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BETWEEN THE  
SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
AND  
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
AND  
UNITED STATES ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS  
AND  
UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
AND  
UNITED STATES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)** is entered into on DEC 24 2008,  
by and between the South Florida Water Management District (**DISTRICT**), Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission (**FFWCC**), United States Army Corp of Engineers (**USACE**), United States Fish  
And Wildlife Service (**USFWS**), and United States National Park Service (**USNPS**).

**WHEREAS**, the **DISTRICT**, **FFWCC**, **USACE**, **USFWS**, and **USNPS** may hereinafter also be referred to  
individually as “party” and collectively as “parties”; and

**WHEREAS**, each party to this **MOU** has invasive species control responsibilities on lands within the  
Everglades region, which include but are not limited to: maintaining personnel and equipment for the purpose  
of controlling invasive plants and/or animals within their jurisdiction; administering programs involving  
invasive species control; and making recommendations for treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties agree that it is to their mutual benefit and interest to work cooperatively to  
exchange views, information and advice concerning efforts to inventory, monitor, control, and prevent the  
spread of invasive species across jurisdictional boundaries within the Everglades region; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to enter into a cooperative arrangement to share views information and  
advice to effectively coordinate and implement invasive species management within the Everglades region.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the covenants and representations set forth herein and other  
good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree  
as follows:

1. Each party agrees to the establishment of the Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species  
Management Area (**CISMA**) as shown on the map hereby incorporated as Exhibit A.
2. Each party agrees to the formation of steering committee (**COMMITTEE**) to provide expertise  
and recommendations on invasive species management activities within the **CISMA**.
3. Each party agrees to designate a **COMMITTEE** representative who shall be the person designated  
responsibility for the interface between the Parties as well as all day-to-day coordination during the  
term of this **MOU**. The designated **COMMITTEE** representatives for each party are as follows:

**DISTRICT:**

LeRoy Rodgers, Lead Scientist  
South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406  
561-682-2773

**FFWCC:**

Scott Hardin, Exotic Species Coordinator  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
Commission  
620 South Meridian Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600  
850-488-4068

**USACE:**

Jon Lane, Biologist  
USACE-Invasive Species Management  
Section  
701 San Marco Blvd.  
Jacksonville, Florida 32207  
904-232-1044

**USFWS:**

Lisa Jameson, Biologist  
Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National  
Wildlife Refuge  
10216 Lee Road  
Boynton Beach, Florida 33437  
561-735-6039

**USNPS:**

Tony Pemas, Coordinator  
FL/Caribbean Exotic Plant Mgmt. Team  
National Park Service  
18001 Old Cutler Rd., Suite 419  
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157  
305-252-0347

4. Each party agrees to participate in annual meetings intended to facilitate communication and coordination on invasive species control efforts within the **CISMA**, including the development of annual plans to develop and implement mutual short-term goals.
5. To facilitate the exchange of information and advice, each party agrees to participate in the development of guidelines, prepared by the **COMMITTEE**, to foster coordination, cooperation and implementation of invasive species management activities including: early detection/rapid response, monitoring, program assessments, education, prevention, cross-cut resource/budget planning & coordination with the National Invasive Species Council planning efforts.
6. Consistent with applicable law, each party agrees to provide opportunities for involvement by outside interest groups and the public in the advancement of the goals of the **CISMA**.
7. Parties may consider separate agreement(s) to implement management activities. Such arrangement(s) shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority, and may include, but are not limited to: Collection Agreements, Challenge Cost Share Agreements, Participating Agreements, Volunteer Agreements, Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Procurement.
8. All parties recognize that other entities may assist in endeavors critical to the purpose of the **MOU** under separate formal agreements. Such assistance may include but not be limited to: managing funds, writing grant applications, providing consultation, education and facilitation.

9. Any party may withdraw their entity from this **MOU** at any time for convenience upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice to the other parties.
10. The period of performance of this **MOU** shall commence on the last date of execution of this **MOU** and shall continue for a period of five year(s).
11. All parties hereby agree to assume liability for funding their respective responsibilities as set forth in this **MOU** subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with their respective authorities. Except as otherwise provided by law, no monies shall be exchanged between the parties during the term of this **MOU**.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties or their duly authorized representatives hereby execute this **MOU** on the date first written above.

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

*Wendy Bradshaw, Deputy Dir. Procurement*  
Signature SML

12/24/08  
Date

SFWMD PROCUREMENT APPROVED

*Marilyn Ivory* SML

SFWMD OFFICE OF COUNSEL APPROVED

*Cathy Kuter 8/5/08*

**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

*Ken Haddad*  
Signature

Ken Haddad, Executive Director  
Name and Title

12-11-08  
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
*Ann. White*  
Commission Attorney

**UNITED STATES ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS**  
*Paul L. Grosskruger*

Signature  
Col. Paul L. Grosskruger, District Commander  
Name and Title

23/9/08  
Date

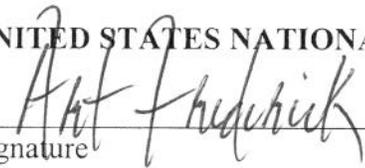
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Signature

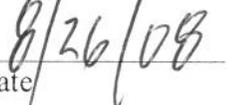
Sam Hamilton, Regional Director  
Name and Title

  
Date

UNITED STATES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

  
Signature

 David Vela, Southeast Regional Director  
Name and Title

  
Date

## Exhibit A

Map of the Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area.

