

# South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

## Regional Action Forums

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The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force announces a series of Regional Action Forums. These forums are designed to encourage cooperation and coordination in ecosystem restoration activities within South Florida. These forums are an important component of the implementation process of the Task Force strategic plan, *Coordinating Success: Strategy for Restoration of the South Florida Ecosystem*, July 31, 2000.

**WHY ARE THESE FORUMS BEING HELD?** Ecosystem restoration in South Florida is in an important time of transition, moving more and more from planning to implementation. The recent adoption of a strategic plan by the Task Force (*Coordinating Success*) and the *Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)* by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District provide considerable direction going forward. Now, and increasingly, a critical challenge is to assure that restoration efforts are as effective and well coordinated as possible. To help assure coordination among restoration projects in each region of South Florida, regional action forums will be held.

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE FORUMS?** The purpose of the forums is to develop regional plans to promote coordination among the ecosystem restoration projects in South Florida. These plans will be used to clarify and help guide project leaders and staff in each region to clarify their concerns, interests, expectations, and commitments to coordination. The plans will also inform the Task Force of what will be happening among the projects in each region and clarify what, if any, support and assistance is needed.

**WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE FORUMS?** Representatives from each planned or proposed restoration project in the region should be involved. This includes representatives from projects sponsored by state, federal, regional, and local governments and tribal entities. Representatives from coordinating groups such as the Task Force, Working Group, the CERP Project Management Team, et al, should also participate.

### Upcoming Forums

**Southwest Florida Region**  
**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 – 5:00  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Fort Myers, FL

**Kissimmee Valley Region**  
**Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 – 5:00  
Highlands County Agri-Civic Center  
Sebring, FL

### Registration

Registration is required for these forums. For further information, please contact:

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