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## **SURVEY IN OKEECHOBEE WATERWAYS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with the South Florida Water Management District, will conduct a survey of underground geology within Lake Okeechobee and its tributaries.

The survey is scheduled to begin the first week of August, and will take approximately three weeks to complete. Survey operations will be conducted from a 30-foot vessel trailing a half-mile-long cable, which will be marked with buoys. The survey should not interfere with normal activities along the lake, but as a safety precaution, boaters are asked to avoid the survey vessel and the trailing cable.

Survey operations will cover approximately 120 miles along the following routes:

- Beginning at Indiantown, the survey will proceed along the St. Lucie Canal, travel southwest across Lake Okeechobee and into the Caloosahatchee River ending near La Belle.
- Beginning nine miles north of Lake Okeechobee, the survey will proceed southeast along the Kissimmee River to the south end of Lake Okeechobee ending near Belle Glade.

The survey is being done as part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, and will be used to evaluate the geological conditions beneath and around Lake Okeechobee. This data will be combined with other information in a computer model for determining potential locations for Aquifer Storage and Recovery wells.

Geological data will be collected for depths of 500 to 2,500 feet below sea level. The high-resolution data is obtained as pulses of air are released from the survey vessel and sensors along the trailing cable “listen” for reflected sound. The air pulses will have no adverse affect on fish or other marine animals.

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