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### **Southern Loop at Taylor Creek STA Closed to Recreation**

*Repair of outfall structure expected to be complete in two weeks*

**Okeechobee, FL** – Construction work to repair the outfall structure in the southern loop of the Taylor Creek Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) on U.S. Highway 441 in northern Okeechobee County has caused the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to close this portion of the popular recreation area to the public.

While hikers, bicycling enthusiasts, bird watchers and others continue to have access to the northern loop at the STA, they will find barricades in place preventing access to the southern loop for approximately two weeks while construction work is being completed.

While the District regrets any inconvenience this necessary closure may cause, this action is being taken instead of closing the entire area to the public while construction is ongoing. For safety reasons, the public is asked to heed all posted warnings and remain outside of the area during this time.

For more information about this project or for general information about the South Florida Water Management District, please call the Okeechobee Service Center at 863-462-5260.

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#### **About the South Florida Water Management District**

*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*