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As the Director of Everglades Restoration Initiatives for the US Department of the Interior, Shannon Estenoz is the Interior Secretary's representative in Florida on Everglades restoration issues. Shannon coordinates the Department's restoration efforts and is the Executive Director of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. Shannon's Everglades career spans seventeen years including roles as Executive Director of the Environmental & Land Use Law Center, Everglades Program Director of the World Wildlife Fund, three terms as National Co-Chair of the Everglades Coalition, and Sun Coast Regional Director of the National Parks Conservation Association. Shannon served on Governor Chiles' Commission for a Sustainable South Florida and Governor Bush's Commission for the Everglades. Governor Crist appointed Shannon to the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District where she served as Vice Chair of the Governing Board, Chair of both the Water Resources Advisory Commission and the Broward Water Resources Task Force, and as a member of the Broward Board of County Commissioners Water Advisory Board.

Shannon received a 2001 National Wetland Award from the Environmental Protection Agency; Conservationist of the Year awards in 2002, 2003, and 2009 from the Florida Wildlife Federation, the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation, and Everglades Coalition respectively; the 2010 Marjory Stoneman Douglas Environmental Award from Friends of the Everglades; and the 2010 Champion of the Everglades Award from Audubon of Florida. Shannon is a fifth generation native of Key West and holds degrees in international affairs and civil engineering from Florida State University.