

Land Management Activity Summary

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Bald Eagles: *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*



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Prescribed Fire

- 1,194 acres burned in April, dry weather limited burning opportunities in what would normally be a very busy month. Burns occurred at the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, Kissimmee River, Frog Pond, and Rocky Glades.



Prescribed fire at KICCO on the Kissimmee River

Exotic treatment

- 1,847 acres treated
 - Lake Marion Creek
 - Shingle Creek
 - Kissimmee River
 - L-31
 - Kissimmee Chain of Lake
 - Reedy Creek
 - Tibet Butler Preserve
 - Southern Glades
 - Pennsuco
 - DuPuis
 - CREW



Pythons remain a growing problem in Southern Glades and the Model Lands, however there is some evidence that a dry spring may be making native alligators more aggressive with the exotic pythons

Vegetation Management

- DuPuis
 - Timber thinning on 250 acres to prevent the spread of ips beetles.
 - 100 acres shredding of overgrown understory
- Frog Pond
 - Planted pine seedlings that survived a wildfire identified and flagged



Surviving pines flagged at the Frog Pond



Timber thinning infected trees at DuPuis



Interim lands

- Critical CREW
 - Illegal dumping cleaned up
- East Coast Buffer
 - Stolen cars identified by FWC Law Enforcement were hauled off from Cell 28 with the help of the Miami Field Station.



Illegally dumped debris being removed from Critical Crew



Stolen vehicles identified and removed from Cell 28 in the East Coast Buffer

Recreation Program

- The DuPuis Earth Day event brought in 200 visitors
- The annual Wildflower Festival and a Full Moon Hike were held at CREW
- District staff and local airboaters clean up trash in the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, a local “Great American Cleanup” event



Earth Day at DuPuis



Flowers like this Rain Lilly were seen at the Annual wildflower festival at CREW



Wildflowers for sale at CREW



A student wildflower art contest winner with CREW Trust director John Murray



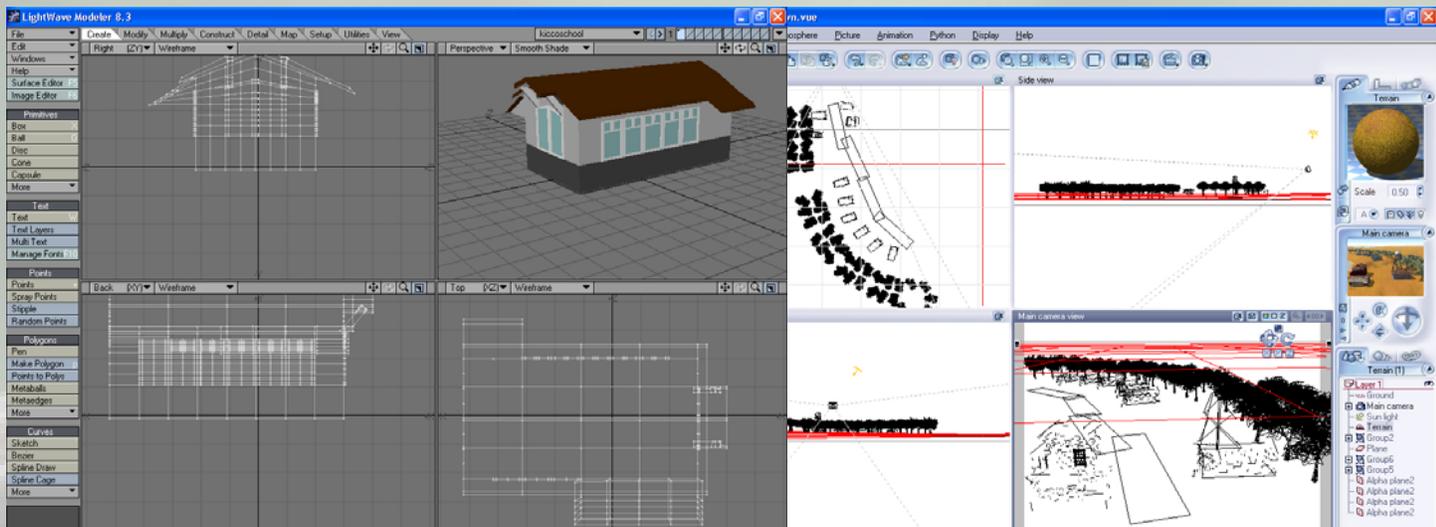
Trash cleanup event at the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes

Planning

- Quarterly land management meeting held at the FFA complex at Lake Pierce
- Meeting with CES staff to develop a strategy to expand their support and facilitating role for conservation land managers from across the state



Quarterly Land Managers meeting held at Lake Pierce



The company town of KICCO, destroyed by the 1947 flood, was digitally recreated for the Kiss. River Pool A Management Plan

