

**CYPRESS IWLA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**



DECEMBER 19-21, 2025

BRAMA ISLAND



HOSTED MICCOSUKEE & SEMINOLE TRIBE

- WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
- GAME CLEANING
- HUNTING SKILLS
- DEER/MIGRATORY BIRD
- TRACKING SKILLS
- FIREARM SAFETY



JANUARY 2, 2026

DEER REINTRODUCTION PROJECT - POINT OF CYPRESS RANCH

THANK YOU
HEATHER & FAMILY



JANUARY 5, 2026

BIG CYPRESS / STAIRSTEPS - PYTHON HUNT



JANUARY 8, 2026

PRESCRIBED FIRE @ DEVILS GARDEN

THANK YOU! JESSE LEE

JANUARY 17, 2026

POKER RUN

RAISED \$5,300 FOR EVERGLADES DEER PROJECT

THANK YOU BETTY OSCEOLA, BUFFALO TIGER & MARSHALL JONES



JANUARY 19, 2026

CENTRAL EVERGLADES - PYTHON HUNT



WES BATES - IOTR, PRESIDENT
FIRST PYTHON 9'2"

JANUARY 20, 2026

LAKE OKEECHOBEE - FWC LISTENING SESSION



JANUARY 21-23, 2026

BRAMA ISLAND - SEMINOLE TRIBE & NRCS

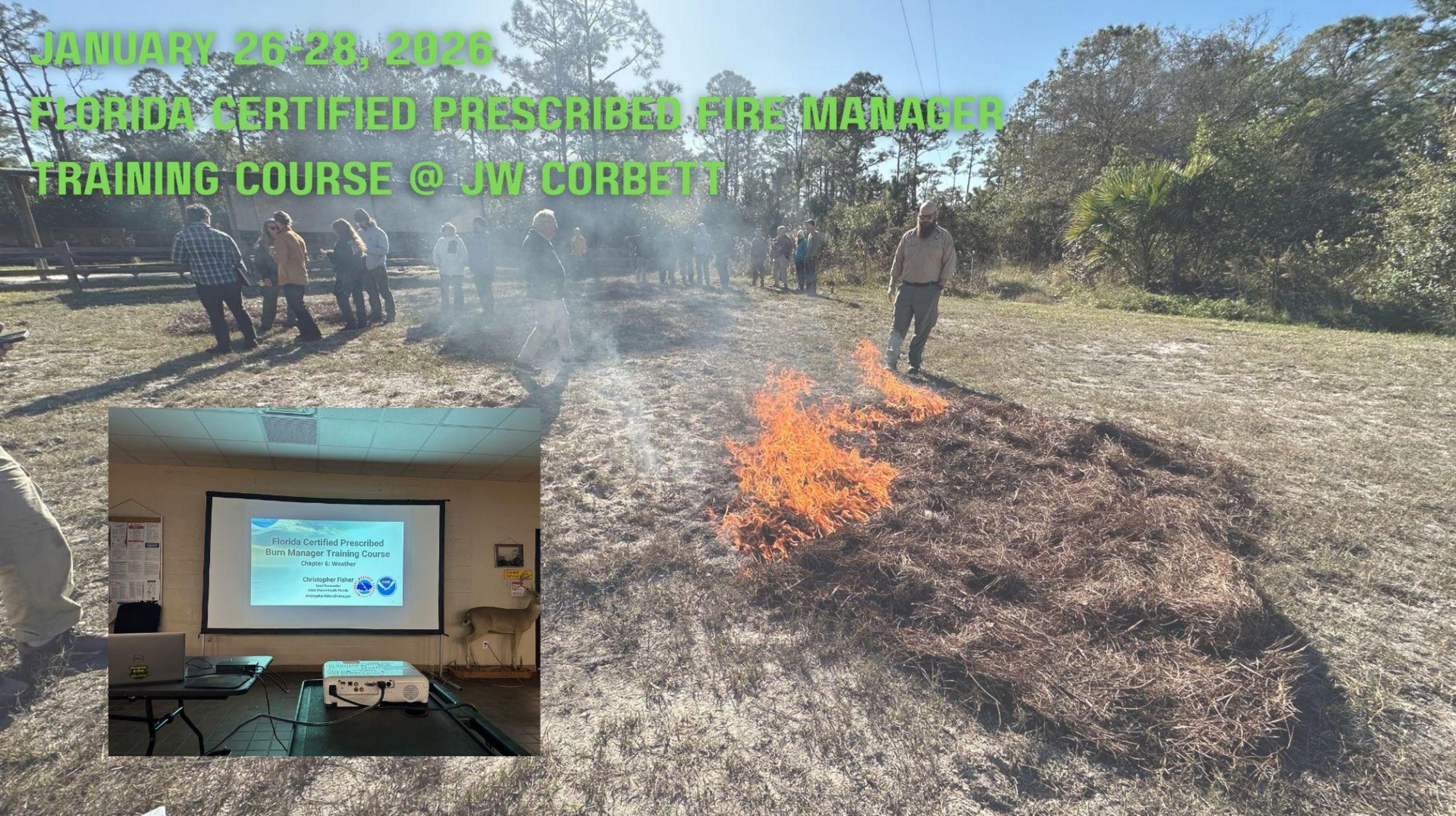
LAKE ISTOKPOGA - NRCS



JANUARY 26-28, 2026

FLORIDA CERTIFIED PRESCRIBED FIRE MANAGER

TRAINING COURSE @ JW CORBETT



JANUARY 30, 2026

FINAL DEER CAPTURE - FPL

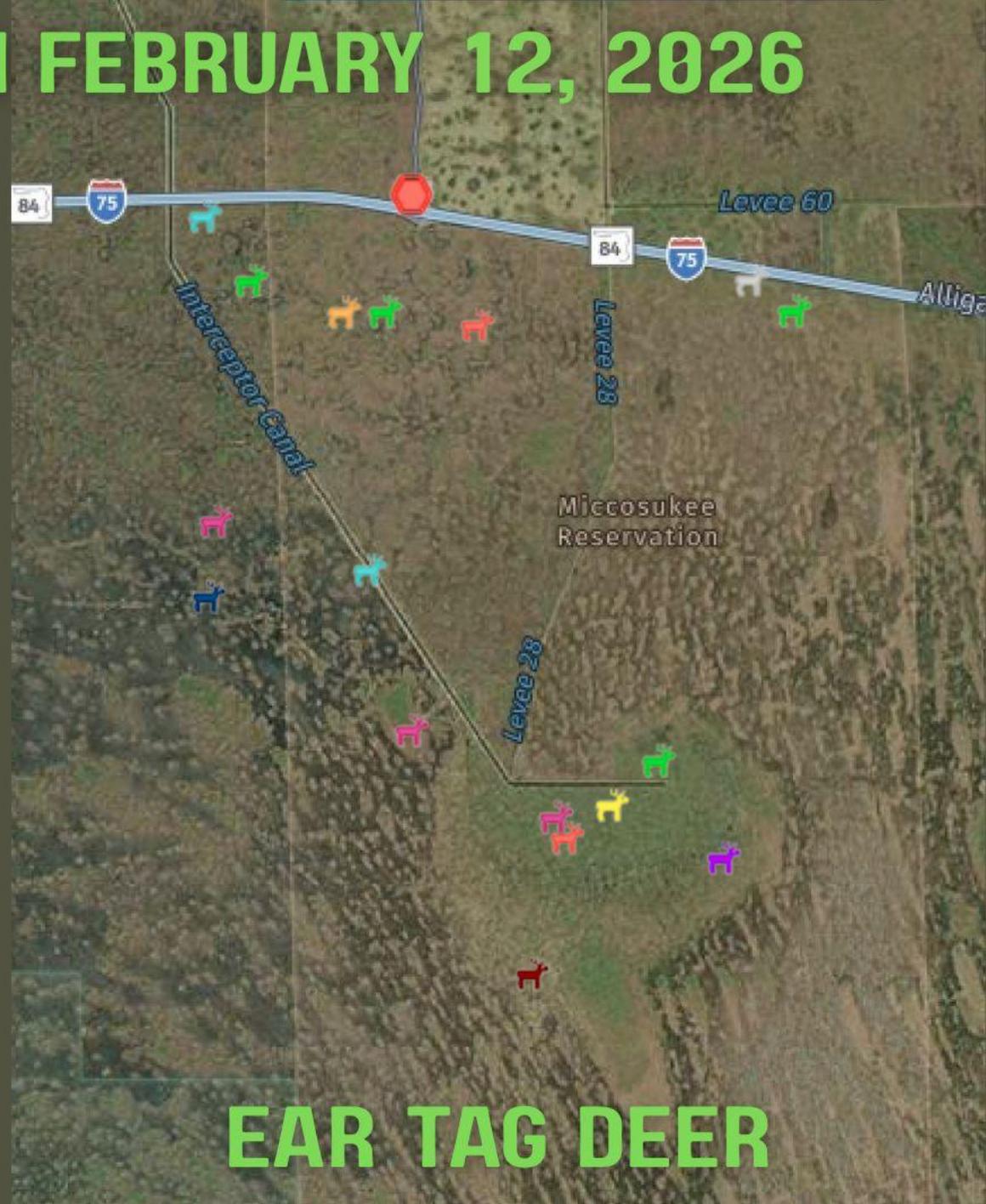
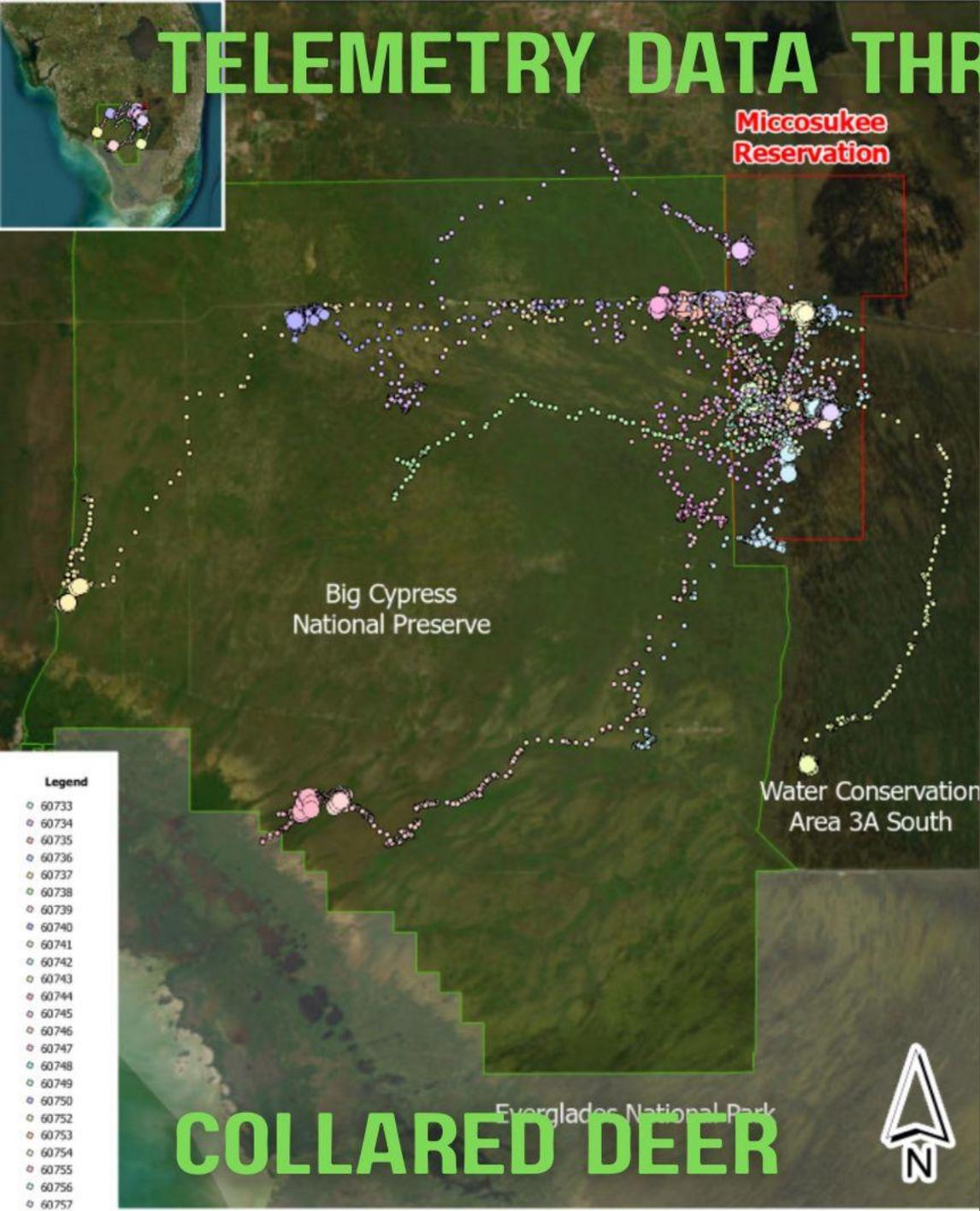


