

<u>Title:</u> Support Everglades flow restoration to reduce land-based sources of pollution and improve water quality in estuaries and inlet contributing areas connected to the coral reef ecosystems of southeast Florida.

**Objective:** The intended outcome of this action is for improved water quality, quantity, timing and distribution for human populations and the natural systems in south Florida.

**Background:** This recommended management action is being proposed due to the current pulse introduction of freshwater to estuaries which leads to seagrass, coral and oyster mortality. This recommended management action will improve nutrient uptake by other water management treatment measures before the water is discharged to the Everglades or to the estuaries, thus there will be improved quality of downstream waters.

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