquired through Save Our Rivers, to PROTECT THE FLOODPLAIN. The fundamental value of the Core Mission! This needed land provides a buffer to the wildlife from all the neighboring development. This site cannot be "changed" as the risk for development would be detrimental to this region. The water quality improvements from this land provides flood protection and filtration. This land was purchased for conservation and to protect wildlife corridors and green space. As the budgets for conservation of environmental sensitive land continue to be cut, this is a time to save what we have already acquired and not allow 20 years of progressive thinking and good stewardship for Florida's resources to be erased. . The land purchases were intended to be held in perpetuity for the benefit of future generations for years to come. And now it has been decided that this could ultimately be reversed? Large tracks of land are becoming a thing of the past. Each parcel has a unique set of diverse ecological habitat that influenced the original acquisition by SFWMD. If this land is sold, the citizens of the State of Florida will lose forever this fragile resource. It is ultimately a choice whether the land supports the core mission of the water management district. Abandoning land that is currently under conservation is not supporting the core mission and hence not good for the environment. | No, this property needs to be continued to be maintained as it is today, under conservation and continue to protect the floodplain of Reedy Creek. | No, this property needs to be continued to be maintained as it is today, under conservation. | |
| 34669 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | My concern for these and any other land in the state is that it supplies good quality water through the aquifer, supplies water to the Everglades which helps filter water. It also provides many types of recreation for the taxpayer. Please do not just sell off this land to the highest bidder for any type of purpose. | | | |

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| 34741 | Shingle Creek | Shingle Creek Management Area | Recreation and Public Use | Other Shingle Creek Regional Trail | I am the project planner for the Shingle Creek Regional Trail (SCRT) and I just wanted to convey our support of the WMD and its efforts to preserve lands associated with the SCRT. Following is a brief description of the project and the project can also be accessed on the City's website at the following address: http://www.kissimmee.org/index.aspx?page=693 The SCRT will be a regional system spanning four Central Florida jurisdictions including the City of Kissimmee, Osceola County, Orange County and the City of Orlando – all containing unique portions of the trail. When fully constructed, it will stretch 32 miles through one of Florida's most traveled urbanized areas. This trail will become part of an extensive trail network that extends from Kissimmee to Wekiva Springs State Park. In its entirety, it will serve as a key north-south connector in a larger regional trails network that includes the West Orange Trail, South Lake Trail, Cross Seminole Trail and Seminole-Wekiva Trail. It will also connect the public to the growing areas of protected land along the Shingle Creek watershed. These parcels connect to form a regional linear open-space park, creating even more opportunities for recreation and enjoyment near the Shingle Creek water body – the northernmost headwaters of the unique Kissimmee – Okeechobee – Everglades ecosystem. This trail is one of only two trails in the State of Florida that has been recognized nationally by the Department of the Interior as highlighted in the November, 2011 edition of the America's Great Outdoors (AGO) Fifty-State Report. Secretary Salazar and his leadership team at the Department of the Interior asked Governors, their senior leadership and stakeholders in all 50 states to identify specific projects in which the Federal Government could partner with states to advance the AGO goals. The SCRT is on that list. Cont'd to next dialogue page: | The complete SCRT system within the City of Kissimmee and Osceola County will ultimately extend from the Osceola / Orange County line south along the east and north sides of Shingle Creek to Lake Tohopekaliga (Lake Toho), and along the west side of Lake Toho from near the mouth of Shingle Creek north to the Kissimmee Lakefront Park in the City of Kissimmee, Florida. A portion of this multi-use trail system from Vine Street (US 192) south to the intersection of Future Hoagland Boulevard with Pleasant Hill Road is exempt from the overall analysis limits. (This exempt segment is either already constructed, under construction or to be constructed along with the County's Hoagland Boulevard Reconstruction Project). The remaining trail system contained within this project has been divided into two distinct sections. The North Project Area is from the Osceola / Orange County line to Vine Street, and the South Project Area is from the intersection of Future Hoagland Boulevard with Pleasant Hill Road to the Kissimmee Lakefront Park. The goals of the SCRT are to provide a safe, natural recreation amenity for Kissimmee and Central Florida residents as well as to attract ecotourism for bicyclists, pedestrians and recreational water users such as canoers, kayakers, etc. to the surrounding urban area. It is being developed through cooperation between the local governments of the City of Kissimmee, Osceola County, the City of Orlando and Orange County. The Orlando Metropolitan Planning Organization (MetroPlan – Orlando) was instrumental in securing the Federal funds for this project. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is a major project partner and is responsible for administering the funds. | | Shingle Creek, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | Please take consideration of us the beings that live here by choice, by choice because of the reseve and nature, habitad and quiet. stop decisions that will affect us adversaly in every sense of the word. we will forever be greatfull. | in any case make better for the purpose that is now, for us and future generations to enjoy. | I know when i go because GOD send for me, the value of my property will be positive to my children and grandchildren, especialy because what we have near by. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34741 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Lake Marion | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | The Lake Marion Tracks is approx. 3,000 acres! This is a lot of land! The District acquired through Save Our Rivers, to PROTECT THE FLOODPLAIN. The fundamental value of the Core Mission! This needed land provides a buffer to the wildlife from all the neighboring development. This site cannot be "changed" as the risk for development would be detrimental to this region. The water quality improvements from this land provides flood protection and filtration. This land was purchased for conservation and to protect wildlife corridors and green space. As the budgets for conservation of environmental sensitive land continue to be cut, this is a time to save what we have already acquired and not allow 20 years of progressive thinking and good stewardship for Florida's resources to be erased. . The land purchases were intended to be held in perpetuity for the benefit of future generations for years to come. And now it has been decided that this could ultimately be reversed? Large tracks of land are becoming a thing of the past. Each parcel has a unique set of diverse ecological habitat that influenced the original acquisition by SFWMD. If this land is sold, the citizens of the State of Florida will lose forever this fragile resource. It is ultimately a choice whether the land supports the core mission of the water management district. Abandoning land that is currently under conservation is not supporting the core mission and hence not good for the environment. | No, this property needs to be continued to be maintained as it is today, under conservation and continue to protect the floodplain of Reedy Creek. | No, this property needs to be continued to be maintained as it is today, under conservation. | |

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| 34744 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The current uses of all 4 properties mentioned are critical for water quantity, quality, and preservation. As much of the flood plain should be saved as possible, and the Water Management Districts are the only entities to really be able to do this on a large scale. If anything not nearly enough has been preserved. A tiny swath of land beside the creeks or lakes just can't accomplish the preservation we need. Allowing development 'Lakeside' destroys some of the very area that needs saving: it is where the Endangered Snail Kites nest and forage, it is where the Limpkins, Bald Eagles, and many other wading birds forage and nest in the larger trees. We need more land of this type preserved and restored. In some cases, all that needs to be done is just leave "hands off" - that is leave it alone...no mowing, no burning, no disturbance whatsoever. Not everything needs to be "managed". We need to catch and hold as much water as possible here at the Everglades Headlands, including the uplands, so it slowly filters through and drains to Okeechobee and the Everglades. I am NOT advocating dams, or the like, but allowing areas to be restored enough so they don't drain right off...get rid of the channels, ditches, canals. There are many species of birds, animals, plants and habitat which are disappearing due to mismanagement and development, among other things. The Army Corp of Engineers was supposed to keep all the wetlands intact as much as possible, but have done a less than spectacular job. There is basically no wildlife corridor, and we desperately need some corridors while we still have the wildlife who need them. Everything can't and shouldn't have to live only in the swamps. SUMICA has Florida Panthers, which should be protected and encouraged. Bill Redmond and Joe (Paxton or Claxton)residents and landowners nearby proposed that SFWMD acquire the land on the southwest portion of the same lake, and I agree. Gay | I believe that protection of all water resources (including those not specified yet [springs], others) should be paramount. No one ever misses the water until the well runs dry (or becomes fouled from fracking as some friends of mine in Eastern Ohio) (More effective support can include less active management, unless poaching is going on. It can include some areas being totally 'offlimits to people'. It can be saying 'no' to biofuel growth and bottling companies. No apology necessary, it just isn't wise use of our water. Cattle, agriculture, and plant nurseries, should be examined very carefully, as should all new developments, resorts, golf courses and so forth. All agriculture, 'improved' pastures, and associated businesses, both urban and suburban should be carefully examined for ways to contain their polluted run-off. NONE of this should be allowed to go right into the ground water, creeks and lakes...it all flows downhill - to the Everglades. Cities should do more (dream on) to curtail lawns and fertilizer, herbicide, and pesticide usage: it all winds up in the water. SFWMD should issue some sort of warning that we all need to do a better job of protecting OUR water, and SFWMD needs to lead the band, not drag its feet. The best use of the property is to protect it from degradation, and let it be the filter that it is. Where there are gaps, lands need to be procured. In S. Orange County the Munger Tract needs to hold as much water as it can. For the parcels not owned by SFWMD, it is what it is. Not everyone wants to 'use' the property. Perhaps it can hold alot more water, try it and see. Same with the other properties...perhaps they can all hold more water: water storage units (as they always have been periodically). Not everything needs positive drainage. The plants that are left will tell the story: many more swamp trees can be restored to certain areas, and we should plant them ASAP. Birds, insects and we all depend on them. | Because many animals are 'niche' inhabitants, they are dedicated to certain areas. This includes insects. 90% of the native insects eat only certain species of plants, which live in certain habitats...and many are responsible for pollinating them also. Where those plants and insects are, you will find certain birds which eat those insects and feed then to their young. ALL young nestlings eat nothing but insects, fish, or meat (highest protein). Without the plants, without the insects, the birds will die off. (As they have been for decades). It is up to US to keep these animals alive and well. Some of the lands that SFWMD owns are important habitats, as well as important water management resources. These should be protected and restored where they are lacking. In certain areas, perhaps trails or other 'soft' recreation can be enjoyed. In other areas, the core mission should be to just 'leave it alone'. Not all public areas need a 'public use' other than being the water holding and filtering system that it is. Important endangered habitats should be off limits for part of the year (say during the wet season, or during the dry season). Not all areas can stand the exploitation of seed/plant collectors, off road vehicles, and poaching, not to mention vandalism. In some areas footsteps can be too much... it depends on each area. Restoring should be thought of ONLY if we have tried really hard to protect it first. Some areas are impossible to be restored...that's why we are depending on SFWMD to do the right thing...I know people all have different ideas on just what that is, but protection is so vital, and so (relatively) cheap. Thank you for this opportunity. I can't say these things loud enough. Sandy Webb, Conservation Chair, Kissimmee Valley Chapter, FL Audubon Secretary, Pine Lily Chapter, FL Native Plant Society FL Master Naturalist VP, Osceola County Master Gardener | Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32804 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | The Tibet-Butler Preserve was acquired to preserve significant wetland resources, under the Save Our Rivers program. It is also utilized as a education center for the public. If this property were to be "changed" it would suffer from developmental pressures and wetland loss would be the result. | No, this property needs to be continued to be maintained as it is today, under conservation and continue to protect the floodplain of Shingle Creek! | No, this property needs to be continued to be maintained as it is today, under conservation. | |
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| 32804 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Lake Russell and Poinciana Blvd Tracts | Natural Systems Restoration | Other | As you are fully aware, the core mission of Florida's five water management districts is to protect Florida's water supply, water quality, natural systems and provide flood protection. This property does all of these things. The Lake Russell and Poinciana Blvd Tracts not only hold a very important education facility but also serve a purpose for protecting the floodplain of Reedy Creek from direct storm water discharges from adjacent developments. It is additionally a natural wildlife corridor as it is surrounded by other protected state owned lands. If this parcel is "changed" it could possibly be under the threat of residential housing, in which it was previously rescued from when acquired. This would damage rare species, rare plants, and create an adverse affect to the shoreline. This land was purchased for conservation and to protect wildlife corridors and green space. As the budgets for conservation of environmental sensitive land continue to be cut, this is a time to save what we have already acquired and not allow 20 years of progressive thinking and good stewardship for Florida's resources to be erased. . The land purchases were intended to be held in perpetuity for the benefit of future generations for years to come. And now it has been decided that this could ultimately be reversed? Large tracks of land are becoming a thing of the past. Each parcel has a unique set of diverse ecological habitat that influenced the original acquisition by SFWMD. If this land is sold, the citizens of the State of Florida will lose forever this fragile resource. It is ultimately a choice whether the land supports the core mission of the water management district. Abandoning land that is currently under conservation is not supporting the core mission and hence not good for the environment. | No, this property needs to be continued to be maintained as it is today, under conservation and continue to protect the floodplain of Reedy Creek. | No, this property needs to be continued to be maintained as it is today, under conservation. | |
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| 34761 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Other concerned citizen | If you sell this land four things may happen. It may be used for farming or ranching, both of which do pollute but do have rain water catchment potential, it may be developed which will increase water demand, increase waste water and pollution and lastly, you will never get it back and the state may need it in the long term. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
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| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other All of the items listed above question | Geocaching | The current usage of this property is the best thing that it could be used for with regard to your Core Mission. | No! Currently this tract provides recreational, educational Tibet Butler Preserve is an outstanding example of natural Florida woodland-scrub - lowland-shorline ecologies, of flora and fauna. | I am a lifetime member of the Orange County Sportsmen's Assoc., Inc. We have 1700 private members located in several counties and foreign countries. Our Charte supportsConservation of Florida watersand the protection and progation of fish and wildlife. I oppose any changes of the Tibet-Butler Prserve. Honor the long term lease with Orange County. I sincerely hope that business profits,lobbyists and greedy developers are not the motivation for considering a change of the tract to "SURPLUS". | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
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| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | This is a fantastic public reserve and provides a wonderful and prolific variation of the insects, birds, flora and fauna of the area. It would be tragic if it was being considered for any other purpose or use. Please save a minimal area like this that still remains in a district that is already developing exponentially out of control. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34994 | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I think this is a great property. It has a nice mix of plant communities, particularly flatwoods, which are important for helping preserve water supply since they are wet part of the year. Sumica is also close to Lake Walk in Water, so it's good to have a large property in preservation in this area. I was just at Sumica last week. It's being burned, and looks like it's in great shape, without a lot of exotic species. I saw a lot of birds. | I think it should be kept as is. | Trails are well maintained, people are riding on it and walking/hiking. I think that it's a very nice area that should continue to be maintained in its present form. Keep up with burning so that the plant communities stay diverse. Lots of wildflowers blooming last week, it was lovely. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Tibet Butler Preserve is the last unspoiled lake fronts on the Tibet Butler chain. It allows for the current generation to see how the lake looked before it was destroyed by the development of Lake shore properties. These properties contribute to the pollution that runs into the lakes and is slowly destroying our aquifer. In a State where water as a resource is so precious we should be protecting land that allows for natural flooding and percolation of the water into the aquifer. Protecting this frontage also creates a buffer zone between the heavily developed areas that surround it and also allows a protected habitat for the flora and fauna. | NO. Selling it off to be developed does not serve the core mission of the District as any funds raised by this sale will probably be diverted to some frivolous use and the water system will suffer. Our water resource is extremely important to us in Florida. How is this question even relevant. This preserve is protecting our water system. Developing the preserve will not protect our water system. I am appalled that in this Century when so much is known about about Global warming and our limited water resources that as a community we are even thinking about selling these natural resources. | NO. The Vera Carter Center at Lake Tibet Butler has educational programs to ensure that our youth understand the importance of protecting our natural resources. They hold Saturday morning programs to educate about the protection of our Aquifer and natural habitat and the protected animals that live there such as Gopher Tortoises and foxes. I have attended many of these programs as has many of my neighbors in surrounding housing developments. It has made my family so much more aware of how we damage the aquifer with our grass and plant fertilizers. They have taught us much about how things like plastic bottles are killing the wildlife and destroying our water system. The staff have put on special programs for our Cub Scout ,Boy Scout, Girl Scouts and schools. Without these programs many of the students in this area would not have had an opportunity to see Florida in its natural state and understand the delicate nature of our ecosystem. The Lake Butler Preserve does an excellent job of protecting our water system, educating our youth and at the same time encouraging the public use of this precious resource. Please do not sell this land. Protect this golden nugget that helps protect our lakes and educate our community. This is the last preserve on our lake and it should be protected at all costs. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32835 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | In my opinion we are protecting natural resources and wetlands for future generations. | The property is being used as it should now. No changes needed. | Many families, schools and youth groups count on this park being there. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | The Butler chain of lakes is such a treasure for all of central Florida. There have been many who have worked hard to keep it that way. Anything that would be done to the Tibet Butler Preserve would affect the entire chain. The preserve is accessible to all who live in central Florida. Please leave it that way. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | | | we moved to this area of town for one of the few areas of town where we could still enjoy nature. the area is now overrun with roads and housing developments. Please think very seriously before changing something important I the community and environment. | |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I believe that the Tibet-Butler Preserve plays a vital role in protecting our water quality and in restoring and maintaining our natural resources and all inhabitants of this unique ecosystem. Developing this area would be detrimental to the wildlife, the water supply, and to the people inhabiting the surrounding areas. Thus, development should be AVOIDED at all costs! | The Tibet-Butler Preserve provides quality educational opportunities for our schools and for other organizations such as Scouting. This area is one of the few places left where our children can view Florida native flora and fauna and learn about the special ecosystems located within the Preserve. My children and I enjoy every visit we make to the Preserve and have discovered something new each time we visit. Developing this area would be a terrible mistake! It should be preserved and remain natural and undisturbed. | The Tibet-Butler Preserve supports very unique ecosystems with wildlife and plant life that has suffered degradation from surrounding developments. It is of the utmost importance that the Preserve be left undisturbed to avoid further degradation and elimination of these ecosystems and the wildlife residing within them. Without the Preserve, the wildlife will have no place to go, the wetlands will diminish, and the water supply and water quality will decline as well. It is crucial that the Preserve remain intact, undisturbed, and undeveloped! