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*****Agencies release draft Report to Congress for Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan*****

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District and U.S. Department of the Interior are seeking agency and public comment on the draft 2015 Report to Congress for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). The agencies will accept comments through November 4, 2015.

This is the third CERP report prepared for Congress and is required by the Water Resources Development Act of 2000. The report covers implementation progress between mid- 2010 and mid-2015 as well as activities planned for the next five years. The secretaries of the Army and the Interior will jointly submit the final report to Congress later this year.

The collaborative efforts of restoration partners over the past five years have resulted in a period of unprecedented progress towards restoring America's Everglades. The 2010-2015 reporting period has been busy with new construction starts, project completions, accelerated planning efforts, new investments in water quality and the passage of key congressional legislation. These are among the many accomplishments and highlights covered in the draft report.

The draft report is available online at

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Portals/44/docs/Environmental/Report%20to%20Congress/2015CERPReportCongressDRAFT.pdf>

Comments will be accepted through November 4, 2015. They can be submitted electronically to: Natalie.S.Garrett@usace.army.mil or mailed to:

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Additional information on the CERP Report to Congress available at:

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EcosystemRestoration/CERPReporttoCongress.aspx>