

Task Force Update *for the WG/SCG*

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October 28th TF Meeting

- Habitat Conservation Opportunities
- National Research Council Report
- Improving Water Quality
- Cost Sharing and Scheduling Issues
- CERP 2010 Report to Congress
- Follow-up Actions
 - 2010 TF Reports
 - Climate Change Conceptual Model
 - Invasive Exotic Species Recommendations
- Lake Okeechobee Summit Recommendations

Habitat Conservation

- America's Great Outdoors Initiative
- Fisheating Creek Wetlands Reserve Easement Project - 26,000 acres
- Greater Everglades Strategic Habitat Conservation Initiative

National Research Council Report

- Tangible improvements recently in pace of restoration, although progress remains slow.
- Science program is addressing important issues, but more transparent mechanisms for integrating science into decision making are needed.
- Several important challenges related to water quality and quantity have become increasingly clear, highlighting the difficulty of achieving restoration goals simultaneously for all ecosystem components. Achieving those goals will be very costly and will take decades at least.
- Rigorous scientific analyses are needed of potential conflicts among hydrologic requirements of various Everglades landscape features and species and tradeoffs between water quality and quantity. Understanding and communicating these tradeoffs to stakeholders are critical.

Moving Restoration Forward

- Updating the Integrated Delivery Schedule
- Framing Water Quality and Cost Sharing Issues
 - WQ cost sharing
 - Crediting
- Future WRDAs

Follow-up Actions

- 2010 TF Reports Approved
- Climate Change Conceptual Model Update
- Invasive Exotic Recommendations Accepted
 - Promote federal prevention initiatives
 - Establish Everglades Early Detection/Rapid Response (EDRR) Coordinator and dedicated EDRR funding
 - Coordinate development of cross-cut budget
 - Promote continued improvements to coordination

Linking Science and Management

- 2009 System Status Report
- CERP Adaptive Management
- Integrated Models