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 32779 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Boating | The Lake Marion and Reedy Creek properties, purchased under the District's Save Our Rivers program with taxpayers dollars nearly 20 years ago, contain extensive wetlands surrounding creeks that flow into the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes. These are large and extremely important properties for flood control in adjacent areas. They also protect beautiful creeks and forested wetlands rich in wildlife, including arguably our nation's highest population of Bald Eagles. These areas are an important feature of the Everglades headwaters. Everglades National Park itself is one of our nation's greatest treasures, visited by tourists from around the world, and water quality in these headwaters affect the Park. Wildlife need extensive conservation areas - corridors- in which to move, so these properties fill the District's mission of Natural Resource protection and restoration. | No. Consideration, analysis, time, and money went into purchase of these properties for conservation purposes. They should be allowed to serve in that capacity in support of the District's core missions. | No. As above. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | very well. However this is not the whole story. In an area that is rapidly being developed, this land is an oasis for residents and wildlife as it is being kept in its original natural state. There is no other refuge like this anywhere else near here. We particularly enjoy hiking on the land. | none. The land should not be labelled "surplus" | absolutely not. It is important that it stay as it is and not be labelled "surplus". | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 81435 | Shingle Creek | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Canoeing and Kayaking | Shingle Creek is the true Headwaters of the Everglades and it's permanent protection is essential for flood control, WQ, water supply, and natural resources protection and restoration. Efforts to restore and protect the Everglades must begin at this furthest reach to keep the WHOLE SYSTEM connected and functioning. Surplussing this parcel is equivalent to cutting off the head of a functioning body. Please retain this wildlife and recreational haven, close to metropolitan Orlando, and continue educating the public about the importance of the Everglades headwaters in terms of the health of the entire system. | No | No | |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | To the SFWMD, I am contacting you today as the President of the Orange County Sportsmen's Association which has been located on the Butler Chain of Lakes for over 80 years on Lake Sheen and includes 1700 member families. One of our early presidents, Merlin Mitchell was a key force in founding the Florida Wildlife Federation in 1937. Regarding the land assessment program and possible sale of the Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve, OCSA would like to state how important the preserve is to the families and visitors to Orange County, Florida and our members and the mission of the SFWMD. As you know, the preserve is currently being operated by Orange County government through a lease that expires in 2094 and has thousands of children and their families visit each year to appreciate and learn about how important it is to protect our fragile ecosystem on the Butler Chain of Lakes which is so important to the SFWMD water preservation efforts. As residential development continues to reduce natural lakefront land on the Butler Chain of Lakes, maintaining the natural state of the Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve for public use and appreciation is critical for the ecological education of current and future generations as well as the protection of our water resources in the South Florida District. As a result OCSA is firmly against any action that would change the current status of the Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve and its current purpose. Karl A. Schubert President Orange County Sportsmen's Association | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34746 | Shingle Creek | All | Water Quality | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | This is a mixed use area where people begin their influence on all the water that moves south. Considerations are made for people, wildlife, industry and water quality that may not be enough to sustain it all in the future. | First: I resent having to pick one area of concern because my interest is in the entire process. I chose WATER QUALITY because that is constant toward providing for people and our activities, sustaining wildlife and agriculture; and natural qualities of Florida. # It is my opinion that it is likely that not enough land has been set aside, nor has it been kept wet enough to provide clean enough water even for the current populations. Based on the facts that many lakes, streams, ponds, sloughs (etc) are polluted now. Species of plants and animals that belong here are threatened and perhaps some are close to freefall to extinction. If the population of people continues to grow. I think someone has been saying "Thats good'nuf" when it clearly isnt. | * Improve the conditions of the land for wildlife to use it. Many people might not like it here if the wildlife is dead. * Slow down the water flow so it can be cleaned (somewhat) naturally. * Listen to the experts now instead of waiting for the proof or more damage. * Find ways to lessen the pollution, we are poisoning the southern third of the state. * Protects the water for the future; dont sell land for greed just because its next to an expensive neighborhood. Perhaps some land swaps are feasible. | Shingle Creek, |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The water quality on the lake is wonderful because of the preserve. There are many animals that need the preserve as a home. The area has flooding issues and the preserve is necessary to prevent worse flooding | No! It should remain a nature preserve with educational facilities and trails. | No, it should stay as it is. It is one of the only ways my children get to see the lake and the animals and vegetation that surround it. They have attended educational classes there and developed a greater awareness of the importance of our natural resources. It is a wonderful and increasingly rare thing to have access to wilderness and animals. Please do not develop this land. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Shingle Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Good! | No! Keep it as it is! | No, the passive use and trails are great. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34741 | Shingle Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other Shingle Creek Regional Trail | I am the project planner for the Shingle Creek Regional Trail (SCRT) and I just wanted to convey our support of the WMD and its efforts to preserve lands associated with the SCRT. Following is a brief description of the project and the project can also be accessed on the City's website at the following address: http://www.kissimmee.org/index.aspx?page=693 The SCRT will be a regional system spanning four Central Florida jurisdictions including the City of Kissimmee, Osceola County, Orange County and the City of Orlando – all containing unique portions of the trail. When fully constructed, it will stretch 32 miles through one of Florida's most traveled urbanized areas. This trail will become part of an extensive trail network that extends from Kissimmee to Wekiva Springs State Park. In its entirety, it will serve as a key north-south connector in a larger regional trails network that includes the West Orange Trail, South Lake Trail, Cross Seminole Trail and Seminole-Wekiva Trail. It will also connect the public to the growing areas of protected land along the Shingle Creek watershed. These parcels connect to form a regional linear open-space park, creating even more opportunities for recreation and enjoyment near the Shingle Creek water body – the northernmost headwaters of the unique Kissimmee – Okeechobee – Everglades ecosystem. This trail is one of only two trails in the State of Florida that has been recognized nationally by the Department of the Interior as highlighted in the November, 2011 edition of the America's Great Outdoors (AGO) Fifty-State Report. Secretary Salazar and his leadership team at the Department of the Interior asked Governors, their senior leadership and stakeholders in all 50 states to identify specific projects in which the Federal Government could partner with states to advance the AGO goals. The SCRT is on that list. Cont'd to next dialogue page: | The complete SCRT system within the City of Kissimmee and Osceola County will ultimately extend from the Osceola / Orange County line south along the east and north sides of Shingle Creek to Lake Tohopekaliga (Lake Toho), and along the west side of Lake Toho from near the mouth of Shingle Creek north to the Kissimmee Lakefront Park in the City of Kissimmee, Florida. A portion of this multi-use trail system from Vine Street (US 192) south to the intersection of Future Hoagland Boulevard with Pleasant Hill Road is exempt from the overall analysis limits. (This exempt segment is either already constructed, under construction or to be constructed along with the County's Hoagland Boulevard Reconstruction Project). The remaining trail system contained within this project has been divided into two distinct sections. The North Project Area is from the Osceola / Orange County line to Vine Street, and the South Project Area is from the intersection of Future Hoagland Boulevard with Pleasant Hill Road to the Kissimmee Lakefront Park. The goals of the SCRT are to provide a safe, natural recreation amenity for Kissimmee and Central Florida residents as well as to attract ecotourism for bicyclists, pedestrians and recreational water users such as canoers, kayakers, etc. to the surrounding urban area. It is being developed through cooperation between the local governments of the City of Kissimmee, Osceola County, the City of Orlando and Orange County. The Orlando Metropolitan Planning Organization (MetroPlan – Orlando) was instrumental in securing the Federal funds for this project. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is a major project partner and is responsible for administering the funds. | | Shingle Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Quality | Boating | Keeping this property in its current use and condition is the best way to help keep the Butler Chain of Lakes classification as a pristine lake. Any additional residential or commercial development around the lake has a negative impact on not only the water quality but the vegetation and wildlife. | No | No, just keep it as is. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32821 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Maximizes the mission of water quality , preservation of natural resources, Warner supply. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34787 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | It's fine. | It's fine. | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 33870 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I don't understand the purpose of this reassessment. Were the wrong lands acquired in the past? I don't have any reason to think so. Are there parcels of land that need to be acquired so urgently that a selloff would be justified? If there is such a place I haven't heard of it. The core objective is to restore sheet flow to the Everglades. This necessarily involves a lot of land. It isn't just a question of acquiring and keeping a few places of great scenic beauty. I am the President of Highlands County Audubon, a Chapter of Florida Audubon. Highlands Audubon is opposed to the selling off of any land acquired for conservation in the past. Any apparent lack of public interest in a particular parcel of public land should not be interpreted to mean that it can be sold off to raise money for other purposes. | | | |
| 33870 | Shingle Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I don't understand the purpose of this reassessment. Were the wrong lands acquired in the past? I don't have any reason to think so. Are there parcels of land that need to be acquired so urgently that a selloff would be justified? If there is such a place I haven't heard of it. The core objective is to restore sheet flow to the Everglades. This necessarily involves a lot of land. It isn't just a question of acquiring and keeping a few places of great scenic beauty. I am the President of Highlands County Audubon, a Chapter of Florida Audubon. Highlands Audubon is opposed to the selling off of any land acquired for conservation in the past. Any apparent lack of public interest in a particular parcel of public land should not be interpreted to mean that it can be sold off to raise money for other purposes. | | | |
| 33870 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I don't understand the purpose of this reassessment. Were the wrong lands acquired in the past? I don't have any reason to think so. Are there parcels of land that need to be acquired so urgently that a selloff would be justified? If there is such a place I haven't heard of it. The core objective is to restore sheet flow to the Everglades. This necessarily involves a lot of land. It isn't just a question of acquiring and keeping a few places of great scenic beauty. I am the President of Highlands County Audubon, a Chapter of Florida Audubon. Highlands Audubon is opposed to the selling off of any land acquired for conservation in the past. Any apparent lack of public interest in a particular parcel of public land should not be interpreted to mean that it can be sold off to raise money for other purposes. | | | |
| 33870 | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I don't understand the purpose of this reassessment. Were the wrong lands acquired in the past? I don't have any reason to think so. Are there parcels of land that need to be acquired so urgently that a selloff would be justified? If there is such a place I haven't heard of it. The core objective is to restore sheet flow to the Everglades. This necessarily involves a lot of land. It isn't just a question of acquiring and keeping a few places of great scenic beauty. I am the President of Highlands County Audubon, a Chapter of Florida Audubon. Highlands Audubon is opposed to the selling off of any land acquired for conservation in the past. Any apparent lack of public interest in a particular parcel of public land should not be interpreted to mean that it can be sold off to raise money for other purposes. | | | |
| 32779 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Boating | Tibet-Butler Preserve contains high quality uplands, which provide aquifer recharge (helping the Water Supply mission of the District). Encompassing nearly 300 acres of native lakeshore habitat the preserve promotes the Water Quality mission of the District as well as Flood Control in the the Butler Chain of Lakes. Abundant wildlife make the property important for the Natural Resource protection and restoration mission of the District. | No. Tibet-Butler Preserve was acquired with taxpayer dollars following a long ranking procedure under the Save Our Rivers program to preserve a locally significant wetland resource. Tibet-Butler Preserve is a beautiful property protecting water quality in the Butler Chain of Lakes as well as providing education for thousands of Orange County schoolchildren. It should be maintained as conservation land supporting the District's core missions. | No. As above. The area has adequate public access and important natural resource benefits. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |

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| 32779 | Shingle Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The Shingle Creek properties are particularly important due to the extensive development in the Central Florida tourist district and home building. Receiving runoff from the Valencia Water Control District to the north, the Shingle Creek properties further the District's core mission of Flood Control, Water Quality, and Natural Resource protection and restoration. The area is part of a wildlife corridor with connections to the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes to the south. Upland portions of the property allow aquifer recharge, which supports the Water Supply mission of the District. | No. These are extremely important areas to maintain as conservation land in light of the rapid and continuing build up of businesses and homes bordering on the properties to the north. | No. As above. I would like to reiterate that these properties fill the District's mission well, and they have been carefully assessed, ranked, and then purchased over a period of time with taxpayers dollars. This was an important effort as Florida's homes and businesses expanded so rapidly. These critical conservation lands need to be maintained. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32809 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Fishing | Very well. My family and I have been boating, fishing, skiing etc on the Butler Chain for over 40 years. The Tibet Preserve is the last pristine shore line I now see on Tibet, all other shore line over the years has become residential with all the impact of fertilizer, etc. It has been sad to see turkeys and other wildlife disappearing over the years. The southwest shoreline of Lake Tibet is still a very good bass fishing area for me. The shore line of Tibet to the north of the preserve had also been excellent in the past. Since homes have been in that area now with boat houses the bass fishing there has gotten poor. Years ago there was a part of Fish Lake that was very productive until lily pads were dredged out and homes built. The water quality is still good but definitely not as clear as it had been before all the development took place. The difference in water clarity now compared to the 60's is like night and day. It's a slippery slope that will go downhill ever faster if the Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve does not remain as a preserve. Nature gave us a good example of how mistreatment of our waters can result in an ecological disaster, Lake Apopka specifically. Somehow nobody seemed to see (or care) that the disaster was coming. The downhill slide for Tibet Butler and the other lakes is happening, but at a slower pace at present. We need to keep the preserve in place, not open it up to development and further erosion of the lake and land within the preserve. | I am not a water management expert as you all are but in my humble opinion keeping the land in it's present state as a preserve appears to be an excellent tool in helping to continue the performance of your core mission. | No. I believe that in keeping the land in a natural state as possible is one of the best things that can be done for th Butler chain of lakes and waters that are affected to the south. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I think the current use of this property should remain the same. It provides natural resource protection for many species of animals and allows residents and educators to teach others about the unique environment in Florida. It protects the clean water supply in the Butler chain of lakes. My children learned so much about Florida and the ecosystems but visiting there with their schools and for fun. There's no reason to build on this land except for those who want to make money. We have taken so much of our natural resources away from people already. Please don't allow more to be taken away!! Carlinda Salter | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32818 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I have visited the preserve several times, and I have participated in Boy Scout Eagle Projects that were done for the benefit of the preserve. This is a great educational resource for instilling ideas about natural resource protection to young children. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34358 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Reasonably well for all the properties, considering that surrounding development has impacted the "edges" of many of these properties, with the exception of SUMICA which is remote from development. The edge effect is more noticeable in areas where "pockets" of upland development have been carved out of wetlands, extending the edge effect of the parcels. This is similar to a puzzle that cannot be readily recognized because of the abundance and misplacement of the "missing" pieces. Note that for most of these properties, more water in these systems would improve and enhance existing natural habitats and provide for better resource protection and quality. The consumptive use of the surrounding developments deprives some of these systems of the needed water, especially in times of drought. The habitats in the natural areas are extremely resilient to water fluctuations based on natural rainfall patterns and periods of drought, but not to the man-made regime that the District in combination with the people of Florida have imposed on our native ecosystems. | In some properties, passive recreation activities are not impacting the native habitats because few people use that portion. However, activities that impact the native habitat, equestrian, camping, bicycling, should be restricted to portions of the site that already have impacts, such as existing roads, camgrounds, and prior disturbance. It may be that some portions of the lands remain "user free" or off limits for any recreation activities. Especially vulnerable are areas with endangered plants and animals that may be impacted by man's activities. In some areas, disturbance from agriculture or past development may seem to have little or no habitat value, yet may provide corridors for imperiled species or may provide some resource protection for adjacent habitat that is intact. | The best use of the properties as a whole is to enhance degraded portions and to continue managing and maintaining the natural habitats as functioning ecosystems. There are abundant public use areas in the upper Kissimmee basin, and other District lands, that are in good condition without opening more lands for public uses. | Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | The Tibet-Butler Preserve is one of the nicest naturally protected areas we have ever visited in Florida (given it is less than 500 acres in total size). It is a perfect fit for SFWMD goals with Natural Resource protection and restoration being at the top of the goals. | If needed, there might be a way to slightly expand the exhibit space within the Tibet-Butler Preserve to highlight the overall District's needs and mission. If there was a way for someone to be able to donate right at that time, you would most likely get some people to do it at that moment. How about some sort of smartphone QR scan that links to site that is made for a smaller device (phone) and then has a way for people to use their paypal or credit card and donate to Tibet-Butler and/or the overall District. The display can tell them the importance of the entire district and Tibet-Butler and in a nice way tell them how vital funding is to keeping the lands protected and not sold for other uses. | One other idea is if needed, there might be a safe and secure way to directly link the community of Keene's Pointe to the preserve. There is a section of Keene's Pointe (Grovesnor Pointe?) that has a fence that if opened would be only a few steps from a section of the nature trail. If somehow the residents were able to connect to the preserve, this would be a huge "selling" point to the community. In exchange the entire community would have a portion of their yearly HOA fees taken out and/or an "opt in" feature to allow homeowners to contribute in exchange for the access. Now there would be some homeowners that would have issues with the "security" aspect of the opening and SFWMD would also have concerns that would need to be addressed but if the groups got together and ironed out the best way to alleviate and minimize concerns then this would be a huge win/win for both sides. I would personally be willing to go to a Keene's Pointe HOA meeting and bring this up for discussion.....and for all the homeowners would voice concern of the opening (security concerns) I can try to give them a feel for the potential alternatives which might include the sale of the TB Preserve and how that might impact the community and SFWMD. Let me know. Regards, Eddie Gray (407) 754-5437 Cell | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I think that the current use of Tibet Butler is necessary to maintain without the encroachment of any more development that directly impacts it. The area has grown so much that runoff and pollution are threatening our water quality and supply and endangering our wildlife. It would be nice if Orlando could be known for having and preserving a natural wild life area as one of the attractions to rival and balance the Disney/ Universal types. How are people to cherish what they don't know? | I have no opinion on this but I do worry about too much water being pumped out of our aquifer to be sold to bottling companies. We are in the midst of a great climate change and our supply is drying up. There will be no Everglades if the source is depleted. | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Flood Control | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Our local schools frequently bring the kids to the Tibet-Butler Preserve on field trips, where they have the opportunity to see a huge variety of wildlife, including eagles, osprey, deer, fox, turkey, bobcat, heron and various other wading birds, otters, owls, etc. (I've seen them all on my daily runs). 2. There are three primary reasons that the South Florida Water Mgmt District purchased the land back in '89: a. Preserve the wetlands and protect the local water resources (including Lake Mabel and the Butler Chain): If the land is sold for residential or commercial development, we will certainly see degradation of the water quality in Lake Mabel and the Butler Chain (the undeveloped 440 acres with no concrete, acts as a filter for the chemical runoff from the surrounding roads and yards). These beautiful lakes are presently ranked in the top 10 for water quality (out of more than 200 lakes in Orange County). b. Flood control: Some of the homes along 535 have had issues with flooding over the years. Developing the Preserve will make the situation even worse. c. Restoring damaged ecosystems: The wildlife mentioned in Item 1 have already had their habitat reduced significantly by development in the area. Where will they go if the Preserve is developed? 3. Our property values will all suffer if we lose the Preserve. Ask any realtor or appraiser, and they'll tell you that convenient access to park space is a big selling feature and boosts property values. There's a reason that land on Lake Mabel and the Butler Chain is so expensive... excellent water quality. There's a reason that land on Lake Apopka, Lake Cane, etc. is so cheap... poor water quality. | Keep the Tibet butler water preserve the way it is! | Keep the Tibet butler water preserve the way it is! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |

