



# **SFWMD Recreational Forum**

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Public Use Project Updates  
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# Public Use Project Updates

- **Close Coordination with Construction to Open Public Access**
  - After project construction
  - During project maintenance



STA 5 Deer Fence Canal Rd.



# Public Use Project Updates

- **Construction Updates With Public Use Closures and Openings**
  - **STA 1E, 3/4 and 5**
  - **L38W Temporary Test Plug**



STA 5 Blumberg Rd.

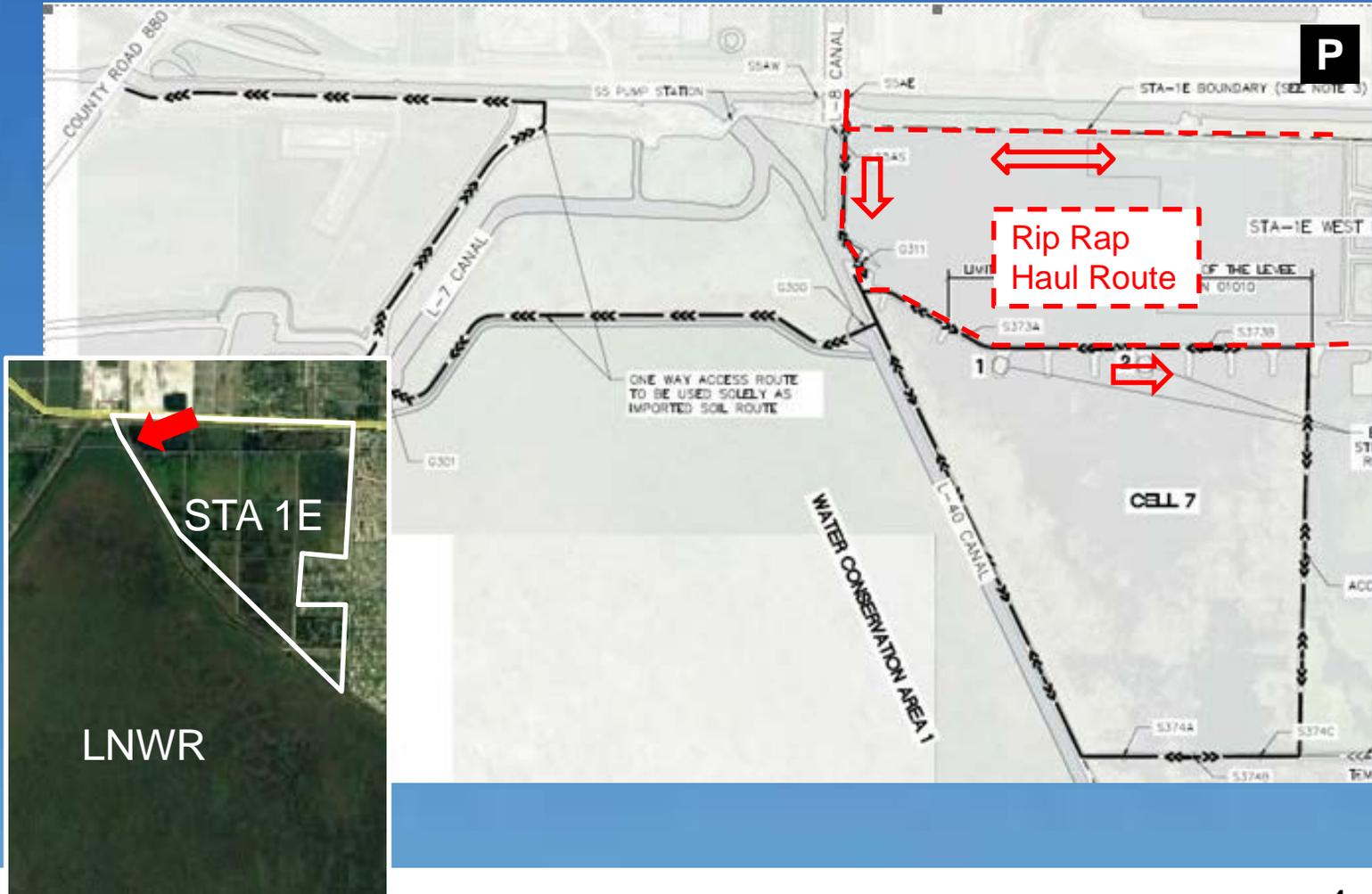


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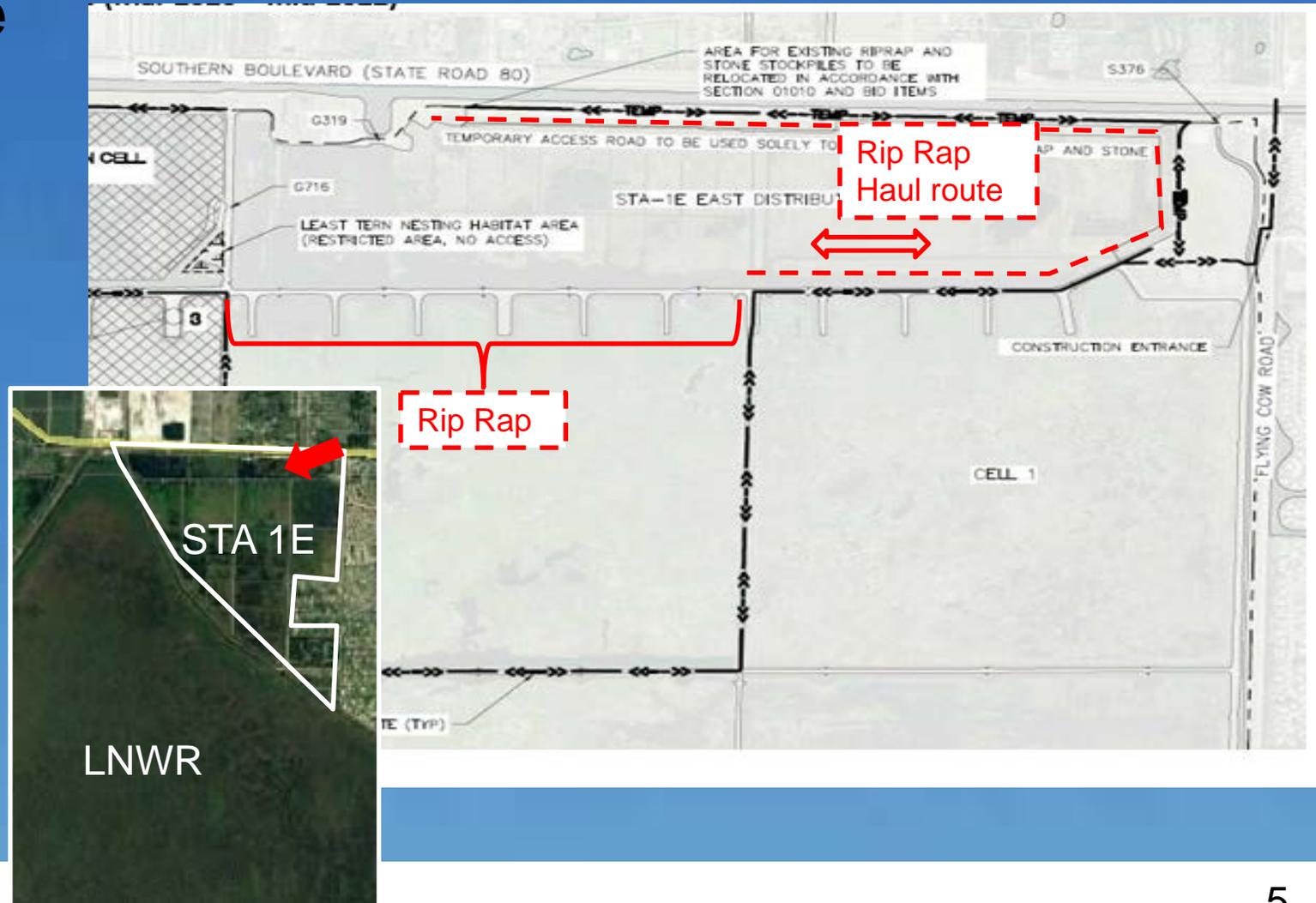
## STA 1E and Public Access

- Current rip rap project
- Absorb flow energy
- Correct levee erosion
- Started late November, continue through mid February
- Public use area, hiking, biking, fishing closed Fri. through Mon.



