

# Land Management Activity Summary

August 2006

Gray fox: *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*



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#### Prescribed Fire

- Summer (or growing season) burns are important for maximizing the biodiversity of a pine flatwood's understory; an 860 acre burn was conducted at KICCO using aerial ignition.



A 900 acre aerial prescribed fire in the Red Cockaded Woodpecker pine flatwood habitat at KICCO

**Vegetation Management**

- DuPuis (175 acres): 100 acres understory shredding, 25 acres of timber thinning, 50 acres of palm thinning, several native grass plots have germinated
- Upper Lakes (2800 acres): primarily mowing at Lake Kissimmee, Rough Island, Catfish Creek, and Shingle Creek
- Everglades Region: 100 pine tublings and 270 other shrubs and trees were planted in the Frog Pond
- North Fork St. Lucie River (DEP, 3 acres): trail mowing
- CREW: 60 acres mowed along the trails, tram roads, and open fields
- Kissimmee River: 23 acres mowed at Chandler Slough and KICCO, 37 acres roller chopped in KICCO, and 40 acres of understory was shredded at KICCO
- Inundation began at the Loxahatchee Mitigation Bank to eradicate exotics and encourage recruitment of natives



KICCO understory before FWC shredding



KICCO understory after FWC shredding



Tractor used to plant trees at Frog Pond



Upland native trees planted at Frog Pond



Foam from organics created during inundation at the Loxahatchee Mitigation Bank



Native grass restoration plots germinating at DuPuis

## Wildlife Management

- DuPuis
  - 16 doves banded by FWC biologist
- Kissimmee River
  - Brown trees cut around 5 Red Cockaded Woodpecker nest trees at KICCO
  - Pre-baiting began for FWC turkey surveys
- Frog Pond
  - Dove Field planted
  - Python control efforts continue to bring in the large invasive snakes
- Allapattah
  - Dove field planted
  - Parcel A posted for the upcoming Small Game season



Turkey survey pr-baiting began at KICCO



Dove field planted at Allapattah

**Exotic Control**

- 3,314 acres treated
  - Lake Marion Creek
  - Shingle Creek
  - Kissimmee Chain of Lake
  - N. Fork St. Lucie
  - Tibet-Butler
  - CREW



Caesar weed, *Urena lobata*, a common problem at shingle creek, and anywhere else that is close to urban development

**Other Land Management**

- Roof was repaired at the old ranch office, (currently used by FWC)
- Culverts installed at the Trail Ridge property in St. Lucie County, and three areas were cleared for parking for a small game hunting area.
- Mobile home demolished on the Kissimmee River
- Parking areas graded at Lake Marion Creek



Roof repaired on the Allapattah field office



Culvert installed at Trail Ridge



Mobile home before demolition



Mobile home site after demolition

Recreation

- Construction of a public recreation area at Allapattah is well underway
- A deck was built beneath a District picnic shelter by volunteers from the Florida Sportsmen Conservation Association
- A new Recreation Partnership display panel was shown at the Florida Local Environmental Resource Agencies (FLERA) and the Florida Recreation and Parks Association (FRPA)
- Public Meetings on the CERP Master Recreation Plan continued



New public use area at Allapattah



Deck built by FSCA volunteers at Blanket Bay

Planning

- The District's Cooperative Burning program was presented at the FLERA
- The Governing Board approved the 5- year General Management Plan update for CREW
- The 5- year General Management Plan update for KICCO was completed and a multi-agency management review meeting was held to review and comment on the plan
- Vegetation Monitoring protocols developed for a Natural Resource Conservation Service wetland restoration grant at KICCO

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**Federal & State Agencies**

- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
- DEP/Division of Recreation & Parks
- DEP/Office of Greenways & Trails
- Florida Division of Forestry
- Florida Atlantic University Center for Environmental Studies

**Counties**

- Orange
- Lee
- Polk
- Volusia
- DeSoto
- Harney
- Alachua
- Palm Beach
- St. Lucie
- Broward
- Martin
- Polk
- Clades
- Miami-Dade

**Non-Governmental Organizations**

- Florida Trail Association
- CREW Land & Water Trust
- DNA (DuPont Horsemen's Association)
- FCA (Florida Cracker Trail Association)
- Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association
- Anglers Society
- United Waterfowlers
- Delta Waterfowl
- Wanona's Creek Wildlife Society
- Kissimmee River Valley Sportsmen's Association

**Recreation Areas:**

- Ticket-Baker Preserve
- Shingle Creek
- Upper Sandy Creek
- Lake Marion Creek
- Kissimmee Chain of Lakes
- Seminole
- Kissimmee River Restoration Area
- Kissimmee Prairie State Park
- North Park St. Lucie River
- Alapattah Flats
- Atlantic Ridge
- DuPont
- Pal Mar
- Leachlanche River
- 50-Mile Cypress
- Okalooshnee Slough
- Shoemaker Treatment Area
- Leachlanche Wildlife Refuge
- Water Conservation Area 2 B
- CREW
- Southwest Glades
- Reel Range & Land Trust

**Legend:**

- General Recreation
- Environmental Education
- Hunting

**Text:**

The South Florida Water Management District has taken great strides to enhance its public-access and recreational use program. Through strong partnerships with other state agencies, local federal government, counties, municipalities, and non-governmental organizations we are working out to bring more recreational and educational opportunities to South Florida residents.

The benefits of these relationships abound, and as we forge ahead with our aggressive pace to implement Everglades restoration and other water resource projects, we shall continue to seek new partnerships to help us make the most of recreational opportunities on public lands.

*Hand out and play*

The new Recreation Partnerships display

