

Land Management Activity Summary

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Northern Harrier (Marsh Hawk): *Circus cyaneus*



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Prescribed Fire

- July conditions were too dry to burn in the Upper Lakes and too wet to burn south of Okeechobee, however 230 acres were burned along the Kissimmee River.



Revisiting a pasture at Taylor Creek, 5-months after it was burned for agriculture students at Okeechobee High School

Vegetation Management

- DuPuis (450 acres): 100 acres understory shredding, 270 acres of timber thinning, 50 acres of palm thinning
- Upper Lakes (1900 acres): primarily mowing at Catfish Creek, Johnson Island, London Creek, Lake Marion Creek, Reedy Creek, and Shingle Creek.
- Everglades Region: 31 pines, 10 palmettos and 70 other shrubs and trees were planted in the Frog Pond's Pine Rockland restoration area, and Southern Glade's Lucky Hammock.
- North Fork St. Lucie River (DEP, 5 acres): firebreaks were mowed
- CREW: 70 acres mowed along the trails, tram roads, and open fields.



Timber thinning at DuPuis



Land stewardship technician planting trees and shrubs at Southern Glades

Wildlife Management

- DuPuis
 - Nest cavity inserts placed into several pines in preparation for reintroducing Red Cockaded Woodpeckers, listed federally as Endangered and as Threatened by the State
 - The dove field was planted by FWC



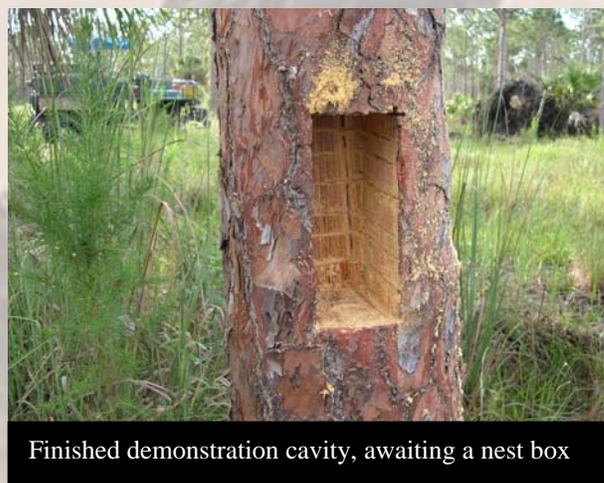
Red Cockaded Woodpecker



A biologist traces a nest box onto a slash pine



Plunge cutting the nest box cavity



Finished demonstration cavity, awaiting a nest box



Land stewardship technicians install nest boxes at the appropriate height



Finished nest cavity

Wildlife Management (Continued)

- DuPuis (continued)
 - Visitors happened across the annual migration of dozens of alligators moving from JW Corbett Wildlife Management Area into DuPuis, they kindly gave the District a video of the event
- Kissimmee River
 - 44 feral hogs trapped at KICCO
- North Fork St. Lucie River (DEP)
 - 3 feral hogs trapped and removed
- Allapattah
 - Parcel A was posted for the upcoming small game season
- Everglades region
 - FWC biologists band 174 mourning doves at Frog Pond
 - 11 Burmese pythons killed as farmers began field preparations at Frog Pond, additional pythons collected at Southern Glades



FWC biologist with a Python



A feral hog trapped by FPS: N. Fork of the St. Lucie River



Burmese Pythons at the Frog Pond



174 mourning doves were banded by FWC biologists in the Everglades Region



Alligators migrating across powerline road into DuPuis

Planning

- There was a meeting of the DuPuis Management Advisory Committee
- Public meeting held in Ft. Myers for the 5- year General Management Plan update
- The Land Stewardship Division 10 year strategic plan was updated for 2007 - 2017
- Landscape designs were created for public use areas in DuPuis, as well as in Bird Rookery Swamp in CREW



Designing a new landscape feature at DuPuis



Future site of a trailhead and parking area at Bird Rookery Swamp in CREW