# STA 1E and Public Access

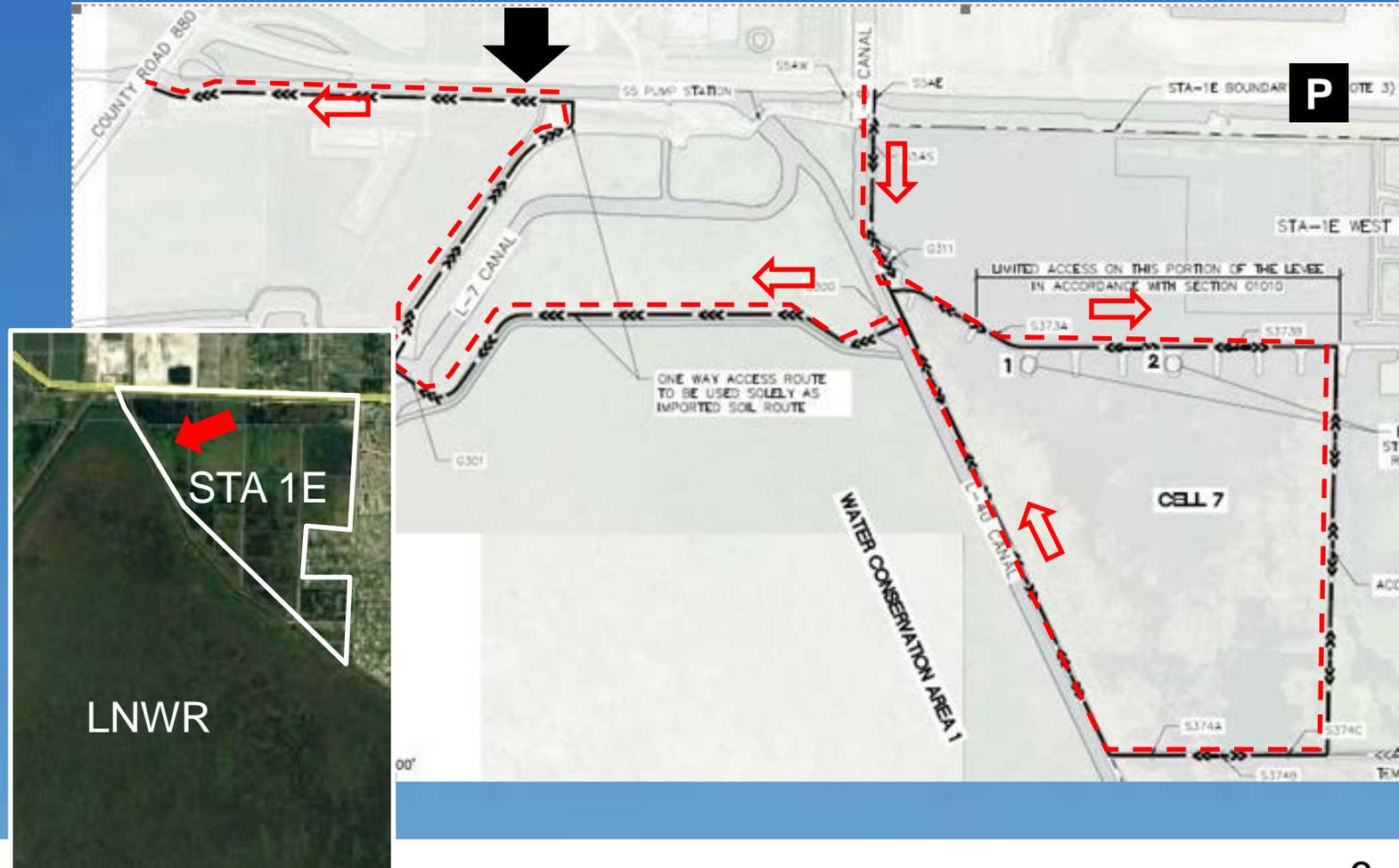
- Rip rap project to move eastward
- Absorb flow energy
- Correct levee erosion
- Starting late February
- Public use area, hiking, biking, fishing, to be open Fri. through Mon.
- Bird watching tours rerouted





