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**Statement by
GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST**

**Regarding the purchase of nearly 26,800 acres of land for Everglades restoration from
the U.S. Sugar Corporation**

"Today's land purchase creates significant opportunities for Florida's environment. With these 26,800 acres, we are one step closer to making our dreams of true restoration for the Everglades a reality.

"As stewards of Florida's environment and leaders in the monumental effort to restore the Everglades, we took into account all factors including the economy, research, new technologies and public-private coordination efforts in order to move forward with this extraordinary acquisition.

"By gaining access to hundreds of square miles of prime property, the River of Grass and the wildlife that depend on it face a brighter and more secure future. I am grateful to Chairman Eric Buermann and the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board for helping make this possible."

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