- **42 TOTAL DEER**
- **2 DEATHS - MYOPATHY**
- **1 BUCK RETURNED HOME**
- **8 BUCKS : 31 DOES**
- **6 CAUGHT IN TRAPS**
- **36 DARTED FROM TRUCK**
- **EST. 80% OF DOES PREGGO**

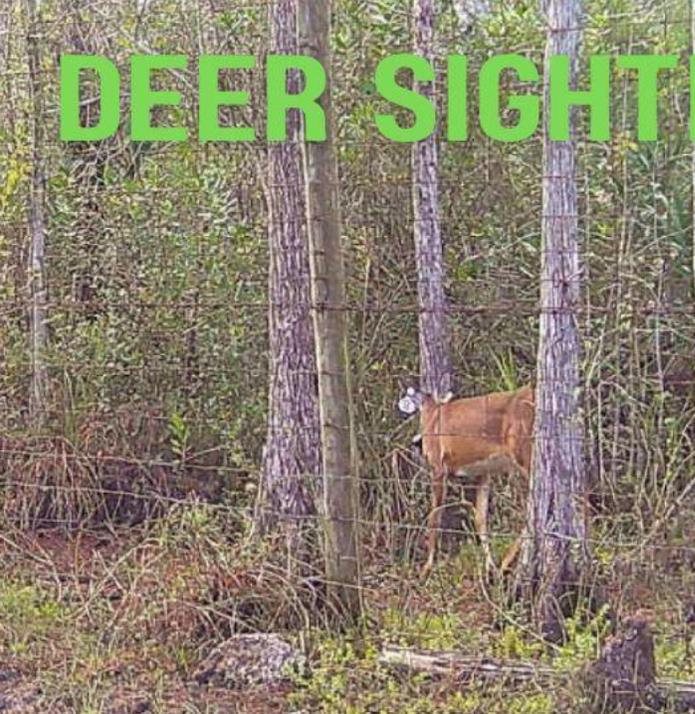
MORE TO COME IN 2026!!!