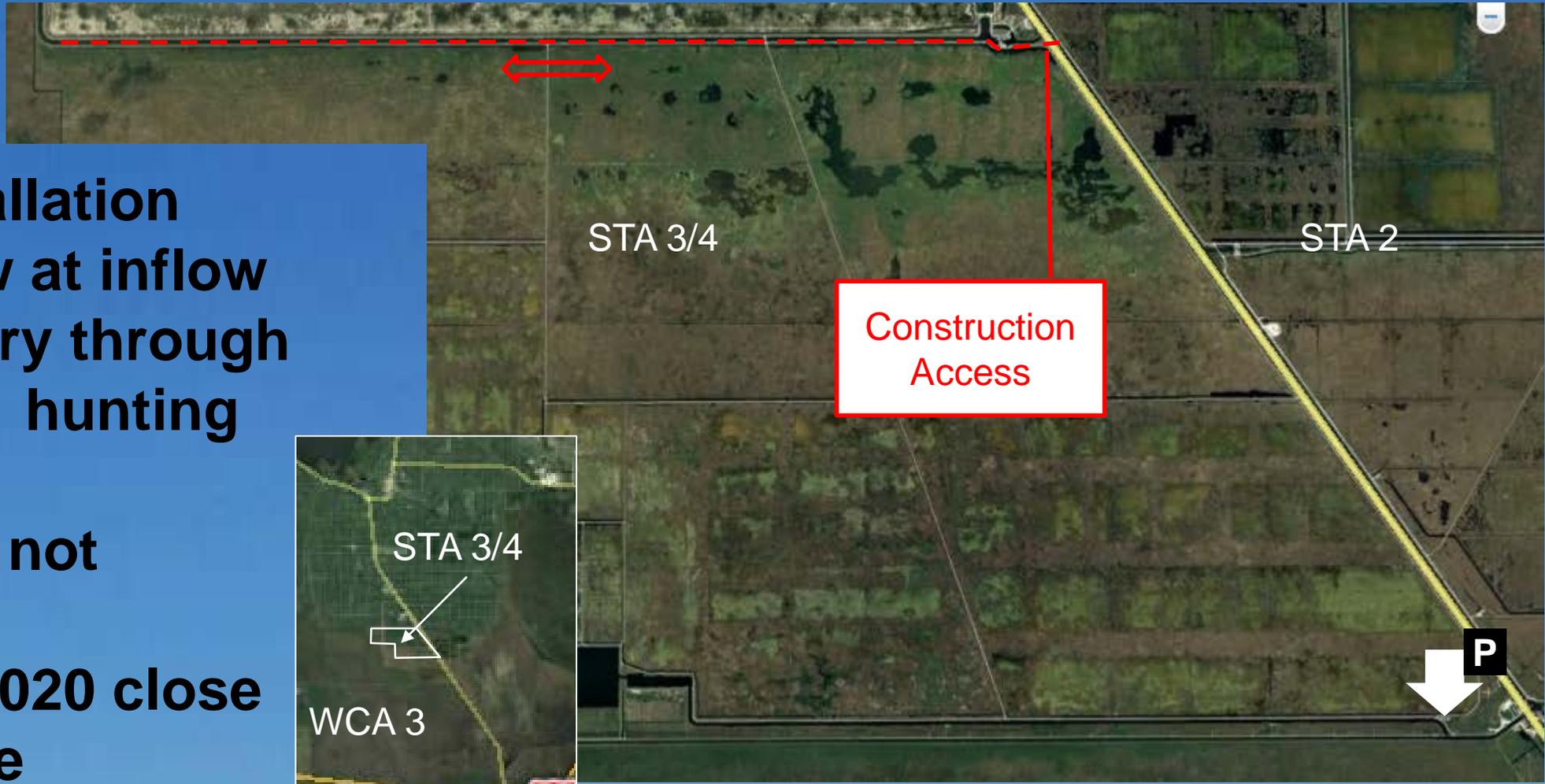
# STA 1E and Public Access

- Leveling of cell 7
- Distribute flow evenly
- Hauling in material
- Late February to mid 2020
- Move check station from NWR to STA 1W Expansion #1 for 2020-2021 season





