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SFWMD Conducting Prescribed Burn to Improve Cypress Creek

Smoke will likely be visible to drivers on Florida's Turnpike, I-95 in Martin County

WHAT: Weather conditions permitting, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) plans to conduct a 120-acre prescribed burn Thursday to reduce wildfire danger and benefit the ecology of the Cypress Creek area in Martin County. Drivers on Florida's Turnpike and Interstate 95 will likely see smoke from the burn.

Cypress Creek serves as a nexus connecting several natural areas: Jonathan Dickinson State Park and the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge to the east, Palm Beach County natural areas and the Loxahatchee River to the south, and the Hungryland/Pal-Mar area to the northwest and west.

WHY: Prescribed fire benefits include:

- Reducing wildfire danger
- Controlling exotic vegetation
- Improving wildlife habitat and plant diversity
- Maintaining fire-dependent plant communities

For more information, see: [Prescribed Burning: A Land Management Tool](#)

WHERE: [Click here for a map](#) with the location of the prescribed burn.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.