Notice of Change to Florida Pine Snake Permitting Guidelines

In response to public comment received, staff is proposing a minor change to the language appearing on pages 6 and 7 of the previously published Florida Pine Snake Permitting Guidelines.

The new added language would be (words added are underlined):

“Routine maintenance of vegetation in existing linear utility and highway right of ways.

In cases where there is an immediate danger to the public’s health and/or safety, including imminent or existing power outages that threaten public safety, or in direct response to an official declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor of Florida or a local governmental entity, power restoration activities and non-routine removal or trimming of vegetation within linear right of way in accordance with a vegetation management plan that meets applicable federal and state standards does not require an incidental take permit from the state.”

Commission consideration of the guidelines at their meeting on February 7, 2018 will include the amended language.

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