# STA 3/4 and Public Access



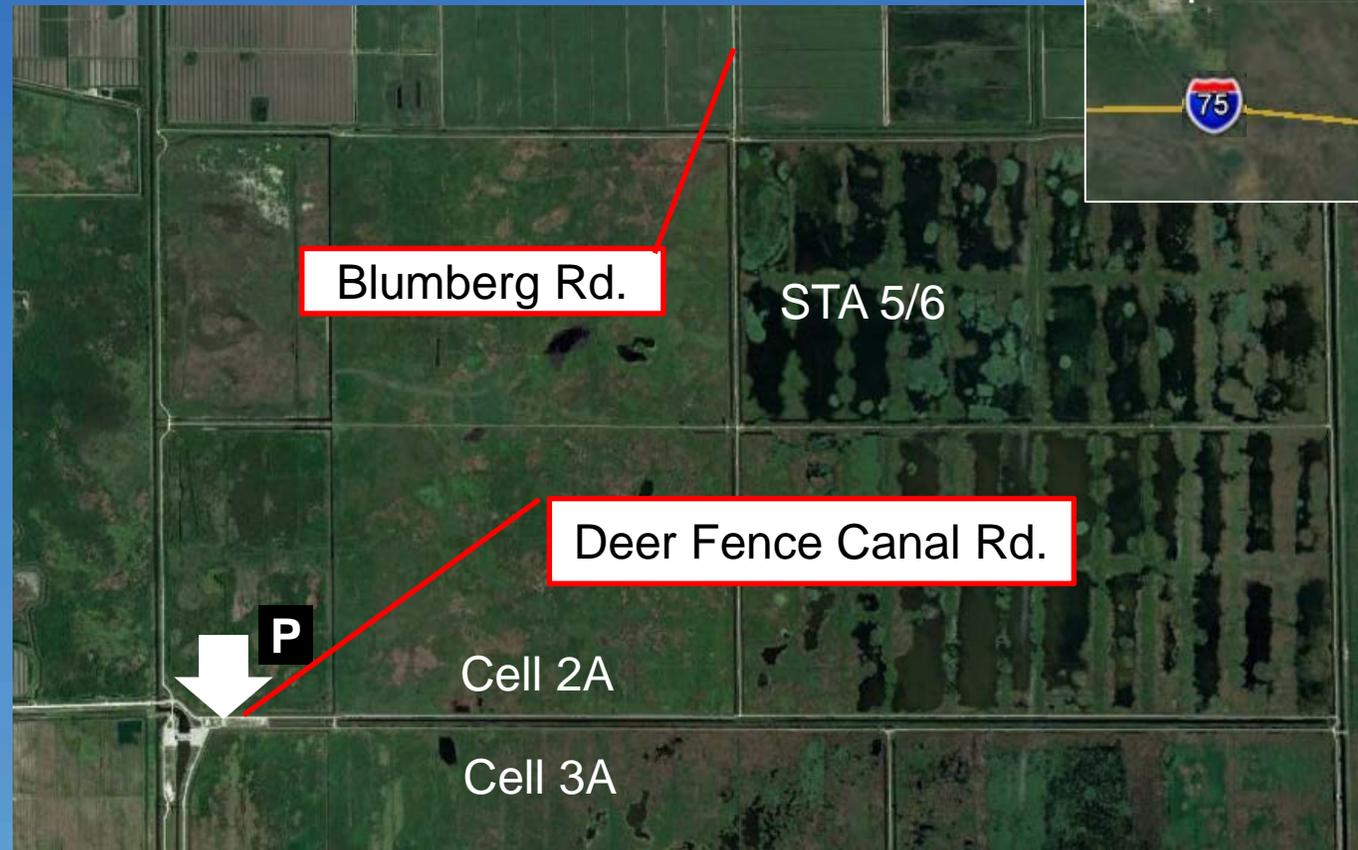
- Rock installation
- Slows flow at inflow
- Mid January through 2020- 2021 hunting season
- Waterfowl not changed
- Alligator 2020 close north levee





