



Everglades Coalition

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Audubon of Florida
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Broward County Audubon Society
Caloosahatchee River Citizens
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Clean Water Action
Clean Water Network
Collier County Audubon Society
Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Defenders of Wildlife
Ding Darling Wildlife Society
Earthjustice
Environment Florida
The Environmental Coalition
Everglades Coordinating Council
Everglades Foundation
Everglades Law Center
Florida Defenders of the
Environment
Florida Keys Environmental Fund
The Florida Native Plant Society
Florida Oceanographic Society
Florida Sierra Club
Florida Wildlife Federation
Friends of Arthur R. Marshall
Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge
Friends of the Everglades
Izaak Walton League
Florida Keys Chapter
Florida Division
Izaak Walton League of America
Mangrove Chapter
Last Stand
League of Women
Voters of Florida
Loxahatchee River Coalition
Martin County
Conservation Alliance
National Audubon Society
National Parks
Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources
Defense Council
The Ocean Conservancy
The Pegasus Foundation
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Sierra Club Broward Group
Sierra Club Central Florida Group
Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group
Sierra Club Miami Group
Tropical Audubon Society
The Urban Environment League
World Wildlife Fund

Resolution In General Support of *The Department of Interior Vision and Plan for Successful Everglades Restoration*

WHEREAS the Department of the Interior (“DOI”) Draft Vision and Plan (“DOI Vision and Plan”) addresses the urgency of need to restore sheet flow, the primary characteristic of the historic Everglades Ecosystem, which includes an immediate and long-term cure of the Tamiami Trail impediment to natural water flow;

WHEREAS the DOI Vision and Plan addresses urgencies identified in the National Research Council *Progress Report* of September 29, 2008, which presses the need for immediate action, to prevent further, potentially unrecoverable degradation of the Everglades ecosystem, and as a strategy to mitigate the effects of climate change and sea level rise;

WHEREAS the DOI Vision and Plan considers the implications of new opportunities from the US Sugar Corporation land purchase, and the improved hydrology implications were debriefed in detail at the January 14 – 16, 2009, Hydrologic Targets Workshop at the South Water Management District, consistent with National Research Council recommendations;

WHEREAS DOI officials have stated plans to continue use of the DOI Vision and Plan as a dynamic working document to press for full decompartmentalization, and additional flow beyond that provided by current restoration plans, while simultaneously addressing water quality and storage needs, as the means to restore the Everglades;

WHEREAS DOI officials have embraced the participation of members of the Everglades Coalition in the development of the DOI Vision and Plan;

WHEREAS the DOI Vision and Plan is consistent with the Everglades Coalition’s vision, especially reestablishing hydrologic connections from Lake Okeechobee to the Everglades;

THEREFORE the Everglades Coalition, and its 51 Members, endorses the *Department of the Interior Vision and Plan for a Successful Everglades Restoration* as a working document and the means to address urgent requirements to achieve stated objectives of restoring sheet flow and full decompartmentalization, given modern alterations of the ecosystem, and resulting physical constraints.

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