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Higher Lake Levels Require Revised Navigation Lock Hours

WHAT: In response to rising Lake Okeechobee levels, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will begin nightly closures of the navigation lock at S-310 in Clewiston. **Starting tonight**, the lock will be closed to boat traffic from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

In addition, the lock will be staffed by a lock tender from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. Boaters will be required to “lock through” to navigate between Lake Okeechobee and the Clewiston Canal and boat basin.

Boaters can continue to access Lake Okeechobee at local boat ramps during overnight hours.

WHY: The lock operational adjustment is necessary to ensure the flood control system is operating as designed when water levels are higher.

WHERE: S-310 navigation lock on the south shore of Lake Okeechobee in Clewiston, FL

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Lock closures are updated on the District’s webpage at www.sfwmd.gov/recreation.

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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.