TELEMETRY DATA THROUGH FEBRUARY 12, 2026



DEER SIGHTINGS



SEMINOLE RESERVATION



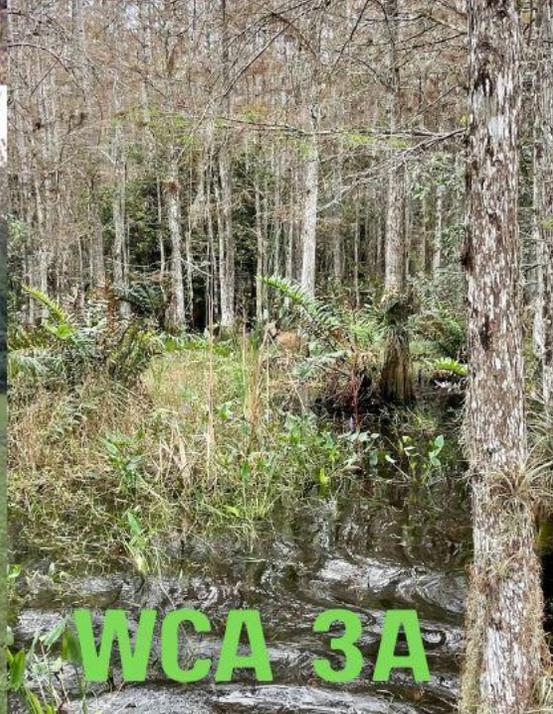
"THE BUCK THAT WENT HOME"
JB RANCH



MICCOSUKEE RESERVATION



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WCA 3A



BIG CYPRESS ADDITION LANDS

02/07/2026

10:16 AM

72°F

22°C



SPYPOINT FLEX

FEBRUARY 3-5, 2026

TALLAHASSEE, FL

- FWC COMMISSION MEETING
- CONSERVATION AT THE CAPITOL
- LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT





REPRESENTATIVE LAUREN MELO THE CONSERVATION COMMUNITY

cordially invite you to attend

Conservation at the Capitol

A dinner in honor of the Florida Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

6:00 PM

Goodwood Museum & Gardens

1600 Miccosukee Road

Tallahassee, Florida



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FEBRUARY 4, 2026
WASHINGTON DC

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All Information (Except Text) for S.446 - A bill to prohibit Big Cypress National Preserve from being designated as wilderness or as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.
119th Congress (2025-2026) | [Get alerts](#)

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BILL Hide Overview

Sponsor: [Sen. Scott Rick \[R-FL\]](#) (Introduced 02/06/2025)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Committee Meetings: [02/04/26 9:30AM](#) [12/09/25 10:00AM](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 02/04/2026 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably and an amendment to the title. ([All Actions](#))

Tracker: **Introduced** > Passed Senate > Passed House > To President > Became Law

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Subject — Policy Area:
Public Lands and Natural Resources
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S. 446 PASSES ON CONSENT IN THE SENATE
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION



**PURSUING PARTNERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAKE OKEECHOBEE
NUTRIENT REDUCTION PROJECT**

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

IMPERIAL RIVER - FGCU

- **DR. MIKE PARSONS - FGCU WATER SCHOOL**
- **FRED FORBES - VESTER FIELD STATION - FGCU**
- **NICK SZABO - AGUACULTURE**

FEBRUARY 12, 2026

LAKE ISTOKPOGA FIELD TRIP

- THE COASTAL HABITAT & WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE (C-HAWQ)
- DISCUSSED OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION
- EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP



FEBRUARY 13, 2026

ARCHBOLD BIOLOGICAL STATION / BUCK ISLAND RANCH

LAKE OKEECHOBEE PARTNERSHIP



FEBRUARY 13, 2026

CLEWISTON, FL

FARM BILL / KAT CAMMACK



RAISE YOUR CONCERNS

FARM BILL LISTENING SESSION

CONGRESSWOMAN
KAT CAMMACK



FEBRUARY 13



5:00 - 6:30 PM



JOHN BOY AUDITORIUM
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FL 33440

RSVP

FL03FarmBill@mail.house.gov



CONGRESSWOMAN
KAT CAMMACK
PROUDLY SERVING FLORIDA'S 3RD DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 17, 2026
TWIN EAGLES - NAPLES, FL



WATER QUALITY PROJECTS

AWARDED

- 6.8M - LAKE KISSIMMEE - FDACS
- 2.8M - LAKE OKEECHOBEE - FDEP
- 1.5M - LAKE ISTOKPOGA - SFWMD
- 1M - LAKE TOHOPEKALIGA - OSCEOLA COUNTY

PROPOSED

- 5.2M - LAKE JACKSON - MEMBER PROJECT/FWC
- 5M - LAKE OKEECHOBEE - MEMBER PROJECT/FWC
- 22M - LAKE OKEECHOBEE - NRCS

Form #: 3213

Request Form Title:

Lake Jackson Habitat Restoration
- Attestation Form

Sponsor: Shoaf, Jason

Committee Name:

Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget
Subcommittee

Funds: 5,225,000

Form #: 2536

Request Form Title:

Lake Okeechobee Habitat Restoration
- Attestation Form

Sponsor: Melo, Lauren

Committee Name:

Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget
Subcommittee

Funds: 5,000,000