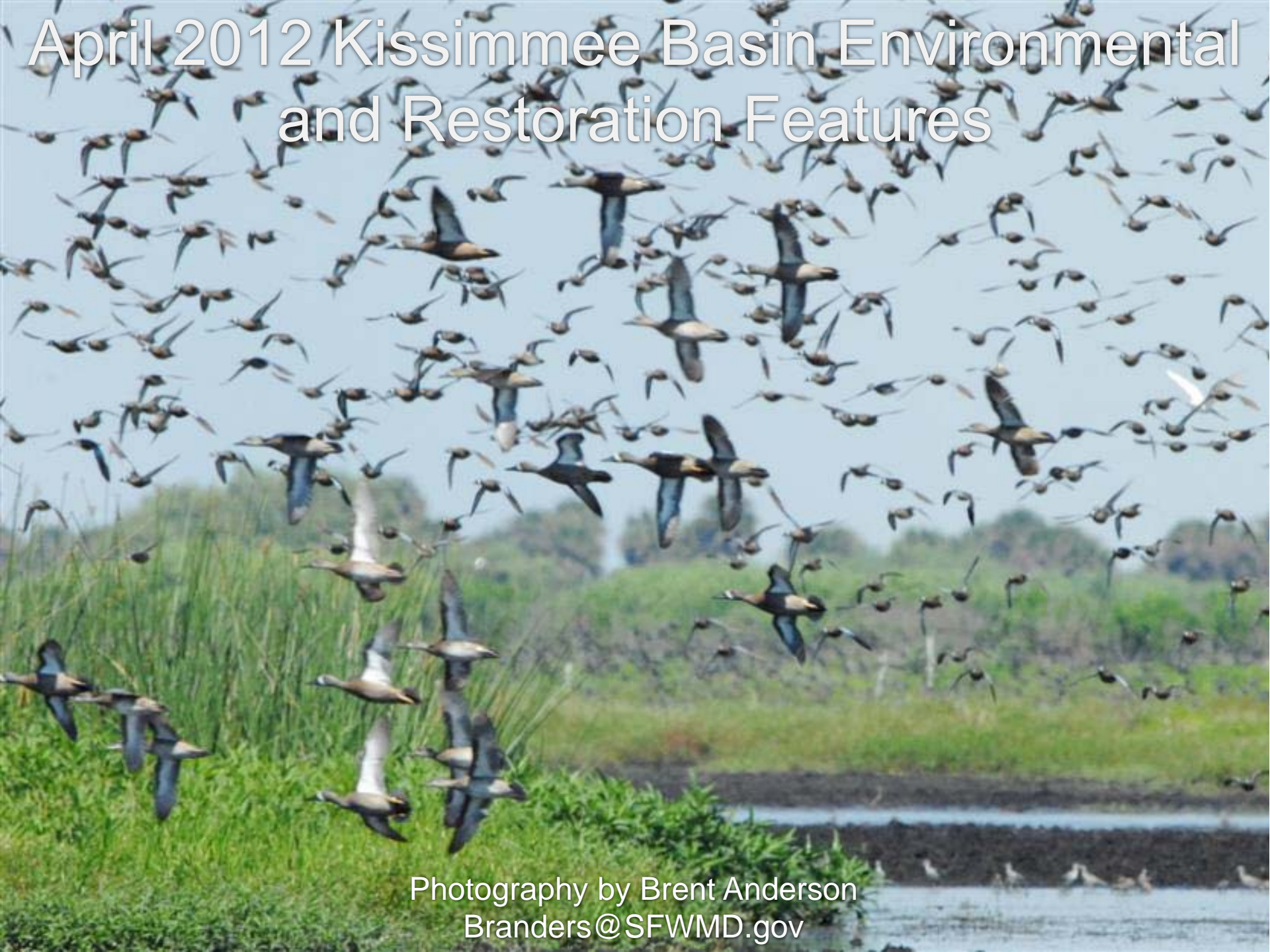


April 2012 Kissimmee Basin Environmental and Restoration Features



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American alligator in the Phase I restoration area.