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| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Very much so. The land is preserved in a natural state and habitat for wildlife in an area which is beginning to be rapidly built up. It is also the only nearby area where we can hike in such a natural environment. We would like to see this land retained as it is. | nonr | none | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32327 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The listed properties should remain in public ownership as the Headwaters of the Everglades. | No. | No. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | | No. This should be preserved | No. This should be kept in-tact | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34787 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | | Tibet-Butler Preserve is a beautiful piece of Florida in its natural state. We need a place for our kids to go see real nature. | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Retention of these properties serves as the "core mission" of the SFWMD: FC, WQ protection/improvements, WS, NR protection and restoration. Keep it natural! | Why can't the land be kept natural? Selling the Preserve to developers will overcrowd our already overcrowded region, reduce resources, eliminate wildlife, increase carbon gases. The area needs to be protected and restored (a central part of the mission). | I strongly recommend that properties not be declared surplus, should NOT be sold to developers and keep the Tibet Preserve a natural resource! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 32821 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I am concerned about the water supply, the natural habitats and opportunities lost to our children. Tibet Butler is a wonderful place for the kids to learn about nature. We can't keep taking these opportunity away from our children. In addition the protection that it affords our lakes, the air and land can't be minimized. It is well attended, well used and should NOT be sold. | I think it is well used as it is. It acts as a filter for the land, water and lakes. It provides a wonderful refuge for animals AND one of the most important uses is education. We HAVE to teach our kids to respect and take care of nature. The staff and facilities are WONDERFUL at doing this. | NO-- it is wonderful just the way it is! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Quality | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The more housing that goes up around here, the more imperative it is to maintain undeveloped lands to keep our water clean and our soil intact. This preserve houses many wildlife animals as well. | Absolutely not. If they let it go, then it will be developed and it will pollute the water in the Butler Chain of Lakes. | No. Leave it the way it is. PLEASE. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Quality | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | It maintains its status as undeveloped land in the heart of a highly developed area which is ideally situated to handle run off water and to act as a filter to keep clean the area's water supply and preserve the overall pristine quality of the Butler Chain of Lakes. | NO. | NO. Leave it the way that it is. PLEASE. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The Tibet-Butler Preserve serves many different purposes... gives families a place to watch wildlife & gives wildlife a home. | No, this is a small parcel of land that needs to remain a preserve. | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The current use of the preserve is obviously furthering the protection of our environment as it is the only protected area in the area. Most, if not all, of the local forests are being cut down to make room for apartment complexes and neighborhoods. Each of these "developments" not only detract from the preservation of the environment, they contribute to pollution of the aquifer. So, in effect, by selling your parks, you are indirectly destroying the aquifer, therefore failing your mission. | No, there is no better use of this property, as any other use of the property will be detracting from the protection of the local environment. | Considering how the current use of the property is educating the population on the necessity of protecting the environment, there is no better use of the land. We already have enough houses and schools. As a matter of fact, I grew up next door to this preserve. It has been used to educate many Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. There is no better use than that. I did my Eagle Project here, and I would hate to see it destroyed. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | It protects wildlife. | no | no | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The current use of the property is wonderful. It is a beautiful scenic property that me and my neighbors enjoy visiting. We often bring out of town guests to show them what a wonderful neighborhood we live in. Given the recent development of land in our area it is important to preserve this land for wildlife and its natural resource. | Absolutely not. This land is serving its purpose wonderfully. We should not develop these protected areas. It is wonderful that our local government had the vision to protect this land. | Absolutely not. This land should continue to be used for the enjoyment of our neighbors and children. Please do not propose developing this land. It should be preserved as originally intended. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |

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| 34996 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Quality | Other | I can't imagine any of these lands as "surplus" because they have potential to meet a wide variety of uses. I picked Water Quality from the list because I know we need to allow all our water to flow gently south, letting it perk and be cleansed. But flood control and natural resource protection are other important features. I see no other more useful purpose for lands purchased with Conservation dollars than to ensure they work to conserve our resources as we grow in population. I may not have visited these places because I live further away, but I would love to have the opportunity! | No better use. | Natural resource protection is the highest, best use. Public access does not necessarily need to be a component. The fact that the land is allowed to do what it can do best FOR the public is enough. (Flood control, water quality, protecting threatened/ endangered species, exchange of air as open space., a place for the animals) These are all good benefits, worth the cost. Since we already own, why would we give it away??? | |
| 34996 | Shingle Creek | All | Water Quality | Other | I can't imagine any of these lands as "surplus" because they have potential to meet a wide variety of uses. I picked Water Quality from the list because I know we need to allow all our water to flow gently south, letting it perk and be cleansed. But flood control and natural resource protection are other important features. I see no other more useful purpose for lands purchased with Conservation dollars than to ensure they work to conserve our resources as we grow in population. I may not have visited these places because I live further away, but I would love to have the opportunity! | No better use. | Natural resource protection is the highest, best use. Public access does not necessarily need to be a component. The fact that the land is allowed to do what it can do best FOR the public is enough. (Flood control, water quality, protecting threatened/ endangered species, exchange of air as open space., a place for the animals) These are all good benefits, worth the cost. Since we already own, why would we give it away??? | |
| 34996 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Water Quality | Other | I can't imagine any of these lands as "surplus" because they have potential to meet a wide variety of uses. I picked Water Quality from the list because I know we need to allow all our water to flow gently south, letting it perk and be cleansed. But flood control and natural resource protection are other important features. I see no other more useful purpose for lands purchased with Conservation dollars than to ensure they work to conserve our resources as we grow in population. I may not have visited these places because I live further away, but I would love to have the opportunity! | No better use. Our leaders in FNPS note that this area can serve very well as a wildlife corridor connecting other parcels. | Natural resource protection is the highest, best use. Public access does not necessarily need to be a component. The fact that the land is allowed to do what it can do best FOR the public is enough. (Flood control, water quality, protecting threatened/ endangered species, exchange of air as open space., a place for the animals) These are all good benefits, worth the cost. Since we already own, why would we give it away??? | |
| 34996 | SUMICA | All | Water Quality | Other | I can't imagine any of these lands as "surplus" because they have potential to meet a wide variety of uses. I picked Water Quality from the list because I know we need to allow all our water to flow gently south, letting it perk and be cleansed. But flood control and natural resource protection are other important features. I see no other more useful purpose for lands purchased with Conservation dollars than to ensure they work to conserve our resources as we grow in population. I may not have visited these places because I live further away, but I would love to have the opportunity! | No better use. | Natural resource protection is the highest, best use. Public access does not necessarily need to be a component. The fact that the land is allowed to do what it can do best FOR the public is enough. (Flood control, water quality, protecting threatened/ endangered species, exchange of air as open space., a place for the animals) These are all good benefits, worth the cost. Since we already own, why would we give it away??? | |
| 34761 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I think it does a great job preseving the natural resouces. It is a beautiful place and should remain that way. I have been visitng the perseve since 1997 and still visit today. It is a great place to learn about Florida wildlife and a great place for bird watching | NO it is perfect the was it is . A perfect place to spend the day | No My family loves to go there. It is very educational for everyone from children to adults. The Park rangers are very knowlegable about the perseve and my children and i have learned a great deal from the workshops. Please keep the perseve the way it is . It is very peaceful and wonderful to visit. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32779 | SUMICA | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | The SUMICA property, purchased under the District's Save Our Rivers program with taxpayers dollars 14 years ago, contains extensive wetlands surrounding that are part of the Northern Everglades region. It is part of a wildlife corridor, which fulfills the District mission of Natural Resources protection and restoration. It fills Flood Control and Water Quality missions by protecting quality and quantity of water downstream, and the uplands that are part of this property fulfill the Water Supply mission by allowing aquifer recharge. | No. Consideration, analysis, time, and money went into purchase of this area for conservation purposes. It should be allowed to serve in that capacity in support of the District's core missions. | No. As above. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 81435 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Boating | The current use of this property in the Everglades Headwaters is essential for flood control, WQ improvement, water supply, and natural resource protection. This property buffers The Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve, and is an important part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor opportunity area. In fact, the Florida Wildlife Corridor team is working on plans for a 2014 Expedition to raise awareness for other important parts of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and this property provides the ONLY possible natural area / habitat connection from the green swamp over the Everglades Headwaters. Please ensure it's long-term viability as conservation land, important to water and wildlife! | No | No | |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The Tibet-Butler Preserve strongly protects our water quality and helps with flood control. The development of the land will encourage the degradation of the local water and ecosystems. This can not be allowed to happen! | This property needs to be protected and remain a preserve! | We have enjoyed the Tibet Butler Preserver for years and my children are very found of the trails and wild life. There are so few places we can enjoy a nice walk in the woods and the serenity that comes with it. Don't destroy this wonderful preserve! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | It seems like there is a lot of construction going on right now off of 535 and I think we need to preserve the park. It is not right to take away that beautiful park and destroy all of the trees and uproot the wild life that is currently at the Tibet-Butler Preserve. One of the main reasons I purchased my home was because of that park. I utilize the park all the time. | I think if the preserve put in a boat ramp and a fishing pier it would help out a lot and bring in more people. I also think they should extend the overlook, so that it is closer to the water. The preserve should also offer night hikes. | I think if the preserve put in a boat ramp and a fishing pier it would help out a lot and bring in more people. I also think they should extend the overlook, so that it is closer to the water. The preserve should also offer night hikes. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | It does a very good job considering the urban interface. I think the nature center is very well run and the opportunity to view birds, plants, etc. is fantastic. | No! Keep it as it is! | No, the passive use and trails are great. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32080 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other Conservation of Florida and the Everglades | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | As stated in the SFWMD's own website, The Tibet@Butler Preserve "I" was acquired under the Save Our Rivers program to preserve a locally significant wetland resource. Prior to its purchase, the flatwoods and scrub were slated for residential development. The Preserve contains high quality uplands and nearly 300 acres of wetlands. Natural communities include pine flatwoods, scrub, bog, cypress/bay swamp, and lakeshore wetlands. It is clear from these statements alone that the property "C situated along the southwestern shore of Lake Tibet "C is important for protecting and enhancing the water quality of this lake and the watershed of the Everglades in general, for providing flood control benefits to the residents that are contiguous to the Preserve (without costly human-made reservoirs and other high-dollar engineering solutions), protects natural systems and the wildlife they support, and provides water supply protection by allowing for Floridan aquifer recharge and buffering Lake Tibet. The property is managed by Orange County who values the open-space and natural habitats of this property, that if surplus and potentially developed would cost the county large sums of money to provide infrastructure (roads, sewers, and other utilities, fire and police protection and other such expensive services) so it is not a financial burden on the SFWMD to own this property in exchange for the many core mission benefits it provides. The property boasts the excellent Vera Carter Environmental [education] Center that is a key to providing a sound education to Central Florida's young people to learn about and appreciate the myriad ecosystem services that natural lands provide "C such services as flood control, water supply and quality (including aquifer recharge), wildlife habitat, production of oxygen and food, uptake and sequestration of carbon dioxide (the latter two benefits the direct result | No. The conservation lands currently under review for possible surplus by the SFWMD are all located in or near the headwaters region of the Everglades ecosystem. Unless the watershed of the imperiled Everglades "C an ecosystem unique in the entire world "C is protected, it is the opinion of The Nature Conservancy that the core mission of the SFWMD cannot be well-served. The water supply benefits provided by the headwater region are enormous and the Everglades cannot exist in isolation if cut off from the origin and source of one of its primary water supplies. As well, wetlands do not "C and cannot "C exist in isolation and must be buffered by substantial uplands areas that protect and provide recharge benefits not only to the wetlands but to the underlying Floridan aquifer as well. Unless, the SFWMD protects a suite of land uses "C including riparian, wetland and upland, it is not possible for it to fulfill its core mission of balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply protection and environmental restoration. In fact, the core mission of the SFWMD must not be viewed only in terms of the protection of wetlands and river/creek systems. The watersheds that feed and maintain Florida's wetlands and rivers are often composed of a mosaic of land uses that include a variety of upland natural communities such as Mesic Flatwoods, Scrub, Dry Prairie, Sandhill and several others. These kinds of natural communities "C particularly Mesic Flatwoods and Dry Prairies "C serve to collect, store and slowly release the rainfall that falls within these watersheds thereby providing natural (and very cost efficient) regulation of water quality, flood control protection and water supply protection, while the filtering attributes of these landscapes enhance water quantity. Coupled with other communities these natural systems also directly contribute to water supply protection through recharge of the Floridan | While there are much excellent data presented on the District's website to facilitate a review of these lands, virtually all those data (as pointed to by specific examples below) appear to fully justify the importance and appropriateness of these lands to directly contributing to and fulfilling the SFWMD's core mission. But nowhere are there data or analyses provided to show that any of these properties have been determined to no longer be needed for the conservation purpose for which they were acquired "C a measure we think incumbent upon the District to unequivocally demonstrate prior to any surplus decision. Likewise, where a given property may be encumbered by law because of the funding source utilized to acquire the property, is jointly owned with another governmental entity or has other restrictions on its use, such as through a regulatory program (e.g., the property was acquired for mitigation to off-set impacts to resources elsewhere), those factors are also part of the overriding legal parameters that must be addressed to justify the surplus of any of these conservation lands. In fact, The Nature Conservancy thinks that the SFWMD should "C within their own careful review and examination of these properties "C give consideration to avoiding the elimination of significant landscape linkages or conservation corridors, natural or cultural resources, and public recreational opportunities, as well as complying with the no-net-loss of hunting land statute. At the very least any properties considered by the District for surplus should be accorded a review that includes transferring the properties to another government entity, the placing of protective (and perpetual) conservation easements over these lands if to be conveyed to private interests and seeking funding for the restoration and management of these lands that does not involve direct SFWMD expenditures. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 32080 | Shingle Creek | All | Other Conservation of Florida and the Everglades | Canoeing and Kayaking | The initial information provided on the SFWMD website for this large tract says just about everything one would need to know about why this mosaic of properties is absolutely central to the Districts core mission. 1)The Shingle Creek swamp is part of an historically extensive mosaic of forested wetlands, pine flatwoods, hardwood hammocks, and herbaceous wetlands. Today, the urbanization of greater Orlando has considerably reduced the presence of these native communities. Situated near the northernmost end of the Everglades watershed, the area is a significant feature of the Everglades headwaters- The site was placed on the Save Our Rivers acquisition list in 1985. Acquisition has been ongoing since 1991. At the time it was listed, the water in the channelized creek was severely impaired by municipal wastewater effluent, and urban development was rapidly reducing the size of the natural floodplain- Acquiring the floodplain and keeping it in its natural condition provides several benefits. These benefits include storm water treatment, flood hazard mitigation within the Shingle Creek floodplain, eliminating the risk from direct storm water runoff over an 11 mile stretch of the creek, providing meaningful wetland mitigation opportunities for regional infrastructure projects, reducing residential exposure to wildfire, providing unique resource-based recreation in the heart of Orlando and less than 1 mile from SeaWorld, providing a large area of wildlife habitat in an urban center with substantial corridor connectivity to the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes region and maintaining dispersed water storage capacity. If these facts do not provide compelling evidence that these lands contribute directly to the District's core mission, then something is greatly amiss. The Shingle Creek area represents a solid and appropriate conservation holding of the District, one that is entirely consistent with its core mission, and one that is | No. The lands within this project area are all located in or near the headwaters region of the Everglades ecosystem. Unless the watershed of the imperiled Everglades "C an ecosystem unique in the entire world "C is protected, it is the opinion of The Nature Conservancy that the core mission of the SFWMD cannot be well-served. The water supply benefits provided by the headwater region are enormous and the Everglades cannot exist in isolation if cut off from the origin and source of one of its primary water supplies. As well, wetlands do not "C and cannot "C exist in isolation and must be buffered by substantial uplands areas that protect and provide recharge benefits not only to the wetlands but to the underlying Floridan aquifer as well. Unless, the SFWMD protects a suite of land uses "C including riparian, wetland and upland, it is not possible for it to fulfill its core mission of balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply protection and environmental restoration. In fact, the core mission of the SFWMD must not be viewed only in terms of the protection of wetlands and river/creek systems. 