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SFWMD, DuPuis Seek to Satisfy Historical Appetites on Public Land

DuPuis Management Area at the Martin/Palm Beach county line hosts a lecture on the history of dining off the land in southern Florida

WHAT:

Join the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) in welcoming Michele Williams, Ph.D., RPA, as she shares how the wealth of natural resources in southern Florida has made it a unique dining experience for more than 10,000 years. Her lecture examines the various plants utilized by early Floridians as well as some of the "meatier" issues of early diet in South Florida.

The event is another in a free Nature Lecture Series sponsored by the District and Florida Atlantic University's Center for Environmental Studies at DuPuis.

The DuPuis Management Area is a 22,000-acre natural area open to public recreation throughout the year. The area was part of the historic Everglades and features an ecologically-diverse and significant vegetative community.

The South Florida Water Management District is committed to increasing recreational access to public lands, while continuing to manage them effectively to meet environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions. For more information on recreational opportunities, please visit www.sfwmd.gov/recreation.

WHEN: December 12, 2009

TIME: 10 a.m. – Noon

WHERE: DuPuis Management Area

23500 SW Kanner Highway

Canal Point, FL 33438

The Visitor Center entrance is located at Gate 5 on State Road 76 in Martin County, two miles east of Port Mayaca or seven miles west of the intersection with State Road 710.

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About the South Florida Water Management District — <u>Celebrating 60 Years (1949-2009)</u> 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.