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Ken ... I will be out of state during the subject workshop ... hopefully Gene or Rory can attend ... from the Miccosukee point of view "ecologic areas of urgent concern" are ...

- The irreversible destruction of our Water Conservation Areas, especially the tree islands and snail kites that are plummeting in numbers ... since the 1940s, well over 68% of the tree island acreage has disappeared ... that's as of 1995, the last time the data was updated by the SFWMD (see attached)
- The irreversible destruction of Everglades soil due to the State not meeting 10 ppb in their discharges to the Everglades ... excerpt from another document ... "Delay is the enemy of the Everglades. Irreversible damage will continue as long as water with a phosphorus concentration higher than 10ppb is discharged into the Everglades. This is demonstrated vividly by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") REMAP Status Report dated August 2007, which shows that the areas in the Everglades that are impacted with soil phosphorus continue to expand. The EPA REMAP Report compares the change in soil samples taken in 1995-96 with those in 2005. In 2005 those areas of the Everglades that had soil phosphorus exceeding 400 mg/kg of P (the CERP goal) is now 49.3% versus the 33.7% that existed in 1995-96, despite a decade of Settlement Agreement mandated improvements. Attachment 5 at 62. This irreversible destruction will continue until phosphorus inflows to the Everglades Protection Area are reduced to 10ppb or less."

Please adopt these as "ecologic areas of concern" that can't wait for long-term solutions ... the irreversible damage needs to be stopped now.

Thanks, Terry