

DRAFT 2003 WORKPLAN

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE (May 2003)

WG Charter, Paragraph #	Task Description *	Status	Team Responsible	Working Group Products	Date
3.a	Assist the Task Force in its duty to consult with, and provide recommendations to the Secretary of the Army regarding the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (previously called the Restudy)		Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Management Team (PMT) linkage with Working Group • Review RECOVER reports • Assist the Corps/WMD as needed on CERP Outreach 	Ongoing
			ASR Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor and review documents and progress of the ASR Regional Study PDT and three ASR pilot projects. Continue to analyze the success of the PDTs to address the seven issues raised by the CROGEE and the Team. Provide assessment to Working Group and Task Force on ASR plans with regard to Issue Team and CROGEE recommendations 	June 03
3.b.1	Establish procedures to coordinate development of consistent policies, strategies, plans, programs, projects, activities and priorities for achieving restoration, preservation and protections per Section 528 of WRDA		Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Assessment Reports by the Regional Restoration Coordination Teams (RRCTs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biscayne Bay Jan 03 (complete) • Kissimmee • Southwest Florida 	<p>June 03</p> <p>Jun 03</p> <p>Jun/Sep 03</p>

			Land Acquisition Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Land Acquisition Strategy to Working Group for endorsement Revised Land Acquisition Strategy to Task Force First Reading of Revised Team Directive to Working Group New Timelines for deliverables to Working Group Second Reading and approval of revised team directive 	<p>Jan 03 (complete)</p> <p>Feb 03 (complete)</p> <p>March 03 (complete)</p> <p>March 03 (complete)</p> <p>May 03</p>
3.b.2	Develop an integrated strategic plan for restoring and sustaining the South Florida ecosystem describing the applications and linkages among governmental programs or projects to achieve shared ecosystem goals in the region.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to Working Group on plans for 2004 revision 	Sep 03
3.b.3	Develop a strategy to control and/or eradicate exotic species		Noxious Exotic Weed Task Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lygodium Plan Conduct Detection Workshop Completion of Quarantine Facility Identify Funding for the Implementation Plan (received funding on some elements of the plan through working with the Corps in getting invasive species identified as an issue in CERP). 	<p>Completed</p> <p>Feb 03 (complete)</p> <p>Jun 03</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
			Noxious Exotic Animals Task Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group designates members for NEATT 	Jun 03
3.b.4	Develop a strategy for public outreach and participation regarding the restoration activities of the Task Force and Working Group		Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OEEECT presents draft Strategy for integrating outreach, economic and environmental equity programs to Working Group for first reading Final Working Group approval 	<p>Jun 03</p> <p>Sep 03</p>

3.c	Establish procedures for the effective exchange of information		OED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Task Force website 	Nov 03
3.d	Identify problems or differing agency positions that have a material or substantial impact on implementation of shared ecosystem restoration goals or programs.		OED/WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide revised protocol to Working Group for review 	Jun 03
3.e	Prepare a prioritized, independently-reviewed science plan for the south Florida ecosystem which includes development of baseline scientific assessment and indicator monitoring program, special process-oriented and socio-economic studies, and appropriate biological and hydrological modeling to evaluate ecosystem restoration objectives and programs.		Science Coordination Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present landscape hydrology paper to Working Group Provide proposed outline of revised Science Plan to Working Group Present proposed outline to Task Force 	Mar 03 (complete) Sep 03 Oct 03
3.f.1	Support agencies and governments represented on the Working Group in their responsibilities to promote water quality improvements in the South Florida ecosystem		WG Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corps briefing to Working Group on Water Quality Feasibility Plan 	Jun 03
3.f.2	Support expedited implementation and provide timely support to the USACE, the SFWMD, and other responsible agencies in hydrological restoration projects and projects described in the Everglades Forever Act and in various water supply plans.		PMT and interagency teams outside purview of the Working Group - e.g., Recover Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corps/WMD Quarterly Updates 	Ongoing
3.f.3	Support the USEPA and the USACE in the expedited development and implementation of a comprehensive conservation, permitting and mitigation strategy for wetlands and other sensitive areas.		USEPA/USACE		Completed
3.f.4	Support the USFWS in the implementation of a multi-species recovery plan for threatened and endangered species.		USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing to Working Group on Florida Panther Recovery Report to Working Group on Avian Workshop 	Jun 03 May 03

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MERIT Chair provides regular updates to Working Group on MSR Implementation 	Ongoing
3.f.5	Provide additional assistance and support, when requested, to agencies and entities represented on the Task Force, Working Group or its subgroups in their restoration activities.		Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop protocol to monitor and coordinate implementation of programs protecting coral reefs. 	Jun 03
3.g.1	Develop an annual Integrated Financial Plan that reflects coordination of federal, state, Tribal and local government funding requirements for projects essential to ecosystem restoration.		OED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised project sheets to Working Group Revised project sheets to Task Force 	Jun 03 July 03
3.g.2	Develop recommendations for coordinated annual budget requests that reflects coordination of federal, state, tribal and local government funding requirements for projects essential to ecosystem restoration		OED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group approves recommendations Working Group provides recommendations to Task Force 	Mar 03 (complete) April 03 (complete)
3.h.1	Prepare a biennial report for submission to Congress, Florida Legislature, the two Tribal Councils, and other appropriate entities designated by the Task Force that summarizes the activities of the Task Force, the policies, strategies, plans, programs, projects and priorities planned, developed or implemented for restoration of the south Florida ecosystem and progress made toward restoration.		OED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to Working Group on plans for 2004 Biennial Report 	Sep 03
3.h.2	Prepare an Annual Report for the Task Force detailing achievements, ongoing activities and projected accomplishments of the Working Group and its member agencies.		WG Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Draft to Working Group Final Working Group approval Presentation to Task Force 	Nov 03 Dec 03 Jan 04
3.i	Develop procedures to facilitate public participation in the advisory process to the Task Force and its subordinate teams.		OED		Ongoing