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Coupled with such communities as Scrub and Sandhill, all these natural systems also directly contribute to water supply protection through recharge of the Floridan aquifer. | No. While there are much excellent data presented on the District's website to facilitate a review of these lands, virtually all those data (as pointed to by specific examples below) appear to fully justify the importance and appropriateness of these lands to directly contributing to and fulfilling the SFWMD's core mission. But nowhere are there data or analyses provided to show that any of these properties have been determined to no longer be needed for the conservation purpose for which they were acquired "C a measure we think incumbent upon the District to unequivocally demonstrate prior to any surplus decision. 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| 32080 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Other Conservation of Florida and the Everglades | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Quoting from the material posted on the SWMD website pertaining to his property: "This area consists of extensive lowlands surrounding creeks that flow into the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes. The most significant is Reedy Creek, on the east side, which receives water from the Walt Disney World Resort and the southwestern region of the greater Orlando area. These wetlands provide water quality improvement benefits to the region, particularly after storms and during the rainy season, when water spills out of the shallow natural streambeds and sheetflows through the basin. The Reedy Creek floodplain is joined to the broad swamps and hardwood wetlands to the west through the Intercession City assessment unit. The western units are lowlands that surround small tributaries (Snell Creek and Horse Creek) of Lake Marion Creek, a water course that connects Lake Marion to Lake Hatchineha. These creeks and forested wetlands are an important feature of the Everglades headwaters." Indeed, recreational access, the conservation of rare species and natural communities, including intact flatwoods that are vital to the watershed characteristics of the Everglades and Central Florida landscape (and, hence, vital to the economy and water supply of the region), environmental education, and wildlife and habitat values are all important and demonstrate the appropriateness of the District's ownership of these lands for conservation and other core aspects of the SFWMD's core mission. These sites form an important wildlife corridor link between the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and the Reedy Creek swamp to the north, and it would be a key link in any future corridor that would seek to connect the Kissimmee/Everglades system with the Green Swamp/Hilochee system to the northwest." These statements well demonstrate the suitability of these lands as directly contributing to the SFWMD's core mission and argue strongly against any notion that these | No. The lands under review for possible surplus by the SFWMD are all located in or near the headwaters region of the Everglades ecosystem. Unless the watershed of the imperiled Everglades – an ecosystem unique in the entire world – is protected, it is the opinion of The Nature Conservancy that the core mission of the SFWMD cannot be well-served. 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The watersheds that feed and maintain Florida's wetlands and rivers - including the Everglades ecosystem - are often composed of a mosaic of land uses that include a variety of upland natural communities. These kinds of natural communities serve to collect, store and slowly release the rainfall that falls within these watersheds thereby providing natural (and very cost efficient) regulation of water quality, flood control protection and water supply protection, while the filtering attributes of these landscapes enhance water quantity. Coupled with these natural systems also directly contribute to water supply protection through recharge of the Floridan aquifer. Lake Marion Creek/Reedy Creek with a high percentage of documented floodplain and with buffer and recharge | No. While there are much excellent data presented on the District's website to facilitate a review of these lands, virtually all those data (as pointed to by specific examples) appear to fully justify the importance and appropriateness of these lands toward directly contributing to and fulfilling the SFWMD's core mission. But nowhere are there data or analyses provided to show that any of these properties have been determined to no longer be needed for the conservation purpose for which they were acquired – a measure we think incumbent upon the District to unequivocally demonstrate prior to any surplus decision. 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| 32080 | SUMICA | All | Other Conservation of Florida and the Everglades | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The following statements regarding the importance and significance of the Sumica tract are taken from the District's website: "The site was acquired under the Save Our Rivers program to preserve a large locally significant wetland resource... Natural communities include pine flatwoods, scrub, oak hammocks, prairies, marshes, and cypress and hardwood swamp. The site is an important wildlife corridor link between the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and the Tiger Creek/Lake Wales Ridge State Forest system to the west... The District acquired the site in partnership with Polk County in 1999. The area is operated and managed by the Polk County through an agreement with the District... The site is open for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and primitive camping. The County administers periodic hog hunts." The FWCC's Potential Habitat Richness index for the Sumica tract is extremely high at 8-13 species (in fact, the highest level in the ranking system). The Nature Conservancy knows the tract well and applauded the SFWMD and Polk County when this important property – one long sought for conservation – was initially acquired. The Sumica tract is considered by the Conservancy as a core conservation holding and part of an envisioned wildlife corridor through this region of the state. The connectivity, watershed and habitat values, and recreational access of the property are important attributes of the District's core mission. Additionally, the Sumica tract is extremely important to the overall Central Florida and Everglades headwaters region of Florida and provides a needed buffer for the northern portion of Lake Walk-in-the-Water that provides substantial water supply, quality and quantity benefits to the region. | No. The lands are located in or near the headwaters region of the Everglades ecosystem. Unless the watershed of the imperiled Everglades – an ecosystem unique in the entire world – is protected, it is the opinion of The Nature Conservancy that the core mission of the SFWMD cannot be well-served. The water supply benefits provided by the headwater region are enormous and the Everglades cannot exist in isolation if cut off from the origin and source of one of its primary water supplies. 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In fact, The Nature Conservancy thinks that the SFWMD should – within their own careful review and examination of these properties – give consideration to avoiding the elimination of significant landscape linkages or conservation corridors, natural or cultural resources, and public recreational opportunities, as well as complying with the no-net-loss of hunting land statute. At the very least any properties considered by the District for surplusing should be accorded a review that includes transferring the properties to another government entity, the placing of protective (and perpetual) conservation easements over these lands if to be conveyed to private interests and seeking funding for the restoration and management of these lands that does not involve direct SFWMD expenditures. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | By protecting the Tibet-Butler Preserve for future generations to use. It is important for children and adults to use as a teaching tool. Where in our area do you find a quiet walk with nature and learn about the world around us? We have to save Tibet-Butler Preserve, to many of these areas have been destroyed already. This is a clean area and well taken cared for. | No there isn't a better use of this property!! We have too many new subdivisions as it is. You don't have to drive for miles it is right in our backyard. DO NOT (PLEASE) TAKE TIBET-BUTLER PRESERVE AWAY FROM US!!!!!! | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | This property is perfect for all of the before mentioned because it's one of Florida's natural resources. | I believe that the best use for this property is for it to remain uncorrupted by development and to stay a natural resource. It saddens me greatly to see areal maps of central Florida with concrete growing faster than trees. I am not by any means an environmentalist. But I have 2 little boys who my wife and I are trying our best to teach responsibility to and care for our wildlife, lakes, rivers, and forests. Tibet Butler Reserve has all of these things. It's a refuge for us. It's a wildlife sanctuary. We ask you to continue and follow President Theodore Roosevelt's vision for our state and Country by understanding that we will fill and eventually take over every last inch of land that is left if we do not set something aside for the benefit of future generations. | In a state like Florida that is growing and building so rapidly, I believe it is imperative that certain areas such as Tibet Butler Preserve are designated as "Preserves" and remain as they are. I am a commercial real estate broker by occupation and I make my living off of development in many situations. However, I would rather quit my job than see the entire state of Florida succumbed to overdeveloped sites which overcrowd and drive out animals and natural resources which continue to be pushed further and further. Please do not allow this preserve to be touched. It would do us a great disservice. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34746 | Shingle Creek | All | Water Quality | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | It furthers the District's core mission exactly! | There is no better use for any of these lands! | NO, NO, NO!!!! South Florida Water Management District should be buying more lands for flood control, water quality/protection/improvements, water supply, natural resource protection, restoration, for wildlife protection, and endangered plant protection and restoration! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | | | | |
| 34786 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Good! The development locally is encroaching. These protected lands are vital. Please keep them passive. | No! Keep it as it is! | No, the passive use and trails are great. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 34786 | SUMICA | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Good! Continue to protect and manage. | No! Keep it as it is! | No, the passive use and trails are great. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 21725 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | With every small patch of land being developed in our area, it's vitally important to protect land for protection and future improvements and preserve Florida's natural character. | There is no better use for this property. As a mother, I have taken my children to Tibet-Butler preserve and shown them natural trees and wildlife native to Florida and in doing so, taught them many foundational concepts about nature. | There is no better use for this property other than maintaining it as a protected area. If anything, I would hope this property would expand its trails and perhaps add more picnic areas. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 14227 | Shingle Creek | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Boating | It is doing all right at the present but with the threat of changing the protection even more needs to be done for endangered species and to maintain protection of these beautiful wetlands. There has been damage from oil spills and other chemical disasters. Please leave these wonderful areas of this country alone. | | | |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | We have been very pleased and active at the referenced sites, especially tibet-butler. My family visits there often and it has been a great resource not only for hiking but also for education on land and water management, nature programs and other education outreach and offerings. Our Cub Scout Pack and now Boy Scout Troop has utilized tibet-butler for orienteering and path finding activities. | I believe that through the access to and the educational programs about tibet-butler, provided by the staff, are providing a great resource to the community today, supporting the core missions. | Possible expansion of trails and providing an orienteering course similar to Moss Lake, for instance, would be a couple expansions that would be utilized by the community. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | This I cannot answer as I am not an engineer. But you must have thought is did a tone time or you would not have set it up in the first place. Today's value to the community goes way beyond flood control. | What better use could you have than to preserve our vanishing wetlands and protect local water sources from the encroachment of development? It also is vital in helping to restore damaged local ecosystems, not to mention its value as an educational center for all kinds of groups in these issues. It is a true asset to the community and would be a great loss if it were sold off. | Not really, it is already a great asset in the education of ecosystem, water management, and ecological issues which this community faces. many groups, including school classes, community and scouting groups, and just plain families rely on this facility, its grounds and its educational assets to learn about all these issues and enjoy nature as its meant to be. The loss of this facility or its staff of dedicated educators and preservationist would be a great blow to the rich culture of this community. Perhaps efforts to engage the larger community in the underwriting and work of this facility would make a difference to "bottom-line thinkers" and bean-counters. There are some things that enrich communities that are hard to quantify in just dollars. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | This property is a jewel in the midst of development. It provides a place for children, grandchildren to learn about nature. It provides for habitat, water recharge, nesting sites, recreation, education and countless benefits that time in nature provides. It more than fulfills the core missions of the the District and should NEVER be eliminated. | No, No, No. Those who support development care ONLY about their monetary gain and go against the public interest and desire. We have so few locations like this without traveling hundreds and hundreds of miles. Securing this piece of property was no easy feat (yes, I was around then)and it would be ridiculous to turn it into anything else. | NO | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | As a native Floridian, I find it is getting difficult to find in our area, a place to take our children and ourselves where natural resources are left intact. We started going to the preserve as a trip for cub scouts over a decade ago, and my family still loves going and just enjoying the preserve, birding, looking at wildlife, and hiking the trails. We love the overall spirit of the preserve, and frequently just go out there to get back into touch with nature. This preserve needs to stay "Preserved" for the future. I told my children about this, and they were both upset at the prospect of no Tibet-butler Preserve. I am sure the eco-system in the area desperately needs the preserve, especially to protect the wetlands and local water resources. Where will all of the wildlife that finally found a refuge from all of the development in this area go? I am positive that we do not need to sell it to developers, who are probably somehow behind this whole idea in the first place so they can make big money. I found it so wonderful when I discovered the preserve, and I am sure that there are a multitude of people who feel the same way. I take offense that it is being called "surplus" and I also feel that this was not really brought to the public's attention in a proper way, almost as if the action was trying to be quietly snuck by, to avoid comments, so the subsequent sale for a hefty profit could take place. I cannot believe that I just found out about this on the last day for comments (a holiday by the way). I implore the South Water Management District to leave Tibet-Butler Preserve intact. | No - Leave the preserve alone! | No - It is perfect as it is. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | As I write this they are clearing year more land to build houses, approximately 1 mile from where we live in Windermere, if we do not preserve and save our pristine lands they will be gobbled up by yet another housing tract, let's not eat up, chew and discard more land just because it suits our budget and disposable lifestyle. So many of our children never see our hear a live bird, lizard or bunny rabbit, what kind of legacy is that to leave our children. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32779 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Current use of these properties fulfill the District's mission regarding Flood Control, Water Quality, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration. Any changes to use would undoubtedly have negative impacts. | no | no | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| , | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other | It accomplishes all of its missions and is perfect just the way it is. Destroying this place would disappoint many families. | There isn't any way you could improve this place because its already amazing and adding yet another housing development will be wasteful. | There is no better use for this preserve because it is astounding just the way it is. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | In my opinion, the preserve, as it stands today, is excelling at all aspects, especially Natural Resource protection and restoration. Replacing the preserve with other land developments would be a mistake. The Tibet-Butler Preserve has been rehabilitating species and returning them to their natural habitat for numerous years. All those species that were returned to their habitats will then die out if the preserve is replaced. All of the hard work and care given to those animals will then be wasted. Flood control is just as important to Florida's ecosystems and population. If the preserve is removed from the area, surrounding developments and neighborhoods have a greater chance of being flooded. The water for the area could become polluted and harm the systems of the consumers. The wildlife in the lakes could have a smaller chance of survival as the water quality of lakes declines. What good comes from large amounts of polluted water? This is only a small fraction of the damage that could be done if the preserve is replaced. | I believe that there is no better way to use the land as effectively as the preserve does today. What the preserve does today helps the area for a better tomorrow. With all of the work done, the area is healthy and as beautiful as can be. The preserve provides the surrounding communities with flood control, water supply, improvement and protection in water quality, and it helps restore and protect natural resources. There is no possible way to more effectively use the land than the preserve does today. | The preserve provides the area with natural resource support while serving as a public attraction. The land is being used to its full potential. If the preserve is replaced with communities or other land developments, you will deny people the enjoyment of experiencing Florida in its beautiful, natural state. So few natural areas exist anymore, which is why we should protect the areas that we have left, rather than develop them. The most important aspect of the preserve is how it restores natural habitats and the wildlife that lives there. The use of the property is fantastic and replacing it would be a large mistake for everyone in the area. The area is perfect just the way it is today. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 34787 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other | Other | it's perfect the way it is don't do anything | Make it a reserve for the animals that live in Florida | Don't sell!!!! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I like the Tibet-Butler Preserve the way it is. It helps the animals and plants living there, and it lets me see nature while I am hiking along its awesome trails. | I think the Tibet-Butler Preserve is being used the way it should be used and that it should not be changed. It is helpful in protecting and conserving our natural resources and the wildlife living there. There is no better way for it to be used. | I don't think it should be used for anything but natural resource protection and conservation. I like being able to visit there and see nature there. It helps the animals and it helps keep our water clean. It should not be changed. It should be protected and left the way it is. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | This preserve is of vital importance to our area. It is only a few miles from Disney World and all the natural terrain has disappeared due to intensive residential development. The Disney preserve is not a substitute for this preserve it is 30 miles away and not convenient to use. I have attended numerous lectures and programs with my grandchildren and frequently take visitors hiking in what is the last remaining vestige of the land I grew up with in this area. A lot of taxpayer money has been spent on the facilities and it would be unconscionable to sell it to developers who have already used 99 percent of the area. | no none better | no, because there are no more alternative sites to reproduce what is needed and we have now undeveloped land is precious in this area and cannot be reproduced | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | There is way too much development and very little use of natural resources and the resources that are there are being attacked, depleted and bulldozed. Tibet-Butler needs to stay right where it is. It supports the eco system. | NO, leave Tibet-Butler alone. It serves the people of the community, all demographics from small children and young families to senior citizens. It serves home school, scouts, Indian Guides, religious youth groups, community service events. | NO, leave Tibet-Butler alone. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe the Tibet-Butler Preserve does an excellent job of carrying out the District's core mission as it relates to these environmental concerns. It is essential to protect this area as it is. Development in the area continues to undermine the natural landscape and threatens the species therein and the quality of the water in the Butler chain of lakes. It would be a great shame to see the preserve lost. Our children have attended valuable school outings there and the educational value is also exceptional. | The property should remain a wildlife preserve. | This preserve is a very important component of our quickly diminishing natural environment. It would be absolutely foolish to allow it to be developed or modified for any other purpose when there is plenty of other lands available for that. Protect and maintain the Tibet-Butler Preserve. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34761 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | We love the preserve and to sell to developers is so sad. | | Leave it as it is. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | By protecting the Tibet-Butler Preserve for future generations to use. It is important for children and adults to use as a teaching tool. Where in our area do you find a quiet walk with nature and learn about the world around us? We have to save Tibet-Butler Preserve, to many of these areas have been destroyed already. This is a clean area and well taken care for. | No there isn't a better use of this property!! We have too many new subdivisions as it is. You don't have to drive for miles it is right in our backyard. DO NOT (PLEASE) TAKE TIBET-BUTLER PRESERVE AWAY FROM US!!!!!! | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32819 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Extremely well. This preserve and it's protection are very important to my family in it's current capacity. Please don't sell or develop here. | No, we don't want the property use changed. | No. