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The federal Central & Southern Florida (C&SF) Flood Control Project (1948) dramatically altered the landscape and ecology across south Florida by draining and re-plumbing thousands of square miles of wetlands.

The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) (2000) is a restudy of the C&SF. CERP seeks to restore quality, quantity, timing, & distribution of freshwater flows for aquatic ecosystem restoration in south Florida, with a 30-year implementation period. WERP is within CERP and focuses on the western flowway of the Everglades.
The objectives of the WERP are:

- Restore freshwater flow paths, flow volumes & timing, seasonal hydroperiods, & historic distributions of sheetflow to reestablish ecological connectivity and ecological resilience of the historic wetland/upland mosaic.

- Restore water levels to reduce wildfires associated with altered hydrology, which damage the geomorphic and associated ecological conditions of the western Everglades.

- Restore aquatic low nutrient (oligotrophic) conditions to reestablish and sustain native flora & fauna.

WERP also has opportunities to improve water supply, system-wide operational flexibility & benefits to estuaries, and to include recreation.
ORENITATION: WESTERN EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECT

- ~772,700 acres (~1,200 square miles)
- Roughly the size of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) area

WERP: Roughly the size of Rhode Island
WERP INCORPORATES AND/OR SUPPORTS THESE CERP COMPONENTS

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- **Prepare Draft Record of Decision**
- **Circulate FEIS & File with EPA**
- **State & Agency Review**
- **Concurrent Public, Technical, Policy & Legal Review**
- **Respond to Comments**
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- **Publish Notice of Intent**

**SCOPING**

**ALTERNATIVE EVALUATION & ANALYSIS**

**FEASIBILITY-LEVEL ANALYSIS**

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

*WERP team is determining ability to meet 3x3x3 constraints.

**AMM**

- Nov-2016

**TSP Milestone**

- Vertical Team Concurrence on Tentatively Selected Plan

**Kickoff**

- Aug-2016

**AMM**

- Nov-2016

**Concurrent Public, Technical, Policy & Legal Review**

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WEBSITES & EMAIL

You can just Google “EVERGLADES WERP” and you will find these links

USACE: http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Ecosystem-Restoration/Western-Everglades-Restoration-Project/

DOI supported site: https://evergladesrestoration.gov/content/werp.html

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