

Collier County RLSA Issues & Concerns List

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- Revisit sending and receiving designations telemetry & GPS, FWC's Least Cost Analysis, Eastern Collier Study (Smith, Ross & Main), FWC's SR 29 Dispute Resolution Letter, and Kautz, et al (all have been submitted to the county for data and analysis)
- Corner of Oil Well Road and 29 particularly the northwest corner change to sending to protect important panther travel corridors [panther 131 found dead 04/16/08]
- No development south of Oil Well Road
- More upland buffers for Camp Keais Strand & OK Slough
- More lands east of 29 into sending or protective status this is ACSC land
- Require exotic clearing and ongoing management/maintenance for designated stewardship sending lands
- Establish distances between villages and towns; and distance from Immokalee
- No hamlets or "compact rural developments" [compact rural development could be a "Coconut Point," no cap on size of some types of CRDs]
- What happens to baseline density should disappear as in Rural Fringe TDR program
- Agriculture preservation in receiving areas -- incentives? What is left after towns/villages are built
- Revisit wildlife values on farm fields caracara, sandhill crane, burrowing owl, gopher tortoise...
- Incentives for restoring farm fields in receiving areas
- No panther credits from sending lands that will be surrounded or significantly diminished in value by development
- Review easement language and who holds the easements possibly FWC should hold, but no stewardship easements to be held by private entities
- Need for Smoke easements
- Explore Dark Skies
- New roads and road improvements including potential 1-75 interchange must be included
- Tie transportation planning to conservation goals
- Stronger language for wildlife underpasses and a map of locations
- Need for Buffers and language to address human-panther/bear/other wildlife encounters
- Clarify how RLS interacts with state and federal permitting agencies
- What is fate of remaining uses on designated sending lands and suggestion of removing those remaining uses to meet mitigation obligations
- Remove all layers at one time concern that several layers are contrary to conservation and/or agriculture preservation goals
- Clarify what is included in Ag 2 and Ag 1 concerns about aquaculture
- Allow non-native, non-invasive plantings if beneficial to wildlife
- Establish time period to opt into program- both sending and receiving
- Better handle on potential credits and restoration credits that can be generated too many credits?
- Procedures for recording and handling changes in ownership of SSA lands
- When sold who is responsible for carrying out SSA obligations