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PUBLIC INVITED TO WORKSHOP ON EVERGLADES RESTORATION DRAFT MONITORING, ASSESSMENT PLAN

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District, and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will host a public workshop on the draft Monitoring and Assessment Plan for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). The workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2003, at the SFWMD Governing Board Auditorium, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406.

The draft Monitoring and Assessment Plan (MAP), which was developed by the CERP Restoration Coordination and Verification (RECOVER) team, describes a monitoring program that will measure how well the CERP is meeting its goals and objectives as well as provides a mechanism for the RECOVER program to fulfill its responsibility to design and implement the system-wide monitoring, assessment and data management program needed to support the CERP. The draft MAP was released in early April for a 60-day public and agency review which will close in June.

The public workshop will begin with an open house from 6 to 6:30 pm. During the open house, Corps and SFWMD staff will be available to discuss the draft plan. During the workshop, which will begin at 6:30 pm, staff will present information about the draft plan and gather public comment.

Spanish translation will be provided. Assistance for individuals with special

needs is available by calling 561-683-1577 ext. 17 at least four days prior to this event.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Elmar Kurzbach, Corps, at 904-232-2325 or Mr. Steve Davis, SFWMD, at 561-682-6602. Information may also be obtained from the website: www.evergladesplan.org/pm/recover/recover_map.cfm.

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