March 29, 2012

Huge flock of blue-winged teal (2000+ birds) was observed in the McArthur floodplain of the Phase I restoration area.



March 29, 2012

Blue-winged teal take flight in the McArthur floodplain of the Phase I restoration area as white pelicans fly overhead.



March 29, 2012

Blue-winged teal invasion!



March 29, 2012

Blue-winged teal in the McArthur floodplain of the Phase I restoration area.



March 29, 2012

American coots, blue-winged teal, shorebirds and other waders gather in the last remaining drying pools on the floodplain in the Phase I restoration area floodplain.



March 29, 2012

Ibis, egrets and red-winged blackbirds in the Phase I restoration area floodplain



March 29, 2012

American alligator on the move.



March 29, 2012

Once airboat trails during the wet season, now grown in with terrestrial vegetation in the Phase I restoration area floodplain



April 16, 2012

White pelican party in the drying pools of the Phase I restoration area



April 16, 2012

White pelicans...not very white after sifting through the muddy drying pools in search of prey!



March 29, 2012

A few sizable broadleaf marshes still persist in late March as water stages on the floodplain decrease steadily.



March 29, 2012

Receding water stages in the Phase I restoration area floodplain exposes rich organic mud which is quickly colonized by terrestrial vegetation



April 4, 2012

A rare sighting of a bobcat as he makes his way from the Pool B partially restored floodplain to the oak hammocks of the Kissimmee Prairie State Preserve



April 4, 2012

A white-tail deer in the Kissimmee Prairie State Preserve



April 11, 2012

Sand bars in Phase I restoration area



April 11, 2012

Abandoned river channels in the Phase I restoration area



April 11, 2012

Abandoned river channels in the Phase I restoration area. The active river channel can be seen in the upper right.



March 29, 2012

Feral pigs take advantage of the shallow water on the floodplain of the Phase I restoration area.



April 16, 2012

Abandoned river channels in the Phase I restoration area are almost dried out



April 16, 2012

Phase I restoration area



April 16, 2012

Very little water is left on the floodplain of the Phase I restoration area



April 16, 2012

Phase I restoration area abandoned river channels completely dried out



Various species of shorebirds flock to the floodplain where receding water levels are now optimal for foraging.



March 29, 2012

Dowitchers and yellowlegs flock to the floodplain where receding water levels are now optimal for foraging.



March 29, 2012

Yellowlegs and dowitchers congregate in the floodplain where receding water levels are now optimal for foraging.



March 29, 2012

Least sandpipers in the shallow waters of the Phase I restoration area floodplain.



April 16, 2012

MacArthur Impoundment area floodplain in the Phase I restoration area now holds only a few pools of water



April 20, 2012

Drying floodplain in the Phase I restoration area



April 20, 2012

Feral hog tracks and rooting in Oak Creek area floodplain



April 20, 2012

Drying floodplain in the Phase I restoration area



April 20, 2012

White pelicans forage in a drying, abandoned river channel in the Phase I restoration area



April 20, 2012

This alligator is in denial that his pool is drying up...



