The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and acting through its Executive Director under Paragraph 22 of the Delegations of Authority, hereby establishes, by order, special regulations for the Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area (WMA). These special regulations are necessary due to extensive wildfires burning throughout a portion of the WMA that have jeopardized wildlife and their associated habitat. The special regulations are as follows:

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Rule 68A-15.064, F.A.C., motorized vehicles, off-highway vehicles, motorcycles, swamp buggies/tracked vehicles, and airboats are prohibited in that portion of the Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA designated Water Conservation Area 3A North, East of the Miami Canal. Canals and associated boat ramps remain open to public access for fishing.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Rule 68A-15.064, F.A.C., the L5 south levee road is closed to all public access.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by subsequent order.

AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rules 68-1.009 F.A.C. and 68A-14.001, F.A.C.

Law Implemented: IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution, §375.313 F.S.


Thomas Reinert, Regional Director
for Eric Sutton,
Executive Director

ATTEST:

Agency Clerk

APPROVED as to form and legality:

Commission Attorney