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SFWMD Plans Lake Kissimmee Navigation Lock Maintenance

Service for smaller recreational craft to continue

WHAT: The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) navigation lock at the S-65 flood control structure, located at the south end of Lake Kissimmee at State Road 60, will be partially shut down for maintenance work beginning Monday, April 14. Routine maintenance on the mechanisms that open and close the gates will help ensure the structure operates as designed for many years to come.

Because only one set of lock gates will be affected at any one time, smaller craft, less than 15-feet wide, will continue to lock through from the Kissimmee River to Lake Kissimmee and vice versa.

WHEN: Work is scheduled to begin April 14 and be complete by May 13.

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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.