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U. S. Army Corps of Engineers cleaning up Rim Canal debris from Hurricane Wilma

CLEWISTON, Fla. – The South Florida Operations Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located here, has begun to remove debris and obstructions from the Okeechobee Waterway (OWW).

Recreational vehicles, boats and other debris left by Hurricane Wilma last year currently clog the OWW's Route 2, known here as the Rim Canal. Debris is also blocking the area from the Torry/Kreamer Island Bridge to the South Bay Boat Ramp.

Vegetation is now blocking the canal from the South Bay Boat Ramp to Rardin Park. Floating hazards, such as dead Melaleuca trees and pond apple trees, are also floating in the waterway.

Additional information regarding these issues and others may be obtained by visiting the Corps' website at www.saj.usace.army.mil/ and then selecting "Coastal Navigation" and/or "Water Management." Then click on "Navigation Bulletins" and "Lock Closure Information."

To speak to an expert from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about these matters, please call the South Florida Operations Office here at 863-983-8101 or call 904-232-3974.

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