Executive Order Number: 14-05

KISSIMMEE CHAIN OF LAKES AREA
- ROLLING MEADOWS UNIT

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution and Rule 68A-14.001, F.A.C., hereby re-establishes the Rolling Meadows property ("Unit") in Polk County, Florida [as described in South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Resolution #2014-0204 and within boundaries demarked by and as managed by SFWMD, containing 1,800 acres more or less] to the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area as established by EO 12-21.

The following regulations shall apply to the Unit notwithstanding the regulations contained in 68A-15.006(4), F.A.C.:

OPEN SEASON: Saturdays and Sundays only
2. Youth Turkey – March 8-9, 2014.
5. Fishing – Allowed when public access is allowed.

LEGAL TO TAKE:
Legal to take: All legal game, wild turkey (bearded turkey or gobbler only), wild hog, non-protected mammals and fish.

GENERAL REGULATIONS:
1. Taking wild hog with dogs is prohibited.
2. Wild hog may be taken with no size or bag limit, but only during seasons established in this EO.
3. Erecting or maintaining treestands more than one weekend before the start of small game season through the last day of spring turkey season is prohibited.
4. Fires are prohibited.
5. Camping is prohibited.
6. Motorized vehicles and motorized vessels are prohibited.
7. Public access to the area is allowed only by boat from Lake Hatchineha and only from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset during established area hunting seasons.
8. Take of wildlife is prohibited on, from or across the levees.
9. Taking wildlife with firearms other than muzzleloading guns or shotguns is prohibited.
10. Taking wild turkey with firearms other than shotguns using number 2 or smaller diameter shot is prohibited.
11. Construction or use of permanent blinds or structures is prohibited.
12. Tampering with or destruction of equipment, improvements, and water control structures is prohibited.

13. Public access is prohibited in portions of public hunting areas that are posted as “Closed” or “Restricted.”

14. Releasing wildlife of any species is prohibited unless authorized by permit from the executive director.

15. Wild hog may be hunted with a firearm or archery equipment only from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

This order shall take effect at 11:59 p.m. on February 23, 2014 and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 20, 2014, unless rescinded by subsequent order or rule.

AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rule 68A-14.001(2) and 68A-15.006(4), F.A.C.

HISTORY: EO 12-13, EO 13-25, EO 14-05


Eric Sutton
Assistant Executive Director

Attest: Agency Clerk
SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Resolution No. 2014 - 0204

A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District authorizing the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish District lands, consisting of approximately 1800 acres of Tract 18121-001 located in Polk County, as part of the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Managed Area through the end of the 2014 spring turkey season; subject to terms and conditions; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 140-73 of the South Florida Water Management District Policies Code, "District lands shall be open to public recreational access and use activities as is practicable and in a manner consistent with legislative directives, intended uses, legal considerations, and resources"; and;

WHEREAS, the District owns the Rolling Meadows property in Polk County comprising of approximately 1800 acres, more or less, which lands are located in the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Management Region, as identified on Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (collectively, the “Properties”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 40E-7.527, Florida Administrative Code, public hunting on District lands may only be established with the approval of the Governing Board, and such hunting shall be regulated, administered and enforced by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District has determined that it is necessary, appropriate, and in the public interest to authorize the Commission to establish the Properties as part of the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Managed Area and allow hunting on the area in accordance with Rule 40E-7.527, Florida Administrative Code; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District hereby authorizes the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to re-establish the Properties as part of the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Managed Area on an interim basis through the end of the 2014 spring turkey season allowing hunting and
public access only on weekends and prohibiting the use of motorized vessels and
vehicles, center-fire and rim-fire rifles, and the use of dogs for hunting purposes
consistent with Rule 40E-7.527, Florida Administrative Code. At the conclusion of the
2014 spring turkey season, the Properties will be de-established and removed from the
boundaries of the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Managed Area.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2014.