



## SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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September 29, 2006

The Honorable Tom Lee  
President, The Florida Senate  
The Capitol, Room 409  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

The Honorable Allan Bense  
Speaker of the House  
The Florida House of Representatives  
The Capitol, Room 420  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Dear President Lee and Speaker Bense:

**Subject: No-Net-Loss of Hunting Lands Bill, Section 372.0025, Florida Statutes**

This letter is written to transmit the attached legislatively required information to your office. This submittal has been prepared pursuant to House Bill 265 and Section 372.0025, Florida Statutes, requiring water management districts to submit a report to the Legislature and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on the following:

- 1) a list of properties that were open for hunting during the previous fiscal year or; (Exhibit A)
- 2) a list of properties that were not open for hunting during the previous fiscal year; (Exhibit B)
- 3) the acreage for each property and the county where each property is located. (included in both of the above exhibits)

This information addresses the status of hunting on properties prior to June 7, 2006 when the legislation was signed into law. Also provided, although not required, is information on the current land use for properties not open to hunting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Fred Davis, Director of our Land Stewardship Division, at (561) 682-6636.

Sincerely,

  
Carol Ann Wehle  
Executive Director

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Enclosures

c: Colleen Castile, Secretary (DEP)  
Chris Flack (Office of the Governor)  
Dr. Kenneth D. Haddad (FWC)

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No Net Loss of Hunting Lands

List of properties managed cooperatively with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) that were open for hunting during Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Wildlife Management Area	County	Acres Established	Total SFWMD Acres	SFWMD Acre Corrections	SFWMD Acres Open for Public Hunting	SFWMD Corrections for Acres Open for Public Hunting
Hickory Hammock	Highlands/Okeechobee	3,791	3,791		3,791	
Kicco	Polk	7,426	7,426		7,426	
Lake Marion Creek	Polk/Osceola	9,469	9,469		9,469	
Everglades	Dade/Broward	671,831 *	468,111		468,111	
Frog Pond	Dade	470	470		470	
Okaloacoochee Slough	Hendry	34,722 *	17,361		17,361	

Wildlife Environmental Area	County	Acres Established	Total SFWMD Acres	SFWMD Acre Corrections	SFWMD Acres Open for Public Hunting	SFWMD Corrections for Acres Open for Public Hunting
Crew	Lee/Collier	28,540	28,540		28,540	
John G. & Susan H. Dupuis Jr	Martin/Palm Beach	21,935	21,935		21,935	
Jones/Hungryland	Martin/Palm Beach	10,294 *	6,573		6,573	
Southern Glades	Miami-Dade	31,380	31,380		31,380	

Public Use Area	County	Acres Established	Total SFWMD Acres	SFWMD Acre Corrections	SFWMD Acres Open for Public Hunting	SFWMD Corrections for Acres Open for Public Hunting
Kissimmee River	Osceola/Okeechobee/Highlands/ Glades	23,433	23,433		23,433	

Small Game Areas	County	Acres Established	Total SFWMD Acres	SFWMD Acre Corrections	SFWMD Acres Open for Public Hunting	SFWMD Corrections for Acres Open for Public Hunting
Kicco (ALL OF WMA)	Polk	7,426	7,426		7,426	
Stormwater Treatment Area 1	Palm Beach	6,770	6,770		6,770	
Stormwater Treatment Area 3/4	Palm Beach	16,772	16,772		16,772	
Stormwater Treatment Area 5	Hendry	5,120	5,120		5,120	
Allapattah Flats	Martin	100	100		100	

\* Additional lands are included in the overall area established contributed by other cooperators.

## SFWMD NON-HUNT LANDS

Project	Acres	County	Current Use	Comments
8.5 Sq.Mile Area	553.50	Miami-Dade	CERP	
Allapattah Ranch	18,795.99	Martin	CERP/Ag lease	
Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem	5,880.22	Martin	State Park	
Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands	128.41	Miami-Dade	CERP	
Biscayne Coastal Wetlands	93.80	Miami-Dade	CERP	
C-23/C-24 Storage Reservoir	3,885.42	St. Lucie	CERP	
C-43 Basin Aquifer Storage	3,342.61	Martin	CERP	
C-51/L-8 Basin Mod & Basin	1,186.37	Palm Beach	CERP	
Caloosahatchee Attenuation	9,033.53	Hendry	CERP	
Corkscrew Regional Mitigation Bank	643.53	Lee	Restoration project	
Cypress Creek/Loxahatchee	3,375.48	Palm Bch/ Martin	CERP/Ag lease	
Deer Fence Canal	516.81	Hendry	CERP	
East Coast Buffer	14,387.47	Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade	CERP	
Everglades Agricultural Area	49,929.11	Palm Beach	CERP	
Everglades Buffer Strip	2,492.41	Broward	CERP	
Frog Pond	4,803.69	Miami-Dade	CERP/Ag lease	
Indian River Lagoon	605.60	St. Lucie	County conservation/ restoration project	Mangrove/non-huntable habitat
Kissimmee Chain Of Lakes	34,877.62	Polk/Osceola	Pending recreation plan	13,661 hunted as open public lands
Kissimmee Prairie Ecosystem	38,587.30	Okeechobee	State park	
Kissimmee River	26,322.98	Okeechobee Highlands, Polk, Osceola	Conservation/ restoration project	Pending recreation plan

Project	Acres	County	Current Use	Comments
L-31N (Rocky Glades)	4,292.95	Miami-Dade	CERP/Ag Leases	
Lakeside Ranch	2,773	Martin	Ag Lease	
Lake Okeechobee Water Retention Area	2,342.90	Glades	Ag Leases	
Lake Trafford Impoundment	634.60	Collier	Active spoil disposal site	Inappropriate habitat
Lake Walk-In-Water (SUMICA)	4,038.05	Polk	County Park	Special hog hunts conducted by Polk County
Loxahatchee Slough	5,701.20	Palm Beach	PBC Natural Area	
Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge	139,000	Palm Beach	FWS Refuge	50-50 State/ SFWMD owned; 30,000 ac open to duck hunting managed by Refuge
Model Lands	12,579.34	Miami-Dade	Conservation/ restoration lands	Pending Recreation Plan
North Fork St Lucie River	496.58	St. Lucie	Aquatic Preserve	
Reedy Creek	5,511.04	Osceola	Conservation/ restoration lands	Pending Recreation Plan
Shingle Creek	1,729.37	Orange	Conservation/ restoration lands	Populated Environment
Six Mile Cypress	2,008.80	Lee	County Park	
South Fork St. Lucie	205.06	Martin	County Park	
Stormwater Treatment Areas	17,035.93	Palm Beach Hendry	CERP	
Strazzulla	2,737.24	Palm Beach	CERP	
Taylor Creek/Nubbin Slough	4,804.68	Okeechobee	CERP	
Ten Mile Creek	195.34	St. Lucie	CERP	
Tibet-Butler Preserve	438.69	Orange	County Park	
Wellington/Acme Marsh	349.12	Palm Beach	City Park	
<b>Total SFWMD Acres Not Open to Hunting</b>	<b>287,331.08</b>			



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