# STA 5 and Public Access

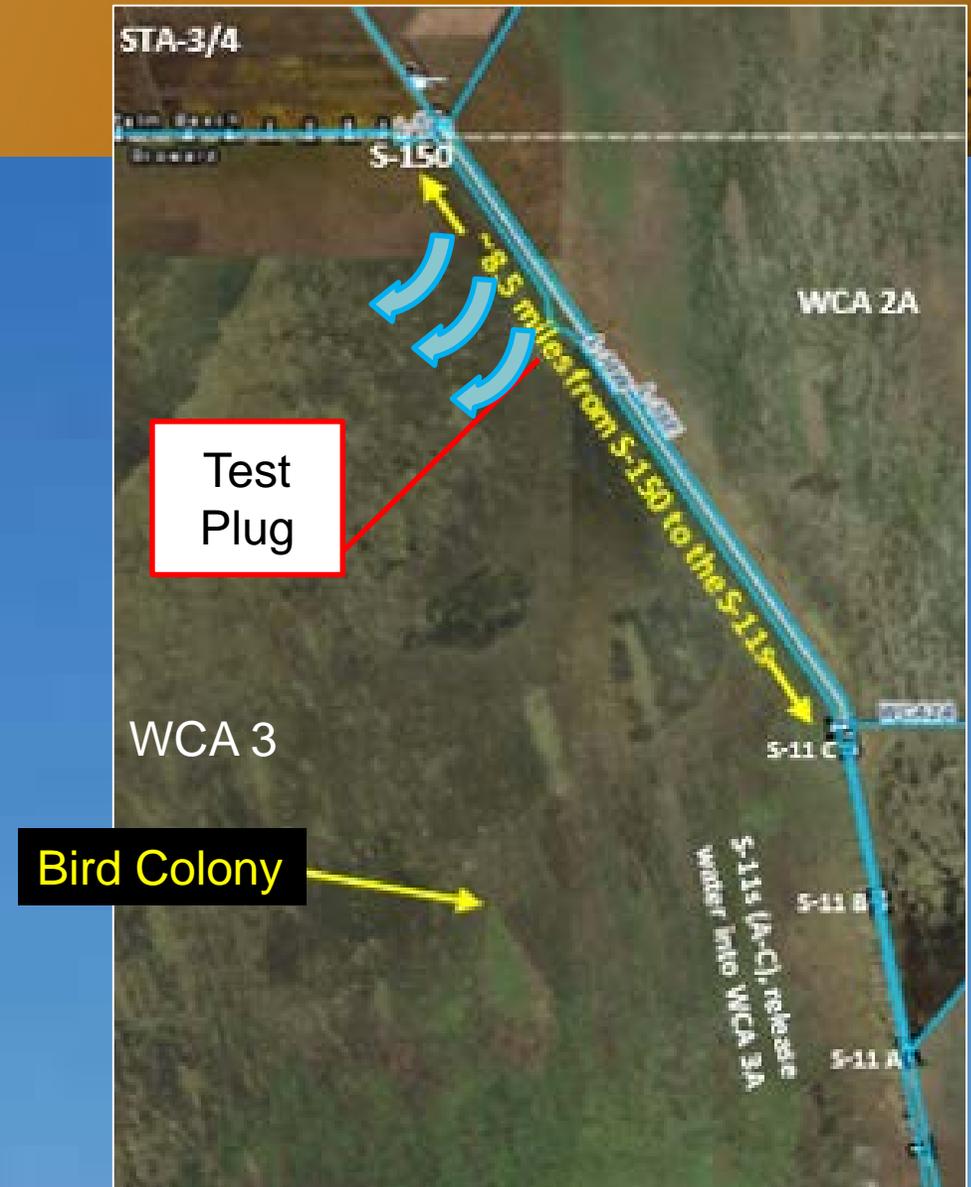
- Cells 2A and 3A leveling completed
- Evenly distribute flow
- Hauled over 1 million cubic yards
- No loss of public use
- Mid February 2020, return public access area to Deer Fence Canal Rd.





