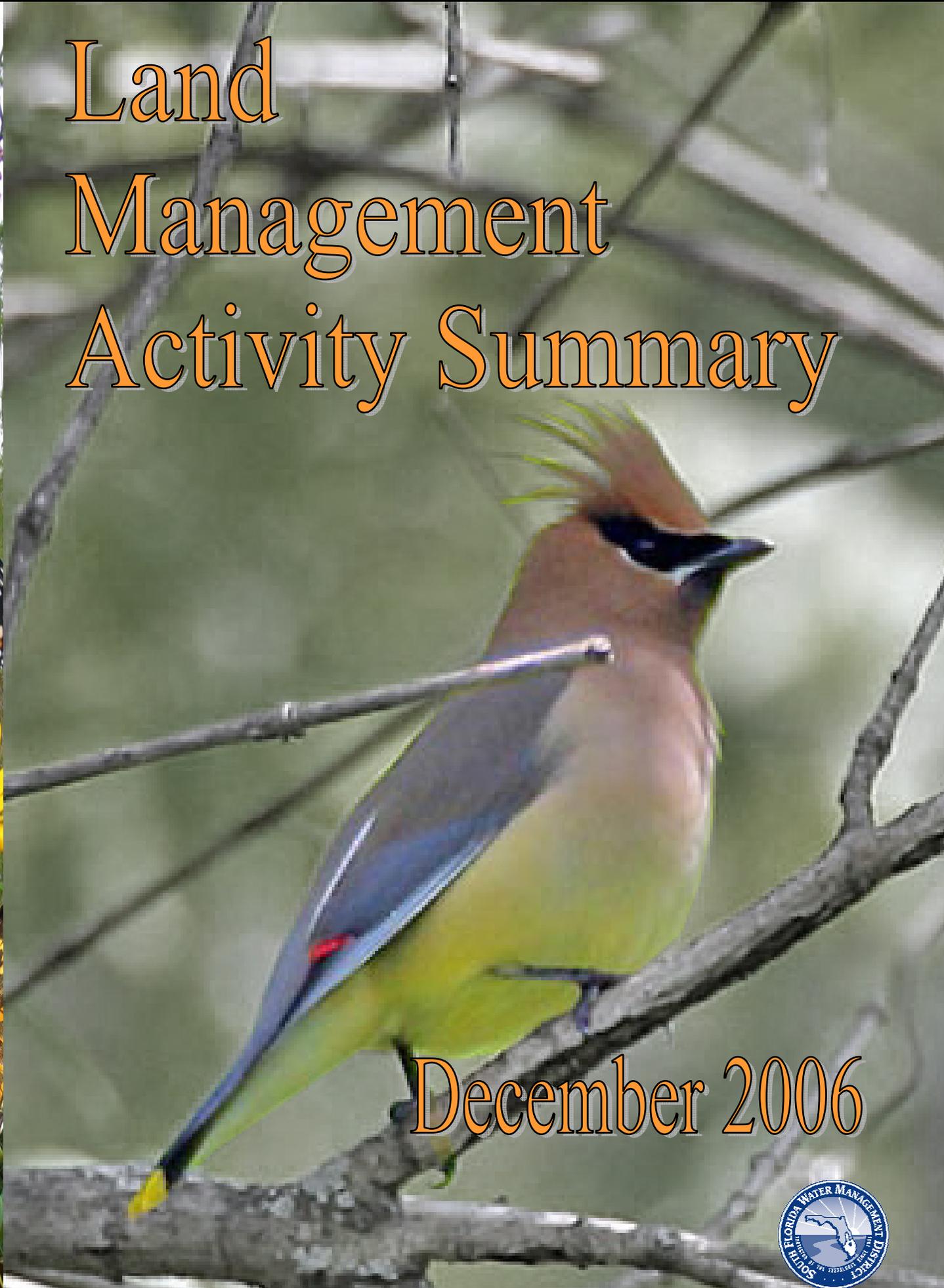


Land Management Activity Summary



December 2006

Cedar Waxwing: *Bombycilla cedrorum*



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Prescribed Fire

- 125 acres were burned in November with an 95 acre burn at CREW, and a 30 acre arson fire in the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes: Catfish Creek

Exotic Control

- 2,689 acres treated
 - Lake Marion Creek
 - Loxahatchee River
 - Allapattah
 - Indian River Lagoon
 - Kissimmee Chain of Lake
 - Reedy Creek
 - CREW
 - Southern Glades
 - Tibet-Butler
 - Kissimmee River
 - Pennsuco



Allapattah Flats in Martin County where 995 acres of Brazilian Pepper, Cogon Grass, Lygodium, and Rosary Pea was treated in December

Vegetation Management: 280 acres

- DuPuis (45 acres): Palm thinning on 25 acres, roller chopped 20 acres of overgrown understory
- Loxahatchee River (50 acres): firelines mowed and some other vegetation clearing
- Kissimmee River: 150 acres of hardwoods were rollerchopped and shredded at the Packingham / Buttermilk Sloughs restoration site.
- CREW: 35 acres mowing trail head and hiking trails

