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Buckhead Ridge Navigation Lock Repair Nearly Complete *Navigation lock set to reopen on July 29*

Okeechobee, FL – The S-127 navigation lock at Buckhead Ridge is expected to be back in service on Thursday, July 29, after alignment modifications to the gate hoist mechanism are complete.

The navigation lock has been out of service for this repair since July 6. The lock was expected to be back in service on Friday, July 23, but there was a delay in receiving a required part.

The South Florida Water Management District appreciates the public's patience during these activities. For more information about the navigation lock operations, or for general information about the South Florida Water Management District, please phone the Okeechobee Service Center at (863) 462-5260.

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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.