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DEP DISTRICT OFFICES, STATE PARKS AND PRESERVES CLOSE
--Threat of Tropical Storm Katrina closes facilities--

TALLAHASSEE – The Department of Environmental Protection today announced the closure of many State parks, preserves and regulatory offices throughout South Florida beginning Thursday, August 25th until further notice due to imminent weather conditions.

Closed offices, parks and preserves include:

District and Branch Offices (3):

Southeast District Office
400 N Congress Avenue, Suite 200
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Southeast District Port St. Lucie Branch Office
1801 SE Hillmoor Drive, C 204
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952

South District Punta Gorda Branch office
Charlotte County Airport Authority
28000 A-10 Airport Road
Punta Gorda, Florida 33982

State Parks (9):

Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park
1200 S. Crandon Blvd.
Key Biscayne, Florida 33149

Fort Pierce Inlet State Park
905 Shorewinds Drive
Fort Pierce, Florida 34949

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
3109 East Sunrise Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304
John D. MacArthur Beach State Park
10900 S.R. 703 (A1A)
North Palm Beach, Florida 33408

Jonathan Dickinson State Park
16450 S.E. Federal Highway
Hobe Sound, Florida 33455

Oleta River State Park
3400 N.E. 163rd Street
North Miami, Florida 33160

St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park
4810 S.E. Cove Road
Stuart, Florida 34997

Savannas Preserve State Park
9551 Gumbo Limbo Lane
Jensen Beach, Florida 34957

Seabranch Preserve State Park
4810 SE Cove Road
Stuart, Florida 34997

Coastal & Aquatic Managed Areas (1):

Biscayne Bay Environmental Center
1277 NE 79th Street CSWY
Miami, FL 33138

For more information, visit www.dep.state.fl.us.

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