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32835 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Our local schools frequently bring the kids to the Tibet-Butler Preserve on field trips, where they have the opportunity to see a huge variety of wildlife, including eagles, osprey, deer, fox, turkey, bobcat, heron and various other wading birds, otters, owls. I think this is an important component of their education in terms of being better community citizens. | Some of the homes along 535 have had issues with flooding over the years. Developing the Preserve will make the situation even worse. Maintaining the preserve will also continue to provide relief from flooding. | My father used to say, "land, they aren't making any more of it." This is particularly true when it comes to nature preserves. The pressure to develop areas set aside for nature conservancy is great as property values are at the cusp of rebounding to levels seen in the past. It is important to continue to retain these nature conservancy areas as future acquisitions to replace them will be more difficult to finance. This is true of each of the areas being considered for liquidation. The cost of replacement in the future will only become more and more difficult to finance. Additionally, the water management functions of these properties will most likely be more expensive to provide than the revenue generated by the sale of these properties. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The Tibet-Butler Preserve is serving its purpose very well, and hopefully it will NOT be declared surplus. Most of the 440 acres are wetlands. The wetlands do an excellent job of flood control for the neighborhoods around. The location on the Butler Chain of Lakes and is next to pristine Lake Mabel. It's a vital role in maintaining the great quality of the water in all lakes. Lake Mabel and the Butler chain consistently rank among the best in Florida for water quality. Allowing the Tibet-Butler Preserve to be developed could be devastating to these 14 beautiful lakes. The Preserve has abundant natural resources, including diverse wildlife: gopher tortoises (a PROTECTED SPECIES), eagles, bobcats, wild turkey, owls, otters, deer, heron and various other wading birds, fox, etc.), as well as diverse tree and plant life. The surrounding area has been almost completely developed, so the Preserve is just about the last remaining habitat in the area for the abundant wildlife. Many of the homes surrounding the Preserve (including mine), are on private wells. The Preserve is helping to maintain the quality and supply of our excellent drinking water. Please ensure that the Preserve remains a Preserve. | There is no better use for this land. I'm very happy, as I'm sure many people are that the SFWM purchased this land back in '89, to prevent it from being developed. As mentioned above, selling this land to developers would have a significantly negative impact on all of the core missions. I'm a pilot and fly over the Central Florida lakes on a regular basis. It's very sad to see the "dead" lakes, that have been destroyed by over-development and chemical runoff. The Tibet-Butler Preserve is an outstanding "filter" for Lake Mabel and the Butler Chain of lakes. Please don't let our "filter" be developed and buried in concrete. | A lot of people choose to live here because of the convenient access to the Preserve. The nature trails are a beautiful place to escape the city, and go for a hike or run. I always look forward to my daily run at the Preserve, watching the birds and wildlife. Please ensure that our beautiful Nature Preserve is preserved for future generations. Thank you. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The Tibet-Butler Preserve is a necessary property that would cause detrimental effects on the landscape if removed. Currently, the preserve is an indispensable place that improves water quality and augments the water supply. The removal of the preserve would serve catastrophic consequences to the district as a whole. Not only water, but the environment in general is benefitted by the continued existence of the preserve. In my opinion there is no better way to use the property in respect to improving flood control, water quality protection, water supply, or natural resource restoration. If the preserve was to be removed, only malignant consequences would be in store. | No, there is no better way to use the property. The current usage of the Tibet-Butler Preserve is ideal and converting the preserve into something else would only effect the District's core missions NEGATIVELY. Converting the preserve into a housing development would pollute the water, diminish its supply, and eradicate natural resource protection and restoration. When building a housing development, there are obvious consequences that would decrease the District's ethics. The resources needed to build houses and the machinery used would set back the quality of the land indefinitely. Right now the preserve withholds a large sum of water that is necessary for the survival of the people around it, adding a community would do nothing but pollute and abate it. Most of all, changing the preserve into a housing development would obliterate species of animals and plants that are in a critical state. | No, the Tibet-Butler preserve is a sanctuary for natural resources. The removal of the preserve can only mean an unrestricted decline of the condition of the area, even the District. It is in everyone's best interest that the preserve is left to continue supporting the present natural resources and proceed with making them better. As for public use, there are plenty of opportunities for the locals to hike, fish, boat, jog, bird-watch, etc. I enjoy visiting the preserve because of its natural beauty that can only be found in a few places in this District. Taking out one of these limited, spectacular vistas would only be a disappointment to the public. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | These properties are important for the quality of life and property values. | | Yes they are vitally important as natural resource assets | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I think the Tibet-Butler Preserve does a great job of keeping our water clean and helps keep our neighborhoods from flooding. It is a good place for animals and plants to live, and without it, I am afraid a lot of those animals will die and lose their homes. | I think the Tibet-Butler Preserve helps keep our water clean and helps all of nature. It should not be sold or changed because it is great the way it is. | I think Tibet-Butler Preserve is perfect the way it is. It cannot be used any better. It helps protect and conserve our natural resources, and that is very important. It is a place for animals and plants to live safely. It would be bad to take it away. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I believe that the Tibet-Butler Preserver is very important to water quality of the butler chain of lakes. This land needs to be kept in conservation to prevent developers from destroying the wetlands and causing run off. This is one of the last natural wetlands left on the butler chain. It can NEVER be replaced. Please do not sell this land. | The property is perfect as it is. I often take hikes down to the lake. I take visitors from up north there because it is one of the last sites that are "old-Florida" that is close to Windermere. There has been so much development and I was always so happy that this land has been preserved. Lake Tibet-Butler nature preserve is an Orange count treasure! Also it is a natural habitat for alligators and Gopher tortoises. The Vera Carter center is awesome. I personally know Vera and it is a great tribute to her and all she has done for our county. The staff at the Preserve are great and do a wonder job in promoting nature and conservation. | no. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Good Morning, I am writing to express my strong support for the Tibet Butler Preserve. It is a truly special and important conservation property with 68% of the property comprising wetlands. It is a Priority 2 Strategic Habitat and a Priority 2 Rare Species Habitat. Importantly, it serves both a recreational and an education public use role. The area around Windermere is rapidly developing and we are blessed to enjoy such a pristine natural environment- for our enjoyment now and for future generations. I trust that the District's current study of possible surplus properties will conclude that Tibet Butler is worth maintaining in its current state. Respectfully, Richard Gutierrez, tel. 407 217 2713 | There is no better use of the property than its current use. | There is no better use of the property than its current use. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 33830 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Huckleberry Island / Snell Creek | Other Conservation of water, wildlife and wilderness | Other Inspecting management | The Lake Marion Creek properties are important to the protection of the Upper Kissimmee headwaters, eventually flowing to the Everglades. The current use of the property definitely furthers the District's core mission. In the early 1990s all of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners along with over 50 citizens attended the SFWMD Governing Board to support acquisition by the District of the Lake Marion Creek project. In fact this was the first environmental land acquired in 1996 in partnership with the District, under Polk County's local Environment Lands Program. In addition, Polk County has acquired environmental land in this area on our own as we have deemed it so environmentally significant. The management of the project by District staff has allowed for the native habitats to remain diverse and the wetlands are in good hydrological condition comprising about 50% of the project area and this allows for good water quality treatment of rainfall and stormwater runoff. The enormous amount of wetlands also allow for water storage until it slowly makes its way to the creeks. There are three rivers, Snell, Horse and Reedy creeks on the Lake Marion Creek properties. These creeks are in relatively pristine condition. The Lake Marion project is the upper headwaters of the Everglades, feeding the Kissimmee Chain, Lake Okeechobee on to the Everglades. The uplands contain scrub and sandhill, which provides recharge to the Floridan aquifer and flatwoods assist in holding seasonal flood waters. The Lake Marion Creek property conserves and protects important water resources. In addition, there are diverse healthy natural communities that are being well managed by the District. There are over twenty two listed plant and animal species. Approximately fifteen natural communities are contained within the project area, showing great diversity. Today all the properties still retain their conservation values. | There is not a better use of the property for the District's core mission. This is demonstrated by the fact the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Polk County, and Southwest Florida Water Management District in addition to SFWMD acquired property within this area due to the important natural resources. The Huckleberry Island/Snell Creek property is being well managed with prescribed fire, invasive exotic removal, and other management tasks which are effective in supporting the District's core mission. There is not a better use of the property for the District's core mission. | The current recreation on the project area is well suited for the property. There is hiking, primitive camping, hunting and nature appreciation. These uses seem compatible with the environmental conditions of the property. Environmental Education would enhance the understanding of resource protection, so we would encourage those opportunities as they become available. This project plays a key role in providing a wildlife corridor along the Kissimmee River watershed and we encourage conservation of the property to continue so this important aspect can carry on into the future. The Northern Everglades established by the The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service demonstrates recent regional support of the ecological significance of this northern Everglades area. As quoted by Ken Salazar, previous Interior Secretary, "Working in close partnership with landowners, we are taking a major step to safeguard the long-term health of the Everglades in the Kissimmee Valley, while ensuring the area's ranching and farming heritage and economy remain strong." The current natural resource and public use is compatible with these important regional natural resources. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 33830 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Avatar Scrub | Threatened and Endangered Species | Other Management Observations | The Lake Marion Creek properties are important to the protection of the Upper Kissimmee headwaters, eventually flowing to the Everglades. The current use of Avatar the property definitely furthers the District's core mission. In the early 1990s all of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners along with over 50 citizens attended the SFWMD Governing Board to support acquisition by the District of the Lake Marion Creek project. In fact this area was the first environmental land acquired in 1996 in partnership with the District, under Polk County's local Environment Lands Program. In addition, Polk County has acquired environmental land in this area on our own as we have deemed it so environmentally significant. The management of Avatar by District staff has allowed for the native habitats to remain diverse. The uplands contain scrub, which provides important and significant recharge to the Floridan aquifer. There are diverse healthy natural communities that are being well managed by the District. There are listed plant and animal species on site including the important sand skink. Today, the property still retain its conservation values, especially the water resources. | There is not a better use of the property for the District's core mission. This is demonstrated by the fact the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Polk County, and Southwest Florida Water Management District in addition to SFWMD acquired property within this area due to the important natural resources. The Avatar property is being well managed with prescribed fire, invasive exotic removal, and other management tasks which are effective in supporting the District's core mission. There is not a better use of the property for the District's core mission. | The current recreation on the project area is well suited for the property. Environmental Education would enhance the understanding of resource protection, so we would encourage those opportunities as they become available. This project plays a key role in providing a wildlife corridor along the Kissimmee River watershed and we encourage conservation of the property to continue so this important aspect can carry on into the future. The Northern Everglades established by the The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service demonstrates recent regional support of the ecological significance of this northern Everglades area. As quoted by Ken Salazar, previous Interior Secretary, "Working in close partnership with landowners, we are taking a major step to safeguard the long-term health of the Everglades in the Kissimmee Valley, while ensuring the area's ranching and farming heritage and economy remain strong." The current natural resource and public use is compatible with these important regional natural resources. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The current use of the property is not due to the resources but instead it is for the people around the neighborhood and many from outside of the neighborhood. You could say that it is for the locals and the tourists in Florida. | no because the nature preserve provides all of the needs for the people many people enjoys going there with friends and family. The nature preserve could not be any better. | it would be public use because the nature preserve provides people enjoyment/entertainment. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Tibet Butler Reserve is grate resource for natual flora & fauna. It has been home to so many native habitat and has precious wetlands. It is very important to protect this reserve. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The Tibet-Butler Preserve is crucial to maintain wildlife and land conservation in our area. There has been tremendous construction in recent years and the loss of this land would be significant. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | It is a beautiful natural area in a highly developed area. If it were to be sold, it would be developed very quickly, and the chance to maintain the areas natural beauty will have been lost forever. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | There are few preserves in the area, and this is the only one on Lake Tibet. The wildlife is already struggling for habitat, and this preserve provides that for both land and water species. | no | no | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Tibet-Butler Preserve provides an enormous benefit not only to the many rare animals living in the preserve, but to the surrounding areas as well. The preserve borders the Butler chain of lakes. This lake is under attack from development and it's water quality has been impacted over the years. The Butler Preserve provides a much need buffer and filter to help the quality of the lake. Additionally the wetlands which it contains helps to limit flooding to the surrounding areas during periods of high rainfall. Inside the preserve itself, the wildlife is abundant. Since the surrounding areas are developed, any change to the preserve would completely eliminate many of its inhabitants. | No. The Tibet-Butler Preserve as it now exists provides the maximum benefit to the districts core mission. | No. Any changes to this property would be detrimental to the water quality and wild life in the area. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The Tibet-Butler Preserve is one of the few locations in the immediate vicinity that is a protected natural area that is open to the public. As such, it is a resource that our family enjoys for trail walks and observation of wildlife. It serves this purpose well, and should be retained in public ownership. | No - This property should be retained in public ownership as conservation land. When compared to other areas (such as Minnesota, Wisconsin, or even Cook County in Illinois) of the country, there is relatively little inland public land in Florida that has been preserved for access and use by the public. Many other areas feature parks, access, and boulevards along inland lakes, which makes the natural resource available to the public in many ways. | No - This property should be retained in public ownership as conservation land. In this part of Central Florida, almost all of the lakeshore is privately owned, with only a few small access parks wedged in between private properties. The Tibet-Butler Preserve is an exception, and should be maintained in public ownership. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe this area fully supports the Districts core mission areas above. I strongly encourage this area remain as is and not be changed. Current scheme is beneficial to the environment, maintains natural resources and high priority wildlife. This property should not be developed! | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34120 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Water Supply | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Florida has spent many years wisely acquiring, protecting and managing important landscapes. It developed a sophisticated process for identifying the most important lands that provide multiple benefits not only for maintaining Florida's quality of life in terms of protecting its natural resources and recreational and educational opportunities, but also to protect the public from flood and wildfire hazards, and threats to the quantity and quality of our public water supplies. Protection of all of these parcels is important to Florida's long term economic viability, and compromising them is extremely short-sighted. The more these natural landscapes are lost to inappropriate uses that alter the natural process maintaining them, the greater the costs will be for eventually providing these services for the public. In addition, a large part of the Florida economy is based on tourism, which benefits both directly and indirectly from the existence of these natural areas. The direct benefits come from recreational and educational opportunities for tourists visiting the areas where these sites are present. The indirect benefits come from the services these areas provide in terms of water quantity and quality that support tourism. An important part of the process for identifying important lands for protection was to understand their functional position in the overall watershed and landscape in which they exist and how they are positioned in relationship to other lands that are currently protected and have been identified for future protection. While some areas may not receive heavy use, their existence may be crucial for the viability of other areas in the watershed or regional landscape, and determining their value in isolation from these other areas is both unrealistic and unfair to the public. | While I may not have visited some of these natural areas recently, or ever, doesn't mean that they aren't valuable to me. They can support wildlife populations or plant communities that I value and whose existence is important to maintaining the viability of the overall landscape in which I live. They can also contribute to the water supplies that I depend upon, and the economy of the state I live in. | Actually, there is a much greater value to the Florida economy and its people in continuing to support the land protection process that has been in existence for many years than there is in trying to dismantle it piece by piece based on a short-sighted effort to generate income this year. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |

