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SFWMD Plans Hydrilla Work on Lake Kissimmee

Airboats will be used to spray the plant across 488 acres

Kissimmee, FL – The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Aquatic Plant Management staff plans to treat 488 acres of hydrilla on Lake Kissimmee on April 8 and 9, weather permitting.

The work is designed to enhance navigation on the lake and prevent encroachment of hydrilla on beneficial native submersed aquatic plants.

SFWMD staff will work cooperatively with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the treatment will not require water-use restrictions in the nearby area.

The herbicides Aquathol K and Tribune to be used in the spraying are approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for aquatic use.

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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.