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**FOR: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS – CENTRAL FLORIDA**  
**TO: ALL NEWS DIRECTORS & ASSIGNMENT EDITORS**  
**EVENT: NEWS CONFERENCE: KISSIMMEE RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT**  
**WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2005 AT 12:00 NOON**  
**WHERE: Orlando Executive Airport (Showalter Terminal) Conference Room  
400 Herndon Avenue, Orlando**

**U.S. Senator Mel Martinez, Assistant Secretary of the Army John Paul Woodley  
tour Kissimmee River restoration project**

## **Phase II of massive river restoration to begin**

Orlando, Fla. – U.S. Senator Mel Martinez, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works John Paul Woodley and Col. Robert M. Carpenter, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District will tour the Kissimmee River restoration project. The purpose of the tour is to review and discuss plans for the second phase of restoration. Phase I restored 15 miles of the river and reclaimed 12,000 acres of wetlands. Phase II will restore an additional 10 miles of the river and reclaim 6,000 acres of wetlands.

The project, managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is sponsored by the State of Florida for the purpose of restoring the historic Kissimmee River floodplain ecosystem and reestablishing wetland conditions in central Florida between Orlando and Lake Okeechobee. A number of benefits, which will be discussed, have already been realized following completion of Phase I of the project in 2001.

For further information about this event, please call Barry Vorse, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Corporate Communication Office at cell phone number 904-614-4976. Directions to the event location are attached.

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Directions to Orlando Executive Airport  
Showalter Terminal  
400 Herndon Avenue  
Orlando, FL

From Northwest (Altamonte Springs): I-4 west to SR 50 (Colonial Drive). SR 50 east to Herndon Avenue.

From Northeast (Sanford): SF 417 (Greenway) south to SR 50 (Colonial Drive). Take SR 50 west to Herndon Avenue.

From South/West (Tampa, Lake Buena Vista): I-4 east to SR 50 (Colonial Drive). Take SR 50 east to Herndon Avenue.

From East (Cape Canaveral, Cocoa Beach, Titusville): SR 528 (Beeline) to SR 417 (Greenway). Take SR 417 north to SR 408 (East-West Expressway). Take SR 408 west to SR 436 (Semoran Blvd.). Take SR 436 north to SR 50 (Colonial Drive). Take SR 50 west to Herndon Avenue.