

Land Management Activity Summary

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Prescribed Fire

- 1767 acres burned in January at DuPuis, Kissimmee River, Frog Pond, CREW, and the Corkscrew Regional Mitigation Bank



Burning with DOF and FWC in the Frog Pond



Prescribed burn at Hickory Hammock on the Kiss. River

Exotic treatment

- 3,638 acres treated
 - Lake Marion Creek
 - Shingle Creek
 - Loxahatchee slough
 - Corkscrew Mit. Bank
 - Kissimmee Chain of Lake
 - Tibet Butler Preserve
 - Model Lands
 - Cypress Creek
 - Pennsuco
 - DuPuis
 - CREW



Lygodium at Cypress Creek in Martin County



Lygodium after treatment

Other Vegetation Management

- 324 acres total
- 47 acres shredded at KICCO
 - improves wildlife habitat and aesthetics
 - opens the forest by lowering understory of saw palmetto
 - reduces woody shrub infestations
 - more light reaches ground supporting a more diverse mixture of plants
 - improves ability to prescribe burn larger areas



Planted trees propped up in Southern Glades after falling in a storm



Shredding at KICCO

Habitat Restoration

- 245 acres of exotics removed, 230 acres burned, and 9000 tree seedlings planted on 80 acres at the Corkscrew Regional Mitigation Bank



Habitat Restoration at the Corkscrew Regional Mitigation Bank

Interim lands

- East Coast Buffer
 - Palm Beach County storm debris storage site cleared at Palm Beach Downs
- STA 2
 - 300 signs installed at STA 2, Compartment B



Storm debris being removed



Storm debris site after removal



Signs installed at STA 2, Compartment B

Recreation Program

- Recreation Website launched <http://www.sfwmd.gov/org/clm/lsc/public.html>
- Presentation given to Miami-Dade County for their Open Space Master Plan process
- Initiated development of the 5-year Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan through field visits/meetings with land managers to assess the recreational needs of SFWMD lands



Everglades Trail Kiosk installed at Hickory Hammock

Planning

- Coordinating and planning meeting held with land managers from all 5 water management districts
- Management plans for Shingle Creek and Lake Marion/Reedy Creek approved by the Governing Board
- Botanical report received from botanist Edwin Bridges on the condition of the plant communities at Lake Marion Creek and other Upper Lakes properties, noting the benefit that the decade with a prescribed fire program has had on the land:

“In general, the fire management program on the ULBW tracts over the past 10 years has resulted in significant improvement in natural quality to many of the scrub, sandhill, scrubby flatwoods, and mesic flatwoods sites on the property.”



A rare cutthroat grass seepage community at Lake Marion Creek