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| 34120 | SUMICA | All | Water Supply | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Florida has spent many years wisely acquiring, protecting and managing important landscapes. It developed a sophisticated process for identifying the most important lands that provide multiple benefits not only for maintaining Florida's quality of life in terms of protecting its natural resources and recreational and educational opportunities, but also to protect the public from flood and wildfire hazards, and threats to the quantity and quality of our public water supplies. Protection of all of these parcels is important to Florida's long term economic viability, and compromising them is extremely short-sighted. The more these natural landscapes are lost to inappropriate uses that alter the natural process maintaining them, the greater the costs will be for eventually providing these services for the public. In addition, a large part of the Florida economy is based on tourism, which benefits both directly and indirectly from the existence of these natural areas. The direct benefits come from recreational and educational opportunities for tourists visiting the areas where these sites are present. The indirect benefits come from the services these areas provide in terms of water quantity and quality that support tourism. An important part of the process for identifying important lands for protection was to understand their functional position in the overall watershed and landscape in which they exist and how they are positioned in relationship to other lands that are currently protected and have been identified for future protection. While some areas may not receive heavy use, their existence may be crucial for the viability of other areas in the watershed or regional landscape, and determining their value in isolation from these other areas is both unrealistic and unfair to the public. | While I may not have visited some of these natural areas recently, or ever, doesn't mean that they aren't valuable to me. They can support wildlife populations or plant communities that I value and whose existence is important to maintaining the viability of the overall landscape in which I live. They can also contribute to the water supplies that I depend upon, and the economy of the state I live in. | Actually, there is a much greater value to the Florida economy and its people in continuing to support the land protection process that has been in existence for many years than there is in trying to dismantle it piece by piece based on a short-sighted effort to generate income this year. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The Tibet-Butler Preserve is a very valuable resource that serves an important purpose in this area. The undeveloped lake shore with its shoreline vegetation helps keep the water in the lake clean and filtered by natural plant life. The Preserve also is an important home to a large variety of birds and wild life. There has been so much development of this entire area over the past 10 years. It is very important that we keep the Tibet Butler Preserve a place where wild life and birds can access a lake and be protected in wild growth forest areas. | No. Please keep this land as it is. | No. Please keep this land as it is. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 33830 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | Lake Marion | Other protection of water, wildlife and wilderness | Other Inspect Management Activities | The Lake Marion Creek properties are important to the protection of the Upper Kissimmee headwaters, eventually flowing to the Everglades. The current use of the property definitely furthers the District's core mission. In the early 1990s all of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners along with over 50 citizens attended the SFWMD Governing Board to support acquisition by the District of the Lake Marion Creek project. In fact this was the first environmental land acquired in 1996 in partnership with the District, under Polk County's local Environment Lands Program. In addition, Polk County has acquired environmental land in this area on our own as we have deemed it so environmentally significant. The management of the project by District staff has allowed for the native habitats to remain diverse and the wetlands are in good hydrological condition comprising about 50% of the project area and this allows for good water quality treatment of rainfall and stormwater runoff. The enormous amount of wetlands also allow for water storage until it slowly makes its way to the creeks. There are three rivers, Snell, Horse and Reedy creeks on the Lake Marion Creek properties. These creeks are in relatively pristine condition. The Lake Marion project is the upper headwaters of the Everglades, feeding the Kissimmee Chain, Lake Okeechobee on to the Everglades. The uplands contain scrub and sandhill, which provides recharge to the Floridan aquifer and flatwoods assist in holding seasonal flood waters. The Lake Marion Creek property conserves and protects important water resources. In addition, there are diverse healthy natural communities that are being well managed by the District. There are over twenty two listed plant and animal species. Approximately fifteen natural communities are contained within the project area, showing great diversity. Today all the properties still retain their conservation values, | There is not a better use of the property for the District's core mission. This is demonstrated by the fact the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Polk County, and Southwest Florida Water Management District in addition to SFWMD acquired property within this area due to the important natural resources. The Lake Marion property is being well managed with prescribed fire, invasive exotic removal, and other management tasks which are effective in supporting the District's core mission. | The current recreation on the project area is well suited for the property. There is hiking, hunting and nature appreciation. These uses seem compatible with the environmental conditions of the property. Environmental Education would enhance the understanding of resource protection, so we would encourage those opportunities as they become available. This project plays a key role in providing a wildlife corridor along the Kissimmee River watershed and we encourage conservation of the property to continue so this important aspect can carry on into the future. The Northern Everglades established by the The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service demonstrates recent regional support of the ecological significance of this northern Everglades area. As quoted by Ken Salazar, previous Interior Secretary, "Working in close partnership with landowners, we are taking a major step to safeguard the long-term health of the Everglades in the Kissimmee Valley, while ensuring the area's ranching and farming heritage and economy remain strong." The current natural resource and public use is compatible with these important regional natural resources. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The use of these parcels to preserve the habitat for native species in close proximity to urban areas offers the best opportunity for future generations to understand the fragile ecosystem that exists on the Florida peninsula. To sell off these parcels for development creates a continuation of urban sprawl and destroys the quality of life for current and future generations. | NO | NO | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Other Keep Tibet-Butler Preserve a PRESERVE! | I am concerned about any action that may impact Florida's conservation areas. Keep Tibet-Butler Preserve a conservation area. Don't sell it and build townhomes, strip malls and condos. It is a refuge for animals. I am concerned that it will be sold. It should remain a preserve. | No. It should remain a conservation area and preserve. It is why I bought my home here in Keene's Pointe. Because it borders on a preserve! Don't take it away and destroy the natural habitat of the poor animals and natural resources. | No. It should remain a preserve. It has been a conservation area for a reason- and should remain that way. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34787 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I think the District's core missions is doing a phenomenal job with this land. Me and my family go there all the time. For us is very important because helps us get in touch with nature, ourselves, an to relax. We find such an inner peace there that helps us recharge. | I think that this property is being well utilized. The District is doing a superb job maintaining and giving us this peace of heaven. | I really don't thing there any other better way. It's perfect the way it is. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I think that the reserve does as well as it needs to in this area. It may not specialize in being effective in flood control and water quality but the reserve does specialize in other subject areas. It does a fine job and I think that if the district decides to sculpt it differently, more harm will be done than good. I think that nature should be left alone and that if we mess with it, we could end up creating another problem like in the Everglades with the pythons. The preserve does do a fantastic job. It comes to restoration and preservation of the plants and animals that abode there. These beautiful creatures are protected in the preserve by only if it is left alone. Some things are better left untouched. | No, I think that everything is as it should be right at this moment. Things should be left the way they are because they have been this way for years and there has been no problem all this time. This property is to be used to preserve the species that live there and I strongly believe that it should be left alone and used for this purpose. This morning I received a chain text message from two of my friends telling me to comment here and try and help. We are all under the age of 14. The preserves should be left the same not only because it affects me and my preference but because it affects all of my friends and the people I most care about. I think the district needs to fulfill its "core missions" somewhere else. The Tibet Butler Preserve is a place for families to see wildlife, go on nature walks, and learn about the importance of the preservation of these species and I see that it does a wonderful job at this. This preserve is a refuge, not a random plot of land that the district can just throw away. | No, I believe that the preserve serves its purpose and doesn't need to be modified. The preserve helps threatened species and gives them a refuge. Turning the preserve into a reservoir would be destroying the home that these animals depend on. I think what the district is doing is cruel and harsh and that it should be stopped. My friends and I all hope that you will hear us out and spare these beautiful creations of God. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Fishing | Tibet Butler Preserve act as a vital filter in keeping the Windermere Chain of Lakes clean. As some of the cleanest lakes in the state of Florida, any other use to this pristine area would be extremely detrimental to the cleanliness of the lakes and the quality of life for residents and wildlife in the area. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Please maintain this land for public use. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Canoeing and Kayaking | The tibet butler nature preserve specifically acts as a filter for the run off from the roads and properties nearby and filter that water before it enters into the Butler Chain of Lakes, specifically Lake Tibet Butler. This must remain a sanctuary. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I think this is a great preserve that offers opportunities for recreation and nature appreciation to people of all ages! I use a wheelchair, and although I can't go on the sand hiking trails, other members of my family do! I love the interpretive center because it's wheelchair accessible, has great displays, and even has bird feeders in areas that I an access, so that I too, can see the birds up close. Some of the planned Saturday activities have been fun, and I think it's great that groups of homeschooolers can come for classes during the week. I think having classes in the preserve gives them a better education than if they went to public school. And honestly, living in Keene's Pointe, on the north side of the preserve, I enjoy having the preserve as a buffer between neighborhood sprawl. | No! | No! No! No! Please keep the Tibet-Butler Preserve! Please do not sell the land as surplus! Because of the recreational and educational opportunities, we are all better citizens or being able to use the preserve! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Allowing Florida's land to maintain it's natural existence is not only good for the water quality of the surrounding waterways, but maintains the habitats of the animals that reside in these areas. Florida's natural existence especially in the Lake Buena Vista area is being taken over by apartment buildings and resorts. Any change to the Tibet Butler Preserve would only open up opportunities for these "commercial" uses in the future...this is an action that is not in the best interest of anyone long term. | Maintaining the property as a nature preserve is what is best for supporting the District's core missions. | Canoeing or kayaking tours would be a nice addition to the services currently being provided by the Tibet Butler Nature Preserve. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | It is doing an alright job. It could be better, but having no land available at all would be horrible. Not only would precious undeveloped land become valued and in demand, but also the addition of more boaters and humans in general to the area would lead to the demise and destruction of one of Florida's best natural resources. | Leave it as it has been intended. It cleans the water, remains beautiful, and provides a last habitat for many jeopardized species of animal and plant life. | Leave it untouched and natural forever. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34972 | SUMICA | All | Other | Other | With great ecological diversity, the SUMICA tract supports water quality and natural resource protection. The remarkable species variety supported by this tract makes it rank at the highest Priority 1 and 2 levels in the Critical Lands and Waters ID project and the Conservation Cooperative Blueprint Regional CLIP priorities. The undisturbed nature of this tract provides for wetland and habitat functions of the highest order. The property provides storage of stormwater, recharge, base flow in dry times and because of its location provides these services to both local resources management and the rest of the downstream system. | No. | No. | |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | Please allow the Tibet-Butler Preserve to stay active. | NO | NO | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | It meets all the criteria! Don't destroy this beautiful preserve! | No there isn't. This place shouldn't be destroyed! | No it's absolutely perfect. So many families enjoy going here and having this place destroyed would crush them! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34787 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bicycling | In my opinion, it's well done. Every time I go there I enjoy the vegetation, the wild life I see there, and the lake. I feel in touch with nature, alive, and happy. | I don't think there is a better use. It is perfect! | It is perfect this way. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | | I oppose strongly of using this land other than its present use of recreational, natural preserve. As this supports the engagement of an organic well being of today's nature enjoyment. There is less and less local access to the essence of our natural environment for our youth to enjoy healthy mothers nature. | No. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other | Very Well, don't change it!!!! | No, The Tibet - Butler Preserve needs to remain the same. It is a wet land and a preserve. Home to many animals, we see Bald Eagles frequently nesting in the Preserve. It provides a hiking area close to home and education center for children and families. | It supports the natural resources. Please do not change it, the area is too important. It is important to the future of our State that we protect our wetlands and animal habitats. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The Tibet-Butler Preserve fits this mission statement perfectly. By keeping this land and protecting it from what is no doubt another housing/commercial developer it will continue to help protect and improve the chain of lakes water quality and wildlife. If the property would be sold off and developed it would be more runoff being dumped into the lakes and more natural ecosystem lost forever. The preserve is a wonderful place to take my kids to show them nature and what Florida naturally looks like. You can easily forget that the Disney World property is only a mile or two away as a crow flies and think you are miles away from civilization. Isn't that one of the purposes of a natural preserve? Teaching the next generation that it is important to respect and conserve nature for future generations and showing them how a natural setting gives the wildlife a place to flourish is becoming harder and harder every day. This preserve is one spot close by that I would like to continue to enjoy with my family. | No, the land should be kept as is a natural preserve. | No, the land is beautiful, it is a wonderful secluded place to go for walks and take photos of wildlife. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Canoing and Kayaking | Current use of property is highly valued as a Natural Resource. The sale or development of the area would eliminate one of the last remaining areas free of development. The sale of this property would have negative environmental impacts. | The current use of property is the most effect means of supporting the District's mission. | No, protecting and maintaining these areas as natural reserves is the best use of the property. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Anything built here would disrupt the Butler Chain. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Boating | I am 45 years old. 20 years ago I began waterskiing on the Butler Chain of Lakes. There were MANY more natural areas around the lakes then and perhaps the main reason the water quality is so good. I would hate to see us loose any more naturally preserved land in this area. These lakes are the heart of our community. | There is NO better use. Not only do they help cleanse the water from all the fertilizers, etc...they are also home to several bald eagles. Every morning I wake to their sounds and that would be a real tragedy to take from them when we already had SO much development around here. | NO. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | As a Florida native who was born and raised in the Central Florida area, I have seen alot of changes and alot of our natural areas being built up. The Tibet-Butler Preserve is a piece of paradise close to home. Recently I took my 8 year old grandson there. We had a great time walking thru the Preserve, looking at all the plants and trees and birds. Where else can we go to experience a little unfettered nature without driving miles and miles? The Science Saturdays programs, guided hikes, all would be gone. We NEED to keep this wonderful treasure in our corner of Orange County. I believe it benefits all of us. Please keep the Preserve. Thank you. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | They are paramount to provide water quality and as natural system restoration. | No. | No. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34972 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Other | Other | Very well. Each of these tracts are valuable in terms of water management, wetland function and flood control. Additional downstream impacts through development would be detrimental to the overall Kissimmee system. Staff review notes unique ecosystem wetland and upland ecosystem features. | Continuing restoration efforts support all mission elements for the District. Lake Marion and Reedy Creek in conjunction with the Shingle Creek project provide protection for critical wildlife habitat in addition to water resource benefits. These tracts are entirely within the Florida Ecological Greenways Network and rank as the highest Priority 1 and 2 in the Critical Lands and Waters ID project and the Conservation Cooperative Blueprint Regional CLIP priorities. | Only if you can use it to protect against construction of the Poinciana and Southport Expressway projects just approved by Metro Plan Orlando that would transect Shingle, Lake Marion and Reedy Creek watersheds. If you can't stop them then insist that FDOT make provisions ecosystem and watershed management. | |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Lake Tibet-Butler Preserve, the Shingle Creek floodplain properties in Orange County and Osceola County, the Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek floodplain tracts in Osceola and Polk Counties, and the SUMICA conservation area in Polk County should NOT be reclassified as Surplus. These areas were deemed worthy of conservation as per your mission "To manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply". These properties are even more relevant today in support of your mission as they were on the day you conserved them. I am not in position to speak to the degree to which these properties achieve the goals of the SFWMD - that is your job. Don't lower yourselves to the activities of the planning and zoning commission whereby you are just "moving the furniture to a different location in the house, the furniture is the same, the house is the same, you are just rearranging it..." | It is not a matter of use from my standpoint. It is a matter of you getting your value proposition out to the public better. You have an awesome responsibility in meeting your mission. These properties should NOT be reclassified as surplus. | These properties provide some educational benefits. Step it up on your programs. These properties should NOT be reclassified as surplus. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I think current use of T-B Preserve is best use of this property. Would hate to see it developed. | | | |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I walk the trails on this preserve often and have personally notice several rare birds and reptiles. It is a beautiful conservation area that should be protected and cherished. There are numerous housing communities going up all around the area, and this land should remain protected from future development. This is the only substantial land around the Tibet-Butler chain of lakes that is protected, and destroying it would only harm the environment. | No, the preserve should only be approved upon with more hiking / biking trails and maybe a tent only campsite. | No. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34120 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Supply | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Florida has spent many years wisely acquiring, protecting and managing important landscapes. It developed a sophisticated process for identifying the most important lands that provide multiple benefits not only for maintaining Florida's quality of life in terms of protecting its natural resources and recreational and educational opportunities, but also to protect the public from flood and wildfire hazards, and threats to the quantity and quality of our public water supplies. Protection of all of these parcels is important to Florida's long term economic viability, and compromising them is extremely short-sighted. The more these natural landscapes are lost to inappropriate uses that alter the natural process maintaining them, the greater the costs will be for eventually providing these services for the public. In addition, a large part of the Florida economy is based on tourism, which benefits both directly and indirectly from the existence of these natural areas. The direct benefits come from recreational and educational opportunities for tourists visiting the areas where these sites are present. The indirect benefits come from the services these areas provide in terms of water quantity and quality that support tourism. An important part of the process for identifying important lands for protection was to understand their functional position in the overall watershed and landscape in which they exist and how they are positioned in relationship to other lands that are currently protected and have been identified for future protection. While some areas may not receive heavy use, their existence may be crucial for the viability of other areas in the watershed or regional landscape, and determining their value in isolation from these other areas is both unrealistic and unfair to the public. | While I may not have visited some of these natural areas recently, or ever, doesn't mean that they aren't valuable to me. They can support wildlife populations or plant communities that I value and whose existence is important to maintaining the viability of the overall landscape in which I live. They can also contribute to the water supplies that I depend upon, and the economy of the state I live in. | Not really. The SFWMD has done an excellent job of managing the property in the past given the limited resources available. More funding for these activities would provide the biggest improvement for the existing activities on the site. Actually, there is a much greater value to the Florida economy and its people in continuing to support the land protection process that has been in existence for many years than there is in trying to dismantle it piece by piece based on a short-sighted effort to generate income this year. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Presently, the current use of the land as a nature preserve furthers the district's core missions by protecting water quality and supply and the land's natural resources and wild life from construction and development. | Continuing the use of the property as a nature preserve that is open to the public is the best possible use of the land for the district's core missions. | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other | Other Recreation | As a resident in the Keene's Point community near the Tibet Butler Preserve, I find it disturbing that your organization is seeking public comments without first declaring your intentions to change the use/zone of the land. I don't know whether I oppose to your plans for changes or not, but I certainly don't want you to take "no comments" as agreement with whatever you may propose. When the proposal come, I certainly don't want you to count me as a silent "public" who did not oppose to it when I had the chance. Please log my concern for the record. When you announce your plans, you may not say my silence during the "public comment" seeking period means my approval for your currently secretive plans. | The land use is currently satisfactory. And as you are not announcing your plans for any potential change before seeking comments, I cannot comment on my reaction to your plans, as you have not announced it. But it's my believe that any changes should first be proposed, then seek public feedback, then decided upon. You may not throw out a stealth "public comment seeking period" and use the lack of comments as approval for the plans you later announce. | Again, I am not sure yet, but the land use is currently satisfactory. And as you are not announcing your plans for any potential change before seeking comments, I cannot comment on my reaction to your plans, as you have not announced it. But it's my believe that any changes should first be proposed, then seek public feedback, then decided upon. You may not throw out a stealth "public comment seeking period" and use the lack of comments as approval for the plans you later announce. