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Media Advisory

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Hikers, Bikers and Horseback Riders to Fill Appetites at Hungryland Northeast Everglades Trails Association to host a trail day at newly opened public recreation area



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WHAT:

Join the Northeast Everglades Trails Association for a day of recreation on public lands at the newly opened section of the Hungryland Wildlife and Environmental Area. Teeming with wildlife and recreational opportunities, Hungryland is located in Martin and Palm Beach counties and is managed jointly by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The trail association is hosting three free tours:

- **Hikers:** Hike approximately 3.5 miles of rugged trail through pine flatwoods and pasture. Be prepared for wet feet.
- **Bikers:** Cycle down Old Indiantown Trail, either 5 miles out and back, or an additional 7 miles. Be prepared for several water crossings of about 1 to 1.5 feet deep. The trail is shell rock or hard dirt/grass double-track road.

• **Horseback Riders:** Ride up to 8 miles of trails. Several trail leaders will be available. Be prepared to ride through water.

Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs will be available for participants starting about 12:30 p.m. at "The Porch." Water will also be available by cooler. Participants are asked to bring a bottle to fill.

WHEN: Saturday, December 10, 2011

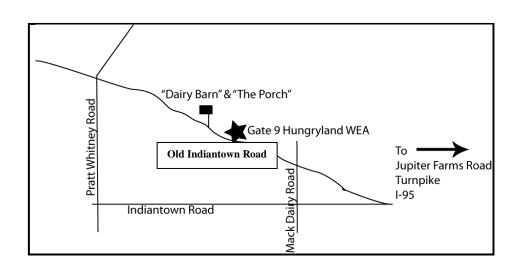
TIME: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: Park at the old dairy barn pad through Gate 9 of Hungryland at Old

Indiantown Road. Shut the gate behind you. Meet at the "The Porch,"

where the old dairy barn stood.

MAP:



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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.