



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **SFWMD Conducting Burn to Benefit Loxahatchee River Ecosystem**

*Smoke from the prescribed burn will likely be visible to drivers and residents*



**WHAT:** Weather conditions permitting, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) plans to conduct a 67-acre prescribed burn Wednesday to reduce wildfire danger and benefit the ecology on land bordering the Loxahatchee River in Martin County. Residents in nearby communities and drivers on Interstate 95 and Florida's Turnpike will likely see smoke from the burn.

The District is coordinating with local officials and the Florida Highway Patrol.

**WHY:** Prescribed fire benefits include:

- Reducing wildfire danger
- Controlling exotic vegetation
- Improving wildlife habitat and plant diversity
- Maintaining fire-dependent plant communities

For more information, see: [Prescribed Burning: A Land Management Tool](#)

**WHERE:** [Click here for a map](#) with the location of the prescribed burn.

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**About the South Florida Water Management District**

*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*