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Canoe Expedition Highlights Everglades Ecosystem, Importance of Restoration

Paddlers will trek 78 miles following the annual Everglades Coalition Conference



Susan Sylvester, SFWMD Chief of the Water Control Operations Bureau, who has paddled in places such as the Cuyabeno River in Ecuador, will participate in the Everglades canoe adventure.

(Click on picture for a larger version.)

WHAT: A canoe expedition sponsored by the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation will draw attention to the invaluable role the Everglades plays in the ecology of Florida. Paddlers will travel from the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge in Palm Beach County to Water Conservation Area 2 in Broward County. From there, the group will head toward the trip's finish at the Tamiami Trail in Miami-Dade County, covering 78 miles during six days of paddling and camping.

AUDIO: Susan Sylvester, SFWMD Chief of the Water Control Operations Bureau, speaks about the opportunity as a water manager to see the Everglades system up close. [Click here to listen.](#)

WHEN: January 18 – 24, 2012: At trip's end on January 24 at 10 a.m., the group will host visitors at the Tamiami Trail, where water enters Everglades National Park.

TRIP TRACKING:

- Twitter: [@MarshallFoundat](#)
- Blog: www.arthurmarshallfoundation.blogspot.com

VIEW LIVE BROADCASTS:

The Palm Beach County School District will host live broadcasts beginning Thursday, January 19, through Tuesday, January 24. Visit <http://breeze.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/riverofgrass2012/> and log in as GUEST to see the broadcasts.

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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.