

Restoring America's Everglades



– Recovering and Conserving Multiple Species –

Briefing for the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group

Jacksonville, Florida

April 20, 2007

Avian Ecology Workshop – Independent Review

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Outline of Presentation

I. Independent Review: Best Available Science

- Avian Ecology Workshop 2003
- Avian Ecology Workshop 2007

II. Take Home Messages



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Using the Best Available Science

Avian Ecology Workshop, 2003

- Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow
- Snail Kite
- Wood Stork
- Roseate Spoonbill



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Using the Best Available Science

Avian Ecology Workshop – Findings

- “Strong Indications” Restoration Will Benefit All Four Species
- Restore Natural Flow from WCA 3A to 3B and into NE Shark River Slough
- Uncertainties in Transition to Full CERP, Especially for Sparrows
- Monitoring and Adaptive Management Are Keys to Success



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Avian Ecology Workshop 2007

- Independent Review –
Sustainable Ecosystems Institute
- Summer 2007
- Multi-Species Focus
- Actions in the Transition
- Steps We Can Take Now
- Steps We Can Prepare to
Take in the Future
- Adaptive Management



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Take Home Messages

- Maximizing Ecosystem Restoration Is Priority #1
- Proactive Effort to Develop Independent Best Available Science
- Identify Actions Partners Can Take Now and in the Future



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