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TEN MILE CREEK WATER PRESERVE AREA PROJECT SET TO BREAK GROUND

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District will hold a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction at the Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area.

The event will be held Friday, Nov. 7, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. at the project site on Gordy Road, off State Road 70 West (Okeechobee Road) in Fort Pierce, Florida.

The Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Project is a critical Everglades Restoration project that will improve the water quality and environmental components of the St. Lucie River estuary and the Indian River Lagoon.

The Ten Mile Creek project consists of a 550-acre above ground reservoir, a pump station, a gated-water control structure for moderating the release of water back into the creek and a 100-acre storm water treatment area. In addition, St. Lucie County will use a portion of the site as a nature preserve area for hiking, fishing and bird watching.

For more information, contact the Corps of Engineers Public Affairs Office at 1-800-291-8405 or the South Florida Water Management District at 772-223-2600, Extension 3603.