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Northwest Florida Water Management District

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Conference Program

Public Land Acquisition & Management Partnership Conference

November 17-19, 2004

Hilton Resort
Destin, Florida
Program Schedule

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Field Trips*
12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Restoring the Sandhills, Creating Recreational Space and Land Acquisition Partnerships
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Coastal Dune Lakes
*Buses will depart from the north entrance of the ballroom (down the hill from the main entrance).

Pre-Conference Meetings
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Florida Greenways & Trails Council Meeting (Coral Ballroom-A)
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Florida Land Trust Alliance Meeting (Coral Ballroom-B)

Welcome Reception
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Hors d’oeuvres, Featuring Bill Cleckley’s Oyster Bar and more! (Poolside, Coral Ballroom backup for inclement weather)
Sponsored by: Nick Miller, Inc. and DeGrove Surveyors, Inc.

Thursday, November 18, 2004

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Light Breakfast (Emerald Ballroom Foyer)
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Welcome Douglas E. Barr, Executive Director, Northwest Florida Water Management District (Emerald Ballroom)
8:15 a.m. – 8:55 a.m. Keynote Address Colleen Castille, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
9:10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
10:25 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break (Emerald Ballroom Foyer)

Management (Emerald B & C)
Restoration of Mitigation & Natural Lands: Tools & Techniques
Moderator: Fred Davis, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Director, Land Stewardship Division
Presenters: Don Ross, EarthBalance
Johnathan Weiss, Tetra Tech/FW
Ray Mojica, Brewood EEL Program
Kim Love, Martin County

Acquisition (Emerald D & E)
Fragmentation of the North Florida Landscape: Timber Company Divestitures, Ownership Fragmentation, New Partnerships & Implications
Moderator: Stephanie Boyd, Governing Board Member, NFWMD
Presenters: Tom Berger, St. Joe Land Company
Gary Boyd, International Paper
M. C. Davis, Nokuse Plantation

Visit the Silent Auction in the Coral Ballroom Thursday, November 18 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
All auction proceeds will be donated to the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance

Other Contributors
Florida Bureau of Archeological Research
Florida State University
U.S. Forest Service
Carlton Appraisal Company

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10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Management (Emerald B & C)**
Wildland-Urban Interface: Adjacency and Control of Exotic Infested Properties

Moderators: Don Schmitz, DEP, Bureau of Invasive Plant Management
Pete Colverson, The Nature Conservancy, Manager, The Natural Areas Training Academy

Presenters: James Duquesnel, DEP
Elizabeth Mizell, The Nature Conservancy
Matthew King, Palm Beach County

**Acquisition (Emerald D & E)**
The Role of Conservation Easement Acquisition Programs in Preserving Agricultural Landscapes

Moderator: Robert Christianson, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Director of Operations and Land Resources

Presenters: Jimmy LeFils Landowner, Volusia County
Ed Kuester, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Denise Coleman, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch, included (Poolside)

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Management (Emerald B & C)**
Groundcover Restoration: Challenges and Opportunities Including Donor Site Network
Moderator: Bill Cleckley, NWFWMD Director, Division of Land Management and Acquisition

Presenters: John Valenta, NWFWMD
Kay Kirkman, Jones Ecological Center
Joe Livingston, ATS Partners

**Acquisition (Emerald D & E)**
Timberland and Changing Market Trends
Moderator: Michael Candler, Candler Appraisal Services Inc., President

Panel: Randy Chandler, Chandler and Associates
Michael Rogers, Rogers Valuation and Acquisition, Inc.
Ed Montgomery, Rayonier Timberlands
Steve Bruak, Sizemore and Sizemore

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break (Emerald Ballroom Foyer)

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Management (Emerald B & C)**
Mock Conservation Easement Trial
Moderator: William Haley, Esq., Brannon, Brown, Haley, Robinson, & Bullock, PA, President

Panel: Kevin Pope, Pope Environmental Inc; Jim Dreescher, Retired Forester
Bud Welthauser, Esq., DEP
Dykes Everett, Esq., Ward & Woodman, PA

**Acquisition (Emerald D & E)**
Innovations in Surveying and Mapping
Moderator: Nick Campamile, DEP, Survey and Mapping

Presenters: Steve Gordon, Nick Miller Inc
Stephen Clancy, Nick Miller Inc
Thursday, November 18, 2004 (continued)

4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Local Government Program (Emerald B & C)
Moderator: Roger Clark, Lee County

4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion (Emerald D & E)
Identify the most pressing issues associated with the science of restoration and methods for addressing those issues. Topics may include but not be limited to development of a restoration data bank, research information center, management techniques and monitoring needs.
Moderators: Fred Davis, SFWMD
Don Ross, EarthBalance

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet and Entertainment by the Rick Lollar Band
Hilton Resort (Poolside)
Sponsored by: American Government Services / Berryman and Henigar

10:00 p.m. Silent Auction Announcements (Coral Ballroom)

Friday, November 19, 2004

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Light Breakfast (Emerald Ballroom Foyer)

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Management (Emerald B & C) Partnering with Local Governments
Moderator: Mark Glisson, DEP Division of State Lands, Environmental Administrator
Roundtable: Jena Brooks, DEP
Howard Pursley, National Scenic Trails
Don Walters, Orange Hill Soil & Water Conservation District
David Foote, SFWMD
Kathy Baughman McLeod, Florida Communities Trust

Acquisition (Emerald D & E) Achieving Land Management Objectives Through Conservation Easements
Moderator: Fritz Musselmann, SFWMD
Land Resources Director
Panel: Charles H. Hood III, SFWMD
William Cleckley, NWFWMD
Robert Christenson, SJRWMD

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Break (Emerald Ballroom Foyer)

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. General Session (Emerald Ballroom)
National Defense Corridors: Partnering to Achieve Success
Moderator: Eva Armstrong, Florida DEP, Director, Division of State Lands
Panel: Deborah Keller, The Nature Conservancy
Gail Carmody, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Bruce Beard, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Land Acquisition and Management Accomplishments and Partnerships - Visual Production
Introduction: John H. Hankinson Jr., Consultant

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks