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SFWMD Ends Burn Ban on Public Lands Open for Recreation *Campfires are now allowed because of recent rainfall*

West Palm Beach, FL – Due to recent rainfall that has reduced wildfire danger, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is once again allowing the careful building of campfires in designated areas on certain District lands open for recreation.

The action follows the July 7 lifting of a similar ban on campfires in state forests by the Florida Division of Forestry.

While conditions have improved, regional water levels will need time and significant rainfall to recover from a record drought.

The SFWMD continues to ask residents and businesses to conserve water and follow landscape irrigation restrictions to stretch and protect the public water supply. For water saving tips, visit www.savewaterfl.com.



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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.