

## Vulnerability Questionnaire

Initial questions for consideration of Everglades vulnerability analysis and to inform the conceptual Ecological Model (CEM) updates. Please email short answers to Carrie Beeler ([carrie\\_beeler@evergladesrestoration.gov](mailto:carrie_beeler@evergladesrestoration.gov)) by January 11 with "Vulnerability Questionnaire" in the subject. Some terms in these questions are defined in a CEM overview paper by Ogden et al. ([http://141.232.10.32/pm/recover/recover\\_docs/cems/cem\\_use\\_of\\_cems.pdf](http://141.232.10.32/pm/recover/recover_docs/cems/cem_use_of_cems.pdf)).

1. What components or attributes (such as landscape or seascape feature, habitat, community, and species) of the Greater Everglades ecosystem are at risk of irreversible loss?
2. What recent or ongoing ecological changes in the Greater Everglades ecosystem are most significant to the ecosystem's integrity and sustainability? Where are these changes occurring?
3. What drivers of change and associated specific ecological stressors are most responsible for these changes?
4. What are the most important uncertainties regarding how these stressors are altering the ecosystem? If you identify more than one uncertainty, please list them in a prioritized order.
5. What are the most ecologically significant current risks to the ecosystem, its components and attributes, and CERP success in restoring and sustaining the Everglades?
6. What specific areas of the ecosystem should have priority (i.e. are the most vulnerable) for the earliest possible intervention in order to slow or reverse on-going undesirable change?