Wildlife Management

- DuPuis
 - DuPuis had 141 hunters in the month
 - 139 vegetation damaging feral hogs were removed
- Allapattah
 - The first season as a small game hunting area netted 31 feral hogs for the month of December
 - Allapattah had 203 hunters in December
- Southern Glades
 - FWC biologist attended the annual Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow fire management meeting that discussed the impact of fire management activities on this rare bird
 - Staff discovered the remains of a coyote in the area confirming the migration of this mammal that is not native to Florida into Dade County



A bobcat kitten caught by the scruff of the neck and escorted to safety prior to a prescribed fire

Other Land Management

- Demolition of a damaged barn completed at Allapattah
- Secondary Containment installed on fuel tank at Allapattah
- Repairs made to a parking area that was damaged by vandals at Southern Glades



Allapattah barn during demolition



Allapattah barn following demolition



Vandalized parking area in Southern Glades

Recreation

- 350 youths attended the eco-holiday special event at the Ox-Bow Eco Center on the North Fork of the St. Lucie River
- Astronomy night was held at CREW, a class from Florida Gulf Coast University also visited the Management Area
- Construction on Palm Beach County's new park facility at Palm Beach Downs made significant progress in December with much of the required earthwork having been completed



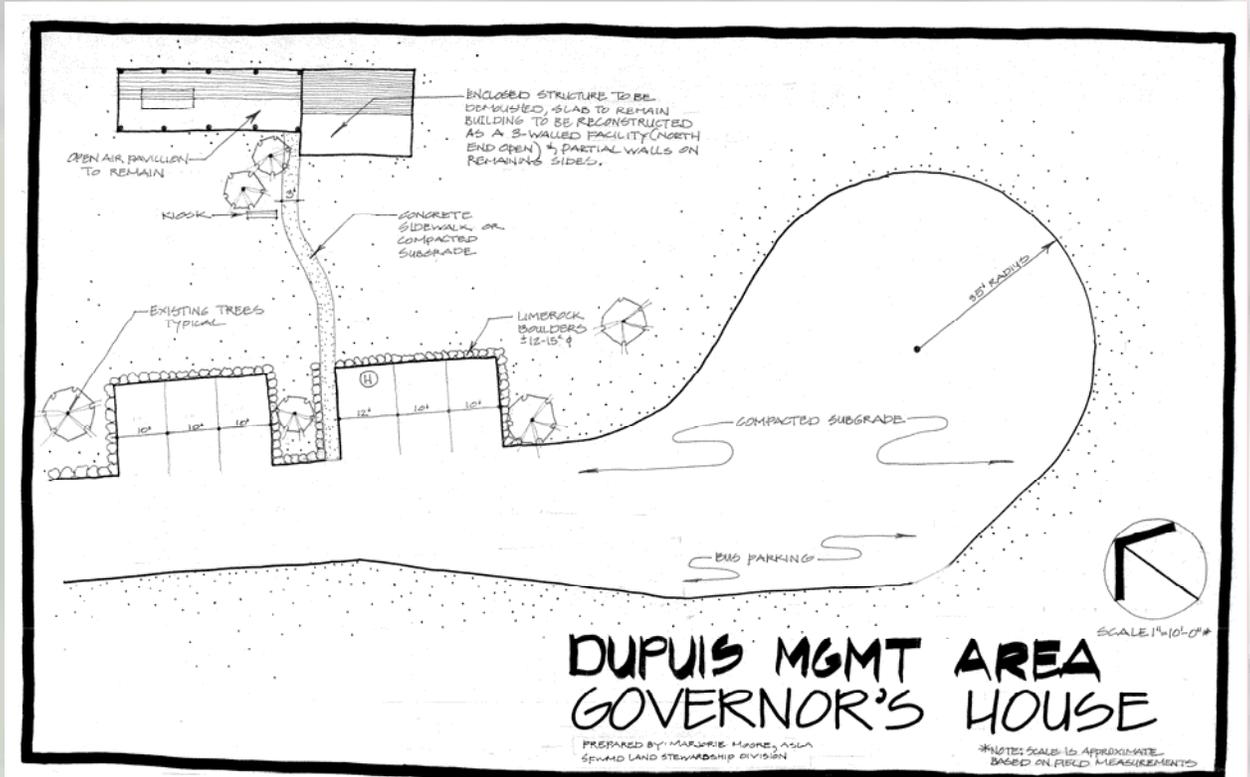
Participants at Astronomy night at CREW



Florida Gulf Coast University class visiting CREW

Planning

- Land Stewardship Staff met at DuPuis for the Annual Division meeting and quarterly Land Manager's meeting on Dec 5th, followed by a Departmental holiday luncheon on Dec 6th.
- A landscape plan was created for a new parking area at the Governor's house at DuPuis



A landscape plan for a new parking area at DuPuis



Department Holiday Luncheon and meeting at DuPuis