## L38W Temporary Test Plug

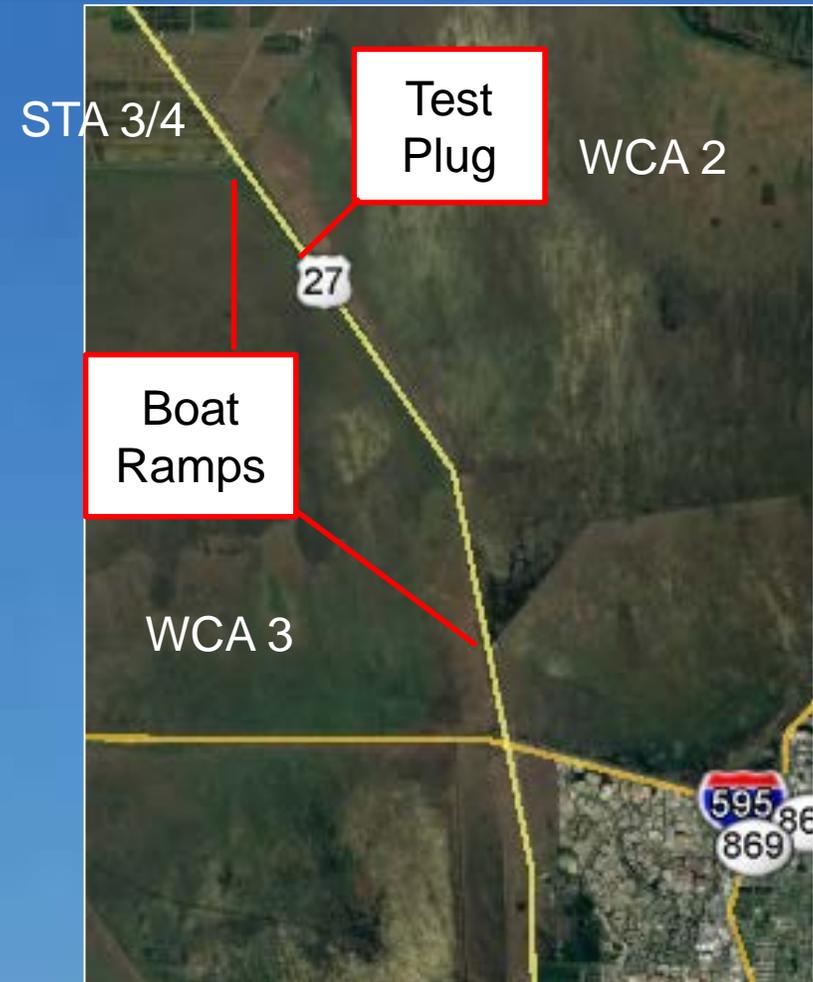
- Test plug blocks canal, and forces water into northern WCA3, intended benefits are:
- Increase hydration to reduce soil oxidation and peat fires
- Improve foraging and reduce predation for Alley North Wading Bird Nesting Colony
- Start date early 2020
- Test over 2 dry seasons





# L38W Temporary Test Plug

- Access from two boat ramps
- Signs at boat ramps
- Buoys and reflectors at plugs





# Discussion

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