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Statement by SFWMD Governing Board Vice Chairman Jerry Montgomery

Re: U.S. Department of the Interior proposal for Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

“The South Florida Water Management District applauds Secretary Salazar and his staff for putting together a proposal as bold as the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area. Combined with last year’s federal investment to conserve 26,000 acres in the Northern Everglades, this effort builds on the momentum to deliver water quality improvements, water storage and environmental restoration benefiting all Floridians.”

Related information:

- [U.S. Department of the Interior news release \(Jan. 7, 2011\)](#)

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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.