



Everglades Coalition

1000 Friends of Florida
Arthur R. Marshall Foundation
Audubon
Audubon Florida
Audubon of the Everglades
Audubon of Southwest Florida
Audubon of the Western Everglades
Caloosahatchee River Citizens
Association / Riverwatch
Center for Biological Diversity
Clean Water Action
Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Defenders of Wildlife
“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society
Earthjustice
Environment Florida
Everglades Coordinating Council
Everglades Foundation
Everglades Law Center
Florida Conservation Alliance
Florida Defenders of the Environment
Florida Keys Environmental Fund
Florida Native Plant Society
Florida Oceanographic Society
Florida Wildlife Federation
Friends of the Arthur R. Marshall
Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
Friends of the Everglades
Hendry Glades Audubon Society
Institute for Regional Conservation
Izaak Walton League Florida Division
Izaak Walton League Florida Keys Chapter
Izaak Walton League Mangrove Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America
Last Stand
League of Women Voters of Florida
Loxahatchee River Coalition
Martin County Conservation Alliance
Miami Waterkeeper
National Parks Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
National Wildlife Refuge Association
Natural Resources Defense Council
Ocean Research & Conservation Association
Reef Relief
Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation
Save It Now, Glades!
Sierra Club
Sierra Club Broward Group
Sierra Club Calusa Group
Sierra Club Central Florida Group
Sierra Club Florida Chapter
Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group
Sierra Club Miami Group
Snook and Gamefish Foundation
South Florida Audubon Society
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Tropical Audubon Society
The Urban Environment League of
Greater Miami

May 5, 2015

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Earth Day in Everglades National Park

Dear President Obama:

On behalf of the 57 organizations of the Everglades Coalition committed to the full protection and restoration of America’s Everglades, we write to thank you for bringing national attention to one of our country’s greatest environmental treasures on Earth Day – Everglades National Park.

We want to express our great appreciation, as well, to the many federal agency partners who worked to make the Earth Day celebration such a success, including those at the Department of the Interior, the National Park Service, and the White House Council on Environmental Quality. It was an honor for members of the Everglades Coalition to be invited, and a pleasure to be able to lend our support to your Administration’s work to combat climate change impacts through restoration.

Our community understands that by restoring the natural southern flow of freshwater through the “River of Grass” into Everglades National Park, we not only help mitigate against sea level rise and saltwater intrusion, but also protect the drinking water supply for eight million Floridians. The health of Florida’s environment, economy, and quality of life hang in the balance.

We look forward to continuing to work with your Administration – as well as our local and state partners and Congressional leaders – toward our shared goals of restoring America’s Everglades now and for generations to come. We hope you enjoyed your visit and will come back soon!

Sincerely,

Cara Capp

Cara Capp
National Co-Chair

Jason Totoiu
State Co-Chair

CC: Secretary Sally Jewell, U.S. Department of the Interior
Director Jonathan Jarvis, U.S. National Park Service
Superintendent Pedro Ramos, Everglades National Park
Superintendent Brian Carlstrom, Biscayne National Park
Southeast Regional Director Stan Austin, U.S. National Park Service
Director Christy Goldfuss, White House Council on Environmental Quality

Committed to full protection and restoration of America’s Everglades