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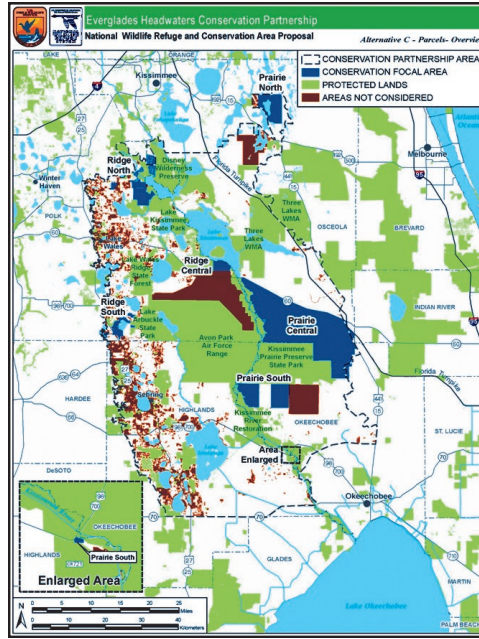
October 16, 2011

Charlie Pelizza named a 2011 Champion of the Everglades

Charlie Pelizza, manager of both the Pelican Island and Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuges, will be honored at the Marshall Foundation's River of Grass Gala on Dec. 10 as one of three recipients of this year's "Champion of the Everglades" awards.



In addition to his work at the two refuges, Charlie is the "on-the-ground" representative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's efforts to establish an Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge (more info at right).



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes National Wildlife Refuge in Kissimmee Valley

After considerable public input, including our own John and Nancy Marshall, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing to create the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area.

Unlike a traditional refuge, the Everglades Headwaters would be a mix of refuge lands and easements that would fill in gaps across the landscape.

Other partners in this effort include the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Department of Defense, The Nature Conservancy, and the National Wildlife Refuge Association.

"This initiative...would protect and improve water quality north of Lake Okeechobee, restore wetlands, and connect existing conservation lands and important wildlife corridors to support the Everglades restoration efforts."

- U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar

Save the date!

River of Grass Gala

December 10

6:30 pm

Kravis Center for the Performing Arts
701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach

Don't miss a great evening of fun, food, and entertainment, plus presentation of the 2011 "Champions of the Everglades" awards!

\$250 per person

Ambassador Sponsorships are still available.

Visit www.artmarshall.org for more info and to purchase tickets securely online.

It's not too late to donate items and gift certificates for the silent auction; call Sherri at (561) 233-9004.

RSVP today for the annual Cypress Harvest!

Saturday, October 29

9:00 am — 12:00 noon

Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach

E-mail education@artmarshall.com for complete information and release forms.

Special Membership Offer extended to October 31, 2011

- **Sustaining Membership** \$10/month (min.)
- **Annual Membership** \$100 (special bonus - join now and your membership will continue until December 31, 2012!)
- Eligible for River of Grass Gala ticket drawing on November 1
- The first 10 NEW members will also receive a FREE Special 50th Anniversary Edition of *The Everglades: River of Grass* by Marjory Stoneman Douglas.



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