April 11, 2012

Phase IVA restoration area river channel



April 10, 2012

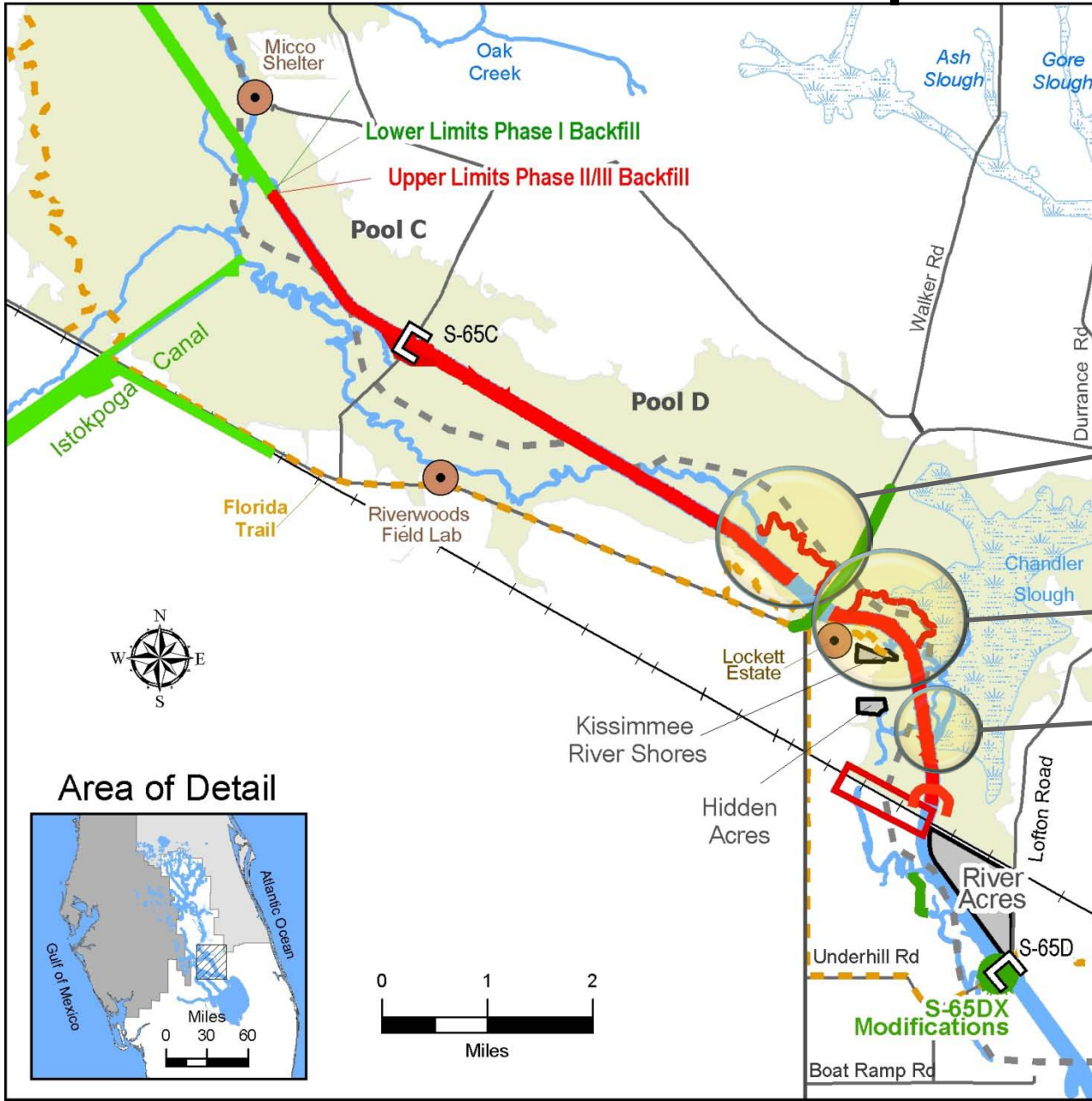
Algae bloom in Pool E C-38 canal, a channelized section of the river



April 10, 2012

Algae bloom in Pool E C-38 canal, a channelized section of the river

Construction Update



Contract 10A –
Reach 2
river channel recarve

Contract 10A –
Reach 3 north
river channel recarve

Contract 10A –
Reach 3 south
river channel recarve



April 9, 2012

Contract 10A (Reach 3 south) – Chandler Run recarve construction.



April 12, 2012

Clearing and grubbing at the 10A reach 3 north site. The last section of river channel recarve for Phase II/III



April 12, 2012

Clearing and grubbing at the 10A reach 3 north site



April 12, 2012

Clearing and grubbing at the 10A reach 3 north site



April 11, 2012

Contract 10A – Reach 3 South – Chandler Run recarve clearing and grubbing



April 11, 2012

Contract 10A Reach 2 river channel recarve



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April 11, 2012

Pool D Boat ramp construction



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CSX railroad bridge construction



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River Acres

