

Everglades Division  
Cattail Habitat Improvement Project  
& Fire Project



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- **Public workshop in March of 2005**
  - Extensive review and comments were provided on both projects
- **Peer Review Panel of Expert Scientists**
  - Dr. Mark Davis, Dr. Paul Keddy, Dr. William Mitsch, Dr. Craig Osenberg
  - Panel agreed that these two projects will provide the information needed to guide the accelerated recovery of the Everglades
  - Recommended pursuing both projects at a large scale



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## ■ A Two-Pronged Approach

- Adaptive management, examining the improvement in ecosystem function should active management be pursued
  - **Cattail Habitat Improvement Project**
- Active management, addresses the feasibility of fire as a control mechanism and measuring the response of the vegetative community to active management (P – release)
  - **Fire Project**

