



Land Management Activity Summary



November 2006

Tri-colored Heron: Egretta tricolor





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Prescribed Fire

- 172 acres were burned in November with an 80 acre burn at CREW, and a 92 acre unit along the Loxahatchee River (burned by the Florida Park Service)



A low-intensity backing fire approaching a fire control line

Exotic Control

- 4,077 acres treated
 - o Lake Marion Creek
 - o Shingle Creek
 - o Allapattah
 - o Kissimmee Chain of Lake
 - o Reedy Creek
 - o CREW
 - o Tibet-Butler
 - o Kissimmee River
 - o Pennsuco



Land Stewardship Staff from the Kissimmee River Region met with USDA staff to discuss control methods for Turkeyberry (*Solanum Turvum*)

Vegetation Management: 1,091 acres

- DuPuis (50 acres): Palm thinning continued
- Upper Lakes (900 acres): primarily mowing
- Allapattah: downed trees cleared from the campsite area
- Kissimmee River: 100 acres of hardwoods were rollerchopped at the Packingham / Buttermilk Sloughs restoration site.
- Trail Ridge: firelines and maintenance roads were cleared, small game areas were mowed

Wildlife Management

- DuPuis
 - 2 additional red-cockaded woodpeckers (RCWs) were reintroduced in specially made nest cavities by FWC biologists
- Allapattah
 - The first season as a small game hunting area netted 72 vegetation damaging feral hogs for the month of November
- CREW
 - A grad student has initiated a survey of fox squirrels on CREW



An example of damage to vegetation caused by feral hogs. 72 hogs were bagged at the first small game hunt at Allapattah and will help reduce this kind of damage.



Other Land Management

- Office at Allapattah was pressure-cleaned and stained
- New fences and gates installed at Trail Ridge
- Repairs made to a recreation area that was damaged by vandals at CREW
- New officer housing trailer installed at CREW



Allapattah field office before repair work



Allapattah field office after repair work



New fencing and gates at Trail Ridge



New fencing and gates at Trail Ridge



Vandalized picnic tables at CREW



Recreation

- Presentation given to Water Resources Advisory Committee on recreation on the Kissimmee River
- The multi-site partnership agreement with Martin County was approved by the Governing Board in November
- Around 10 volunteers from the Florida Trail Association performed trail maintenance over four days within Hickory Hammock and Chandler Slough along the Kissimmee River



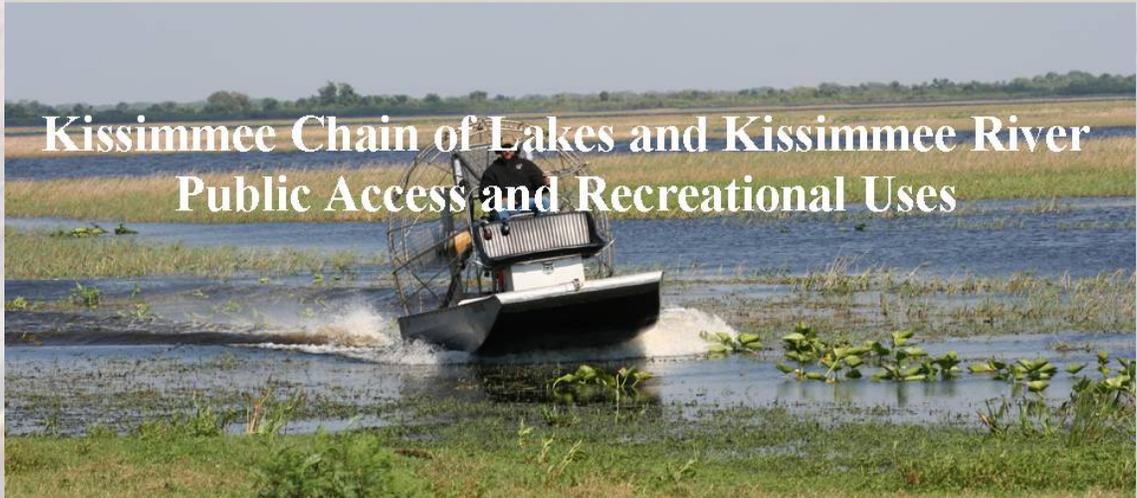
A Florida Trail Association volunteer clearing debris from a segment of the Florida trail



Volunteers from the Florida Trail Association at Hickory Hammock

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Planning

- Land Stewardship Staff attended the Public Land Acquisition and Management (PLA&M) Conference; Land Stewardship Staff:
 - Land Stewardship Staff participated on the PLA&M planning committee
 - provided a presentation on challenges of natural lands management in an urban interface
 - participated in meetings with Local Government land managers and the Office of Greenways and Trails
 - set up a display featuring the broad scope of Land Stewardship activities of the District

- Significant progress has been made in the restoration of the Loxahatchee Regional Mitigation Bank following a summer and fall of vegetative debris clearing and inundation