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Picnics | The Windermere area has plenty of undeveloped property and this beautiful preserve needs to be available for educational opportunities as well as a quiet, peaceful place for families to go and get away from hustle and bustle of the real world | It's perfect the way it is!!! | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Natural resource | No it is perfect as it is as a preserve | Please do not disturb the Tibet Butler Preserve leave it as it is | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | We moved to the area almost 15 years ago and have watched wildlife including owls, other birds of prey, foxes, and various other species become misplaced as large developments have replaced their habitats. There is nothing worse than seeing these animals darting through neighborhoods and traffic as a result of their reduced living space. The areas where they can live unendangered are shrinking at a phenomenal pace in this area as we see apartments, shopping plazas, and housing spring up and we are alarmed to learn that the Tibet-Butler Preserve and other nearby protected areas may also be developed. These key areas are essential to the native wildlife and representative of the caring nature of our community and should be respected and protected indefinitely. The Tibet-Butler Preserve and the other areas in question are the District's success stories in the areas of protection and restoration of the area's natural resources and water supply. While my family and I love taking advantage of the recreational aspects of the Preserve, our foremost concern is to do the right thing with the environment and its natural inhabitants. Please maintain these areas as they are currently and please do not allow them to fall into the hands of those less protective of our area's resources. Thank you for your consideration. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The current use of this property is perfect. In an area with commercialization and growth to have a sanctuary for families to enjoy and learn more about nature is imperative. There is nothing like it in the SW area of Orlando. I am so grateful to have "real" nature rather than the contrived nature we find at many of our amusement parks. Please do not take this valuable land away from the residences of SW Orlando. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Tibet Butler Preserve is an excellent habitat for reptiles, insects and plant life that are not normally viewed in the otherwise developed areas outside this preserve. | I am satisfied with the current use of this property and how it is managed. | I am satisfied with the current use of this property and how it is managed. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34972 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other | Other | With its 300+- acres of wetlands, important to the resource protection of the Butler Chain of Lakes and Kissimmee River Watershed, this is one of the larger remaining areas of undisturbed wetlands in this sub-basin. The property contains 138+- acres of upland habitat that provides for public use through passive recreation and wildlife habitat. The Vera Carter environmental center provides crucial environmental resource education for a highly urbanized area in Central Florida. The property supports the District's mission of flood control, water quality, water supply (through distributed water management characteristics of the wetlands) and natural resource protection which seems to be missing on your list of mission elements. | No. | No. | |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Although I am no expert in the field, I am concerned about the loss of habitat for all wildlife. While I am not opposed to the managed use of lands, I do worry about losing the Tibet-Butler Preserve, and the loss of a practical habitat. Although my wife and I are not regular visitors, an accessible natural environment to view wildlife is very nice. | I cannot speak to this issue, other than to say the ability to have the wetlands and a mature standing wooded area provides a nice natural environment for wildlife beyond my yard. | Our society seems to shift routinely from save everything to save nothing, and it is hard to envision what the middle ground really looks like. I do believe that the experts in the field may provide a direction, but we must always be cautious to avoid making visibly good decisions for poorly defined reasons. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Natural Systems Restoration | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | As a civil engineer and as a Florida resident, I believe not only Tibet-Butler Preserve but also all the reserve areas are paramount for Natural Resource protection and restoration, Flood Control as well as to provide Water Quality and should remain as such. | Absolutely not! These areas should remain with the same designated land use as before. | Absolutely not! These areas should remain with the same designated land use as before. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Boating | This Land that has been a natural resource since the dawn of time is in place to keep stasis, filter pollutants and restore balance to an eco-system that is already in trouble. The land at hand house numerous numbers of species, some of which are endangered. PLEASE DO NOT TURN THIS LAND INTO ANOTHER HOUSING PROJECT OR STRIP MALL. | The use of this lands is as it stands: to filter, provide housing for natural ecosystem species and to keep some precious land filled with natural plant, flora and fauna rather than becoming an asphalt landing which does not allow percolation and water table restoration. | NO. SIMPLY NO!. The land is exactly what it is supposed to be and what GOD wanted it to be. Please do not allow the destruction or raping of it. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 34972 | Shingle Creek | All | Other | Other | Very well. Each of these tracts are valuable in terms of water management, wetland function and flood control. Additional downstream impacts through development would be detrimental to the overall Kissimmee system. Staff review notes unique ecosystem wetland and upland ecosystem features. | Continuing restoration efforts support all mission elements for the District. Shingle Creek is the headwaters of the Kissimmee system and the location of this property in conjunction with Lake Marion, etc. provides protection for critical wildlife habitat in addition to water resource benefits. The Osceola tract is a model for public/private partnership with and is entirely within the Florida Ecological Greenways Network, and rank as the highest Priority 1 and 2 in the Critical Lands and Waters ID project and the Conservation Cooperative Blueprint Regional CLIP priorities. | Only if you can use it to protect against construction of the Poinciana and Southport Expressway projects just approved by Metro Plan Orlando that would transect Shingle, Lake Marion and Reedy Creek watersheds. If you can't stop them then insist that FDOT make provisions ecosystem and watershed management. | |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | As is, I think it is wonderful. I have heard rumors of development. We have so few quality preserves left, the Tibet Butler preserve should be left intact. | no | I don't know. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 43786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | We believe that the Tibet-Butler Preserve is very important as a natural preserve and helps the environment as well as protecting our water supply; it should not be sold as that would result in its destruction. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Other | The current use is the best for that preservation area as it relates to species preservation, flood control, entertainment and family activities. The preserve must be maintain and not sold to developer which will end all benefits it brings to the area and in turn decrease the quality of living of those who live in the surroundings and deteriorate property values. | No | Not that I know of | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34741 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | As a native of this area, these wildlife preservation areas are the heart of Central Florida and its native flora and fauna. From Bald Eagles to panthers to black bears, these true environmental gems must be saved and preserved for future generations. Crystal clear waters play an important part of Florida's ecosystem as they lead to the headwaters of the everglades. These pristine areas are truly the last remaining areas of untouched natural Florida. By removing them from a protected state, we are encouraging their demise. To do so would be detrimental to the many indigenous species of wildlife and plant life that makes the Central Florida area so attractive to visitors. We have had enough pristine areas that have been polluted, encroached upon by development and have suffered extreme wildlife devastation. One example is the Kissimmee River. Due to man's inherent need to mess with nature, we now have to restore our vital waterways to their natural form. By messing with the above regions, especially those in the Tibet-Butler chain, we face a future of massive water pollution as seen beforehand in Lake Apopka and Shingle Creek. By allowing these areas to be sold for more development, our drinking water, flood control and natural resources are facing imminent destruction which will never be replaced. As an area that is heavy in ecological tourism, including fishing tournaments, bird watching, hiking and boating, by removing the above properties from protection, we are literally killing our tourism and the main reason people settle in the Central Florida area. | These properties should be kept as is to protect our natural resources. These areas are home to many of Florida's indigenous species that are being forced from the area due to heavy encroachment by unscrupulous developers. Protect these areas, put them as parks and charge accordingly to keep them pristine for all to enjoy. | Place them under the protection of the parks and services department like the Grand Canyon. Charge accordingly for those outsiders who want to use them, thereby generating funds to protect them. No one would object to paying a small park fee, such as Homosassa Springs, etc. to enjoy bird watching, boating or fishing. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |

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| 34120 | Shingle Creek | All | Water Supply | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | Florida has spent many years wisely acquiring, protecting and managing important landscapes. It developed a sophisticated process for identifying the most important lands that provide multiple benefits not only for maintaining Florida's quality of life in terms of protecting its natural resources and recreational and educational opportunities, but also to protect the public from flood and wildfire hazards, and threats to the quantity and quality of our public water supplies. Protection of all of these parcels is important to Florida's long term economic viability, and compromising them is extremely short-sighted. The more these natural landscapes are lost to inappropriate uses that alter the natural process maintaining them, the greater the costs will be for eventually providing these services for the public. In addition, a large part of the Florida economy is based on tourism, which benefits both directly and indirectly from the existence of these natural areas. The direct benefits come from recreational and educational opportunities for tourists visiting the areas where these sites are present. The indirect benefits come from the services these areas provide in terms of water quantity and quality that support tourism. An important part of the process for identifying important lands for protection was to understand their functional position in the overall watershed and landscape in which they exist and how they are positioned in relationship to other lands that are currently protected and have been identified for future protection. While some areas may not receive heavy use, their existence may be crucial for the viability of other areas in the watershed or regional landscape, and determining their value in isolation from these other areas is both unrealistic and unfair to the public. | While I may not have visited some of these natural areas recently, or ever, doesn't mean that they aren't valuable to me. They can support wildlife populations or plant communities that I value and whose existence is important to maintaining the viability of the overall landscape in which I live. They can also contribute to the water supplies that I depend upon, and the economy of the state I live in. | Actually, there is a much greater value to the Florida economy and its people in continuing to support the land protection process that has been in existence for many years than there is in trying to dismantle it piece by piece based on a short-sighted effort to generate income this year. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Clearly this preserve acts as a large natural barrier between development and the Butler Chain We frequently visit the visitors center, hike to the end docks and picnic lunch...my kids love it and we bring visiting kids to learn about Florida wildlife | no | no | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34761 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | | | | |
| 34761 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | There are so few places in the southwest orange county area that are available for public use. This park is a wonderful piece of nature where students and adults alike can experience the woodland area of the Florida pine forest. | | | |
| 33830 | SUMICA | All | Other Managing Agency | Other Managing Agency | SUMICA in its current use plays a tremendous role in flood control, water quality treatment, providing water supply and has significant natural resources. The SUMICA tract was acquired by Polk County and SFWMD in 1999 and still retains its conservation values. Polk County is the lead managing agency and the following comments are based on that management. It contains 11 natural communities made up entirely of mesic and hydric natural communities which are in a good state of ecological value. There now exist diverse native vegetation with very few invasive exotic species. The hydrology overall is still in good condition. Polk County has completed a construction project with the District to have the largest marsh system on the site become part of a District alternative water supply (project completed in 2010), which involves holding water for longer periods of time. The watershed drains to Lake Rosalie which eventually connects through Lake Tiger to Lake Kissimmee. It is all part of the Upper Kissimmee River watershed. SUMICA protects over 2 miles of Lake Walk-in-Water shoreline and one mile of Lake Walk-in-Water Creek. The site allows for storage of rainwater and stormwater over 4,000 acres and then slowly releases water to the downstream system. This decreases potential flooding in the area. There is approximately 2,000 acres of water quality treatment through the marsh system. | There is not a better use of the property for the District's core mission. SUMICA is being managed with prescribed fire, invasive exotic removal, and other management tasks which are effective in supporting the District's core mission on natural resource protection and management. The marshes are functioning well due to the fire regime. | The current recreation on the project area is well suited for the property. There is hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, primitive camping, picnicking nature viewing, shoreline fishing and hunting. The hunting is through the Operation Outdoor Freedom (wounded warriors) in conjunction with the Prairie tract of the Lake Wales Ridge State Forest. The picnic shelters, improved parking area and observation platform deck were part of a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program grant and would require reimbursement if the site did not provide public recreation. SUMICA is an important wildlife corridor link specifically connecting Lake Walk-in-Water to Lake Wales Ridge State Forest Prairie Tract to Lake Kissimmee. This project plays a key role in providing a wildlife corridor along the Kissimmee River watershed and we encourage conservation of the property to continue. The Northern Everglades established by the The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service demonstrates recent regional support of the ecological significance of this northern Everglades area. As quoted by Ken Salazar, previous Interior Secretary, "Working in close partnership with landowners, we are taking a major step to safeguard the long-term health of the Everglades in the Kissimmee Valley, while ensuring the area's ranching and farming heritage and economy remain strong." The current natural resource and public use is compatible with these important regional natural resources. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Selling off this land would eliminate natural habitat. We only have a few reserves. DO NOT SELL!! | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The usage of this property (Tibet Butler Preserve) serves these above purposes by allowing excess water runoff area during excess rains, thus keeping surrounding areas from flooding. Due to the fact that we have the "Chain of Lakes" in Windermere," we need flood control areas. In addition, there are many interesting birds and other animals that use this preserve as a home. My family and I enjoy hiking around there to see the plants, flowers and animals. I wonder where they would make their new homes if the usage were to change? In addition, if that runoff area were not there, would flooding occur on the roads and in the surrounding neighborhoods. | No, it should be used as it is currently. | I'm not sure how it would be better used in order to support natural resources. The public use is good. They have classes, hiking, birdwatching...these are all things that people can enjoy. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | There has been too much development along CR-535 over the past few years. All of the natural areas are being developed with multi-family complexes - apartments, townhouses, condos - and that has increased the crowding of this area tremendously. | I think the preserve should be left alone with no future thought of developing the area. | Again, I think the preserve should be left along with no future thought of developing the area. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 33960 | SUMICA | All | Other Research, Conservation Planning, Water Quality, Restoration | Other Research, Conservation Planning, Watershed Analyses. | This comment refers to all 5 sites Tibet-Butler, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion, Reedy Creek and SUMICA. PDF and jpegs have been submitted to sfrankli@sfwmd.gov as part of this comment. Archbold Biological Station, Venus Florida is an internationally recognized ecological research and conservation center based in the Northern Everglades. Archbold could not ascertain a clear scientific process or comparative basis by which SFWMD selected the 5 sites for surplus consideration; it was not feasible to review analyses. The SFWMD planning document illustrates coarse scale mapping, but no apparent site specific analyses. The maps are derived from statewide syntheses (with which Archbold is extremely familiar). Archbold recommends that SFWMD utilize a detailed regional study including the Upper Lakes, conducted for the Central Florida Regional Planning Council by the same organizations that prepared CLIP and statewide analyses used by SFWMD (Tom Hoctor, Geoplan Center, FNAI, TNC). The report, Heartland Ecological Assessment Report 2010, is emailed to SFWMD as part of this submittal. This analyses contains far more detail than the statewide analyses, and is a refined regional approach. The 5 sites appear to play a central role in themes that tie directly to SFWMD core mission: Florida Black Bear Habitat, Florida Panther Habitat, Riparian Greenways, Ecological Network, Groundwater Priorities, Smokesheds, Rare Species Habitat Conservation Priorities, Riparian Buffers, Conservation Buffers, Strategic Habitat Conservation Areas, Natural Communities, Greenways, Wetlands, Potential Natural Areas, and Landscape Integrity. The report used lands acquired, not CERP planning boundaries. Because of limited time available for public comment it only a visual inspection of the shapefiles was possible; Archbold did not have time to analyze each site separately in terms of its relative contribution. | No. These five properties all provide effective support for the SFWMD core mission (see above too). The Northern Everglades (specifically lands draining south into Lake Okeechobee) have a lower proportion of publically owned lands (approximately one fifth) than south of the lake, and has experienced a higher per cent loss of wetlands than south of lake. Hence surplus of public lands in this area has greater consequences in terms of diminishing protected area networks. It is critical to review all sites in this region in a landscape context. It appears these five sites play a key role for connectivity of species and contiguity of ecological processes within the entire network of public lands in this region, including lands managed or owned by other agencies/or easements on private lands. In terms of natural resources – wildlife connectivity for large animals such as bear, panther, bobcats, otters – these proposed lands play an important role. See for one example the tracked route of a representative male Black Bear M34 who crossed Sumica (twice) and went close to the other four sites listed on his 500-mile 2-month trip through this region in 2010. This jpeg map is submitted separately via email to SFWMD as part of this public comment. Note. Shingle Creek is the emblematic headwaters of the Everglades Headwaters. | These FIVE properties provide important natural resource and public use values, and with a present evaluation there is no better use of the property envisaged that would provide better use to meet these needs. The subbasin planning process should be used to further evaluate relative contributions. In terms of water storage, water quality and flood protection. Prudent planning would suggest it would be preferable to conduct selection of surplus sites in conjunction with/ or as a recommendation stemming from developing the subbasin plans (required by the 2007 Northern Everglades Plan, as is underway for the 6 subbasins in this region. Some of these 5 SFWMD public lands were already identified and listed on tables in earlier documents published by SFWMD as being important for meeting the one-million-acre feet target retention for the Northern Everglades. Extreme caution is merited when considering surplus existing public lands that may end up being the most cost effective and strategically located for later floodplain restoration and for enhanced water retention. Analyses of the contribution of public lands to meet sub-basin goals is critical – a strategic and well-thought planning and modeling analyses for sub-basin plans should PRECEDE and be completed before selecting sites to surplus. Archbold would recommend that all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation lands. Further analyses should be conducted as part of the subbasin planning process, with public review, to allow for a rigorous and transparent surplus review process. | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, SUMICA, |
