



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 4600001287

BETWEEN THE

ORIGINAL

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AND
UNITED STATES ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS
AND,
UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
AND
UNITED STATES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is entered into on DEC 24 2008,
by and between the South Florida Water Management District (**DISTRICT**), Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission (**FFWCC**), United States Army Corp of Engineers (**USACE**), United States Fish
And Wildlife Service (**USFWS**), and United States National Park Service (**USNPS**).

WHEREAS, the **DISTRICT**, **FFWCC**, **USACE**, **USFWS**, and **USNPS** may hereinafter also be referred to
individually as "party" and collectively as "parties"; and

WHEREAS, each party to this **MOU** has invasive species control responsibilities on lands within the
Everglades region, which include but are not limited to: maintaining personnel and equipment for the purpose
of controlling invasive plants and/or animals within their jurisdiction; administering programs involving
invasive species control; and making recommendations for treatment; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that it is to their mutual benefit and interest to work cooperatively to
exchange views, information and advice concerning efforts to inventory, monitor, control, and prevent the
spread of invasive species across jurisdictional boundaries within the Everglades region; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a cooperative arrangement to share views information and
advice to effectively coordinate and implement invasive species management within the Everglades region.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and representations set forth herein and other
good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree
as follows:

1. Each party agrees to the establishment of the Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species
Management Area (**CISMA**) as shown on the map hereby incorporated as Exhibit A.
2. Each party agrees to the formation of steering committee (**COMMITTEE**) to provide expertise
and recommendations on invasive species management activities within the **CISMA**.
3. Each party agrees to designate a **COMMITTEE** representative who shall be the person designated
responsibility for the interface between the Parties as well as all day-to-day coordination during the
term of this **MOU**. The designated **COMMITTEE** representatives for each party are as follows:

DISTRICT:

LeRoy Rodgers, Lead Scientist
South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406
561-682-2773

FFWCC:

Scott Hardin, Exotic Species Coordinator
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Commission
620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600
850-488-4068

USACE:

Jon Lane, Biologist
USACE-Invasive Species Management
Section
701 San Marco Blvd.
Jacksonville, Florida 32207
904-232-1044

USFWS:

Lisa Jameson, Biologist
Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National
Wildlife Refuge
10216 Lee Road
Boynton Beach, Florida 33437
561-735-6039

USNPS:

Tony Pernas, Coordinator
FL/Caribbean Exotic Plant Mgmt. Team
National Park Service
18001 Old Cutler Rd., Suite 419
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157
305-252-0347

4. Each party agrees to participate in annual meetings intended to facilitate communication and coordination on invasive species control efforts within the **CISMA**, including the development of annual plans to develop and implement mutual short-term goals.
5. To facilitate the exchange of information and advice, each party agrees to participate in the development of guidelines, prepared by the **COMMITTEE**, to foster coordination, cooperation and implementation of invasive species management activities including: early detection/rapid response, monitoring, program assessments, education, prevention, cross-cut resource/budget planning & coordination with the National Invasive Species Council planning efforts.
6. Consistent with applicable law, each party agrees to provide opportunities for involvement by outside interest groups and the public in the advancement of the goals of the **CISMA**.
7. Parties may consider separate agreement(s) to implement management activities. Such arrangement(s) shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority, and may include, but are not limited to: Collection Agreements, Challenge Cost Share Agreements, Participating Agreements, Volunteer Agreements, Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Procurement.
8. All parties recognize that other entities may assist in endeavors critical to the purpose of the **MOU** under separate formal agreements. Such assistance may include but not be limited to: managing funds, writing grant applications, providing consultation, education and facilitation.

9. Any party may withdraw their entity from this **MOU** at any time for convenience upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice to the other parties.
10. The period of performance of this **MOU** shall commence on the last date of execution of this **MOU** and shall continue for a period of five year(s).
11. All parties hereby agree to assume liability for funding their respective responsibilities as set forth in this **MOU** subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with their respective authorities. Except as otherwise provided by law, no monies shall be exchanged between the parties during the term of this **MOU**.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties or their duly authorized representatives hereby execute this **MOU** on the date first written above.

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Deborah Bradshaw, Deputy Dir. - Procurement
Signature *sm*

12/24/08
Date

SFWMD PROCUREMENT APPROVED

Marilyn Ivory *sm*

SFWMD OFFICE OF COUNSEL APPROVED

Cathy Kater 8/5/08

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ken Haddad
Signature

Ken Haddad, Executive Director
Name and Title

12-11-08
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

James V. Ginter
Commission Attorney

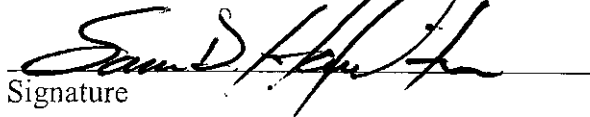
UNITED STATES ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS

Paul L. Grosskruger
Signature

Col. Paul L. Grosskruger, District Commander
Name and Title

23/9/08
Date

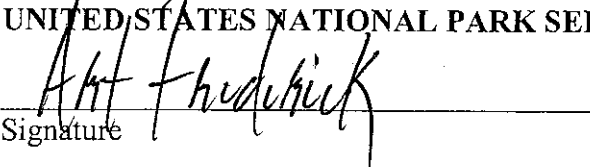
UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE


Signature

Sam Hamilton, Regional Director
Name and Title

10/17/08
Date

UNITED STATES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE


Signature

for David Vela, Southeast Regional Director
Name and Title

8/26/08
Date

Exhibit A

Map of the Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area.

Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

