



Land Management Activity Summary

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Wood Thrush: *Hylocichla mustelina*



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Prescribed Fire

- 483 acres were burned in January with an 83 acre burn at CREW, and a 400 acre burn at DuPuis.

Exotic Control

- 4,812 acres treated
 - o Lake Marion Creek
 - o Shingle Creek
 - o Allapattah
 - o Indian River Lagoon
 - o Loxahatchee River
 - o Kissimmee Chain of Lake
 - o Reedy Creek
 - o CREW
 - o Southern Glades
 - o L-31
 - o Tibet-Butler
 - o Kissimmee River
 - o Pennsuco
 - o Biscayne Wetlands



Ground crews cutting and treating shoebuttan ardesia in Southern Glades



Vegetation Management: 1285 acres

- DuPuis (45 acres): Palm thinning on 200 acres, roller chopped 100 acres and shredded 20 acres of overgrown understory
- Loxahatchee River (50 acres): firelines mowed and some other vegetation clearing
- Kissimmee River: 60 acres of overgrown understory were shredded at Kicco



Overgrown Pine flatwoods opened up with shredding at KICCO

Wildlife Management

- Kissimmee River
 - Bald Eagle monitoring at KICCO
 - Two piglets were caught by Land Stewardship and Natural Resource Conservation Service staff during a restoration planning trip to KICCO
- Kissimmee Chain of Lakes
 - Eagle nest monitoring
 - Allapattah had 203 hunters in December
- Lake Marion Creek
 - 3 hogs removed during a hog only hunt
- Southern Glades
 - FWC reptile specialists conducted a python expedition along the C-110 canal and found 5 snakes and 2 hatched nests



Land Stewardship and Natural Resource Conservation Service staff catch 2 piglets at KICCO

Employee Spotlight

Sr. Land management Technician Orlando Coy was interviewed by Univision WLTV Ch 23, the largest Spanish network in the United States. The segment was on people who work with the environment and what their duties are. Great job Orlando!!



Other Land Management

- Stabilization of new culverts at Trail Ridge in St. Lucie County
- Road repairs made at Trail Ridge in St. Lucie County
- Repairs made to an access area that was damaged by vandals at Frog Pond
- Shell rock laid down and two culverts replaced at Lake Marion Creek
- New fence built at No-Name Slough for Kissimmee River Restoration activities
- 2 miles of road were graded at CREW



Stabilization of culverts at Trail Ridge



Road Repair at Trail Ridge



Vandalized Fence at Frog Pond

Recreation

- Equestrian use was reinstated at Hickory Hammock and DuPuis following a regional outbreak of Equine Herpes
- Presentation was given to the Florida Trail Association on recreation on District land
- Opening ceremony held at Allapattah
- The Water Resource Advisory Committee’s recreational issues workshop was held on the 22nd
- Construction was nearly completed at St. Lucie County’s new recreation area at Ten Mile Creek featuring picnic areas, a pier on a pond, nature trails and a course for Frisbee golf
- District staff participated in a recreation planning trip to the 10 Mile Creek project
- New 360° panoramic photos were taken of District recreation facilities to be used in a web-based virtual tour of District land



A recreation planning trip to the Ten Mile Creek project



Public opening ceremony was held at Allapattah



New panoramic 360° photos of the District’s recreation facilities to be used in a web-based virtual tour

Recreation (Continued)



New recreation facilities constructed by St. Lucie County at Ten Mile Creek: the picnic area, the pier, and Frisbee golf.

Planning

- Land Stewardship's annual report for Fiscal Year 2006 was completed in January and is available online at https://my.sfwmd.gov/portal/page?_pageid=2236,4688937,2236_4690459&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

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