| 32712 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I and my hiking companions use these area frequently. Hiking conservation areas are a great way to reduce stress and provide an enjoyable introduction to Florida wildlife. It would be a tremendous loss to lose this wonderful experience to appreciate nature and the environment. I look forward to sharing these hiking adventures and water sport activities with my grandchildren and friends. | NO NO NO NO | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | It provides perfectly, giving a home to many of Florida's natural critters. If this area is given up as surplus, vital wetlands will be lost as well as numerous wildlife. Every year we see bird life returning to it's prior nesting sites, as well as eagles, owls etc. The Tibet Butler preserve is also a great resource for local children to study nature, with great trails and education center. | The best use is, as is, providing a serene environment for the natural flora and wildlife to flourish. | NO! There is enough land around the preserve that is being taken for development. It is vital to the area to keep this green space and provide natural balance. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bicycling | As your website states, the Tibet-Butler Preserve support numerous types of wildlife. This area is rapidly being developed, which is significantly reducing natural land to support & sustain the local wildlife. We need pockets of undeveloped land throughout the area as a refuge for the remaining natural animals and plants. I was told by the developer of Keenes Pointe (1000 homes) that a portion of the subdivision's water runoff was channelled into the Preserve. How would that handled if the Preserve was developed? | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 32835 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | In my opinion, there is no body of water that shows what the South Florida water management District efforts better. The Butler Chain of Lakes are the cleanest freshwater lakes in the state. A large reason for that is the lake Tibet-Butler Preserve. In addition, the preserve provides the only unblemished land along the coastline. Everything else is houses and that's what the preserve will become as well if you sell it. | No, there is no better use than exactly as it is used now. | No, we have five children, and every one of them has been on multiple field trips, whether it be for school, scouting, or a family trip. In addition, our family boat, fishes, and sails in the area surrounded by the preserve on a weekly basis. It is a magnificent example of old Florida and makes the experience that much better. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other | The reserve keeps some of central Floridas shrinking wildlife safe. Every day I see little forests being chopped down and this place gives me some ease that we still have some trees left. You can't cut it down. | Nope | No. It is perfect the way it is. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 32818 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The property is the epitome of Natural resource protection and restoration. It is a beautiful preserve. | No. | No. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Water Quality | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I believe these properties should be retained as Conservation Lands and not be declared surplus. These properties serve the core missions of the SFWMD - Flood control, Water Quality, protection/improvements, water improvements, Water Supply, Natural resource, protection and restoration. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The Tibet-Butler Preserve is a vital and critical upland and wetland resource which is disappearing to development and is not something we can replace at a later date once we realize too late the true environmental purpose that it served. It serves an essential role for environmental purposes for plant, cypress and hardwoods along with wildlife as well as environmental education. It also provides a rare glimpse into our wetlands through it various trails. This constitutes part of the "Headwaters of the Everglades and we need to protect this significant but diminishing wetland resource. If you visit the Chicagoland area you will be amazed by the many forest preserves throughout, which were created and continue to be maintained by those with foresight well beyond the immediate financial gratification but by those having a long term view toward the future for generations to come. This is one small natural area in Orange County of which there are almost none where we need to have the same foresight and the fortitude to make the right call for the environment versus developers. | There is not and we would strongly oppose any suggested changes which would take it from it's current mission of resource preservation and environmental education to include taking legal action if necessary. If the District truly supports its "core" missions than the answer is clear which is to leave this preserve as is. I have a hard time understanding why possible development or characterization of this preserve as "surplus" more closely supports the District's core missions. | There is not and we would strongly oppose any suggested changes which would take it from it's current mission of resource preservation and environmental education to include taking legal action if necessary. Sometimes the greatest use of land especially wetlands is to simply leave it in it's natural state. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | I live on the Butler Chain of lakes and would like to see this area remain as is forever. This area provides a wonderful area to boat, hike and just enjoy the natural beauty of central FL. | NO | Yes, maybe we could have the areas that connect the Butler Chain of Lakes widen and deepened for larger boats | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The current use of the Tibet-Butler Preserve serves our community in so many ways. This preserve was the primary reason we purchased our property. We have been more than pleased with the protection of this natural treasure and admire the care of this precious land by both government and citizens. Our community works hard together to maintain its beauty, protect both wildlife and vegetation, and to respect this resource. It provides unending enjoyment for everyone with boating, wildlife watching and generally provides a peaceful and safe environment for persons and wildlife. We feel that this land should be left exactly as it is. We were told when we purchased our property that it could never be touched. If this Preserve was altered or removed, it would certainly lower the property values and in truth, we would no longer be interested in staying on this lake. When the Peabody Hotel was heightened and a giant white beacon installed on the top, we felt it disrupted the natural beauty of this area. It is an eyesore both at day and at night and our fear is that any change to the Tibet Butler Preserve land use could open doors for future developments, thus destroying views, habitats and our waterways. It would be a disgrace to see this happen. I cannot stress how vehemently we are opposed to any change of this land use. There is already too much development along the corridor and I feel that we need to fight to protect our waterways and the precious ecosystem residing there. | No, we do not feel there could be any better use of this Preserve. | Absolutely not! In fact, any change would do the opposite. Instead of supporting natural resources or public issues, we feel it destroy what little space we have left. | |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | I think maintaining the land in its natural state aids both water quality protection and natural resource protection. Properties around the Butler chain of lakes have been developed to the extent that water quality has been degraded over the last 20 years. Further loss of natural areas will likely make things worse. | No, I think that maintaining the land as a natural preserve and park would be its best continued use. | I know of no better use for the property. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 33713 | Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek | All | Water Supply | Boating | It preserves the water supply and the headwaters of the Everglades. | No. Florida needs to conserve and protect our resources and make these lands top priority. You are violating your core mission, which is "balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply." Selling off, trading, or changing the use of these lands runs counter to each of these tasks. Another part of your core mission is "to provide the most benefit to South Florida taxpayers." We are two taxpayers who believe that the most benefit to us is to continue to have conservation lands for flood control, natural beauty, recreational use, and drinking water. No one will benefit if Florida runs out of drinking water, and we know the majority of Floridians agree with us. That may be an explanation for the secrecy in this whole procedure. Why have you not revealed which parcels will be proposed as surplus, as the St. Johns River Water Management District has done? Are you concerned about a DSMB (Don't Sell My Backyard) reaction? This is poor conduct for a public agency, especially one operating in a state that claims its government is in the sunshine. For the future of Florida, we ask you to abandon the plan to declare Florida's conservation lands surplus. Florida has precious little land that is not built over. It is your job to protect that land. Please fulfill your responsibility. Lands taken away from us will never come back. John and Sheila Stewart 2130 Burlington Avenue N. St. Petersburg, Florida 33711 sjstew@gte.net | No. The Tampa Bay Times has recently covered the decline of Florida's springs and the groundwater feeding them. Given the state of our springs, and the need for water for an enormous population in Florida, the worst action to take at this point is to declare any of our conservation lands as surplus. | |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Tibet-Butler Preserve is a beautiful natural resource. I walk in the preserve every Sunday morning and hope to increase my visits to twice a week. It is a peaceful, quiet location where I can recharge and enjoy being in a natural environment. I live in Keene's Point and can walk to the Preserve. It is my favorite way to exercise year round. | No - it's perfect just the way it is. | They could use some additional length on their wooden boardwalk. A nice dock to the water would be wonderful as well so kayaks and canoes could access the water. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". The current use of the property directly supports the District's core mission of Natural Resource protection. | No. The property use should be maintained as is to be most effective. | No. The property use should be maintained as is to be most effective. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | If the use of the property is changed, the public will lose out on a beautiful park. In addition, the preserve provides needed balance to the ecosystem. | No. | The health and safety of our water is at stake. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, |
| | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | | | | |
| | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | | | | |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | My family and I live close to the Tibet-Butler Nature Preserve and use it to hike and observe nature. It is an important natural resource that needs to be protected for the animals, the environment and the people. Tibet Buter Nature Preserve should not be declared surplus. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34787 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Other | Other | The current use of property furthers the District's core mission of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, Natural Resource protection and restoration quite well. | I believe there is a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions. | I think there is a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 32836 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | The Reserve has been a community place to take our scouts to engage in nature. The naturalists know their material and provide quality education to our children. There is nothing for the community to gain with another overpriced development on that property. Children need more opportunities to commune with nature and the trees are better for the environment than anything a developer could build. Please reject the offer to sell this resource. | Publicize the wonderful programs more. | | |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | Please protect and preserve the Tibet-Butler preserve or our children and grandchildren. We do not need any more development in this area! | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | My home is adjacent to Tibet Butler , my main concern is both conservation as well as flood ecosystem control . My property exists in harmony with the Preserve , any alteration in present balance may have consequences. In articulate I do not wish to see the Preserve developed any further than it is now . CT 535 is already starting to get over developed ...I do not want this area to end up like other poorly planned communities like Metro West and Sandlake areas . | Enhance the Preserve and create more protected areas . Do not further contribute to destroying the local ecosystems and wildlife lands . The Tibet Butler Preserve is something special to the Windermere ara and it should be maintained as is ...do not let urban development destroy this rich asset. | See comments above and read between the lines. I believe I have written enough to let you know where I stand on this matter. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Threatened and Endangered Species | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | It is a necessary preserve. It is well maintained. It is a haven for wildlife and should be left as it has been. It is doing just fine. | No. | All I want to say is I feel that the preserve should always remain a preserve! We do not need to be overdeveloping and neglecting our natural resources...our wildlife. Also it provides a learning experience for all, young and old. Do Not change any of our preserves!! The areas should be protected by the state. Thank you. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | This property serves as wet lands, and is a very important and well used area for locals to visit and view. It is extremely important in the area. | I think it should stay as it is! | It is home to many animals and birds at this time. It would be a disgrace to SW Orlando to get rid of the preserve. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | This preserve needs to be left alone. ENOUGH over building. We do not need anymore zero lot line subdivisions to lower the property value around our neighborhood. The area around the preserve is poorly developed with zero imagination or thought. We could at least leave one small natural and necessary piece of undeveloped land in the area. | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | My family and I enjoy walking through this property often to view wildlife. It is very peaceful and serene. I have lived in the area for 8 years. In that time I have seen so much of the green areas along 535 torn down for construction projects. Soon there will not be any green areas left for us to show our children the Ospreys hunting for food or observe turtles, lizards and other Florida wildlife. Nature is important! Please keep this beautiful preserve!!! | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | My family and I enjoy walking through this property often to view wildlife. It is very peaceful and serene. I have lived in the area for 8 years. In that time I have seen so much of the green areas along 535 torn down for construction projects. Soon there will not be any green areas left for us to show our children the Ospreys hunting for food or observe turtles, lizards and other Florida wildlife. Nature is important! Please keep this beautiful preserve!!! | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | We love all parks, but especially enjoy the Tibet Butler Preserve. My son and I hiked there this past Saturday. My dad and his friend hiked there last Thursday. It is a beautiful park and we do not want it to be used as anything else. We need to preserve our parks!!!!!!!!!!!! | NO!!!!!!!!!!!! | No!!!!!!!!!!!! | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | By allowing natural habitat for the endemic wildlife in an area of recent growth and development, this preserve lessens the impact that this change to the area and its animals. | No | No | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I think the property is very much needed to create Flood control and water protection to West Orange County | The property must remain a preserve to maintain a habitat for all the wildlife that call the Tibet Butler Preserve home. The idea that the property would be destroyed for the purpose of property development is heartbreaking. | Please let the property remain a natural resource to be enjoyed by the residents of Orange County for years to come. It is not just enjoyed for those entering the Preserve. All the surrounding neighborhoods love and treasure the wildlife that come into and fly over our homes. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Boating | Very well. The current use of the public park at Tibet Butler preserve maintains and preserves the fragile eco systems of the surrounding chain of lakes. The park preserves the natural habitat of the wildlife as well as the integrity of the lake water. With an increase of private homes and commercial businesses within the Tibet Butler Preserve it will put undo stress on an already fragile pristine area. There are very few places within our county left that is unspoiled with a forest and wildlife of this size. If destroyed will never be replaced. | No, the Tibet Butler Preserve is doing exactly what nature intended is to do. There are very few places within our county left that have such natural beauty with an abundance of wildlife and natural forest. The nature park for children, the lake and shore areas for family's water sports is what brings people to this part of the county. The Butler chain of lakes is a very special area and one that should be preserved. The Butler Preserve adds a balance to all of the private areas of the surrounding lake and is doing exactly what it needs to do to preserve a balance of nature. | No, as stated above the Tibet Butler Preserve provides a much needed balance for the surrounding chain of lakes area. With the ever increasing population along the 535 route including a huge amount of multi family unit housing and commercial businesses the preserve will be all that is left that is natural and untouched. The Tibet Butler Preserve should be "preserved" as was intended so many years ago. It is serving its purpose as beautifully. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, Shingle Creek, Lake Marion Creek and Reedy Creek, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | It has in the past been a learning center for the environment for the public and especially school age children. It also houses eagles and their nests. Has many rare plants native to Florida. Little ponds with minnows certain times of the year. A pleasure to visit as there are caretakers there to educate you on the Ecco System. Please keep it safe for the public to enjoy. Thank you Barbara King | | | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | I believe all of the listed properties should be retained in public ownership as conservation land; they constitute the true "Headwaters of the Everglades". Retaining the property's use supports the District's core mission of Natural Resource protection. | No. The property use should be maintained as is to be most effective. | No. The property use should be maintained as is to be most effective. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Recreation and Public Use | Hiking, Walking, Jogging | In my opinion the Tibet Butler Preserve serves a vital function as a habitat for numerous animals and plants. Additionally its preservation provides a significant contribution to the Butler Chain of Lakes water quality by restricting development in one of the last large undeveloped areas that borders the Chain of Lakes. This area is frequently used as a living educational tool to many local children and young adults that might not have this opportunity without this preserve. It's my opinion that the loss of this nature preserve would be a major ecological step backward for the State of Florida in its water supply and natural resource protection mission. The loss of this undeveloped space could never be recovered if it was allowed to be even slightly developed and would be a mistake that will penalize all future generations of central Florida residents. | I know of no better usage of this area | I know of no better usage of this area | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |
| 34786 | Tibet-Butler Preserve | All | Growth Management and Land Use | Bird Watching, Wildlife Viewing | The Tibet-Butler Preserve provides a natural environment in an urban sprawl; a place where kids, families, and residents can explore the wonderful beauty of Florida without traveling far. This ability to connect with the state's natural resources creates better citizens with a desire/knowledge to improve our future land management. | No, as natural lands need to be preserved that are easily accessed by the public. | No. | Tibet-Butler Preserve, |

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| 34741 | Shingle Creek | All | Recreation and Public Use | Other Shingle Creek Regional Trail | I am the project planner for the Shingle Creek Regional Trail (SCRT) and I just wanted to convey our support of the WMD and its efforts to preserve lands associated with the SCRT. Following is a brief description of the project and the project can also be accessed on the City's website at the following address: http://www.kissimmee.org/index.aspx?page=693 The SCRT will be a regional system spanning four Central Florida jurisdictions including the City of Kissimmee, Osceola County, Orange County and the City of Orlando – all containing unique portions of the trail. When fully constructed, it will stretch 32 miles through one of Florida's most traveled urbanized areas. This trail will become part of an extensive trail network that extends from Kissimmee to Wekiva Springs State Park. In its entirety, it will serve as a key north-south connector in a larger regional trails network that includes the West Orange Trail, South Lake Trail, Cross Seminole Trail and Seminole-Wekiva Trail. It will also connect the public to the growing areas of protected land along the Shingle Creek watershed. These parcels connect to form a regional linear open-space park, creating even more opportunities for recreation and enjoyment near the Shingle Creek water body – the northernmost headwaters of the unique Kissimmee – Okeechobee – Everglades ecosystem. This trail is one of only two trails in the State of Florida that has been recognized nationally by the Department of the Interior as highlighted in the November, 2011 edition of the America's Great Outdoors (AGO) Fifty-State Report. Secretary Salazar and his leadership team at the Department of the Interior asked Governors, their senior leadership and stakeholders in all 50 states to identify specific projects in which the Federal Government could partner with states to advance the AGO goals. The SCRT is on that list. Cont'd to next dialogue page: | The complete SCRT system within the City of Kissimmee and Osceola County will ultimately extend from the Osceola / Orange County line south along the east and north sides of Shingle Creek to Lake Tohopekaliga (Lake Toho), and along the west side of Lake Toho from near the mouth of Shingle Creek north to the Kissimmee Lakefront Park in the City of Kissimmee, Florida. A portion of this multi-use trail system from Vine Street (US 192) south to the intersection of Future Hoagland Boulevard with Pleasant Hill Road is exempt from the overall analysis limits. (This exempt segment is either already constructed, under construction or to be constructed along with the County's Hoagland Boulevard Reconstruction Project). The remaining trail system contained within this project has been divided into two distinct sections. The North Project Area is from the Osceola / Orange County line to Vine Street, and the South Project Area is from the intersection of Future Hoagland Boulevard with Pleasant Hill Road to the Kissimmee Lakefront Park. The goals of the SCRT are to provide a safe, natural recreation amenity for Kissimmee and Central Florida residents as well as to attract ecotourism for bicyclists, pedestrians and recreational water users such as canoers, kayakers, etc. to the surrounding urban area. It is being developed through cooperation between the local governments of the City of Kissimmee, Osceola County, the City of Orlando and Orange County. The Orlando Metropolitan Planning Organization (MetroPlan – Orlando) was instrumental in securing the Federal funds for this project. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is a major project partner and is responsible for administering the funds. | | Shingle Creek, |
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