

## fpl 's plan for a river of gas

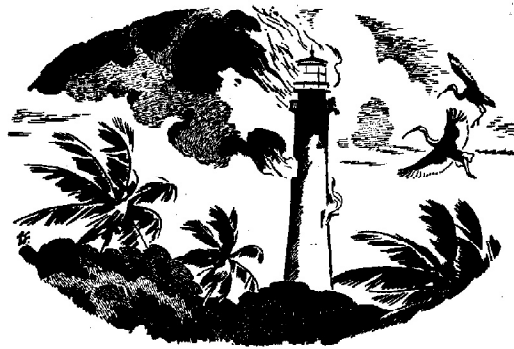
Since 2006, EEF! has been challenging the West County Energy Center (WCEC), a massive, 3,800MW gas-fired power plant proposed by Florida Power & Light (FPL) a ¼ mile away from the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. The plant would consume over 6.5 billion gallons of our scarce water per year, emit 12 million tons of climate-change causing CO<sup>2</sup> annually, and require 34 miles of new gas pipeline. This plant is now under construction in violation of several federal and state laws. While courts review the permitting, FPL and the Gulfstream pipeline are moving full speed ahead.

Over the years EEF! has added our voices to the chorus of local dissent. We have met FPL face-to-face at nearly every public hearing, blocked the entrances to their illegal construction site and their annual Shareholders' meeting, monitored the construction sites, and kept the issue in the news.

For more information on the WCEC, visit the website: [www.riverofgas.info](http://www.riverofgas.info)

## other projects

Comprehensive Everglades Restoration  
Beach Dredge & Fill Projects  
Scripps Biotechnology Village



## support the resistance

There are many ways to help out: participating in civil disobedience actions, showing up at protests, documenting events, gathering and preparing food, reaching out to the public, and even just getting to know threatened areas through hikes and campouts. Oh, yeah, and throwing down some financial support!

We will never buy ourselves out of the industrial nightmare our society has created; we have to fight it with our passion and commitment. But money has become a necessary evil to do so! Usually we scrape by with minimal expenses (photocopies, food, gasoline). On occasion we have substantial monetary needs for publications, legal defense, and bail. If you can spare money for our efforts, it will be greatly appreciated and thriftily utilized.

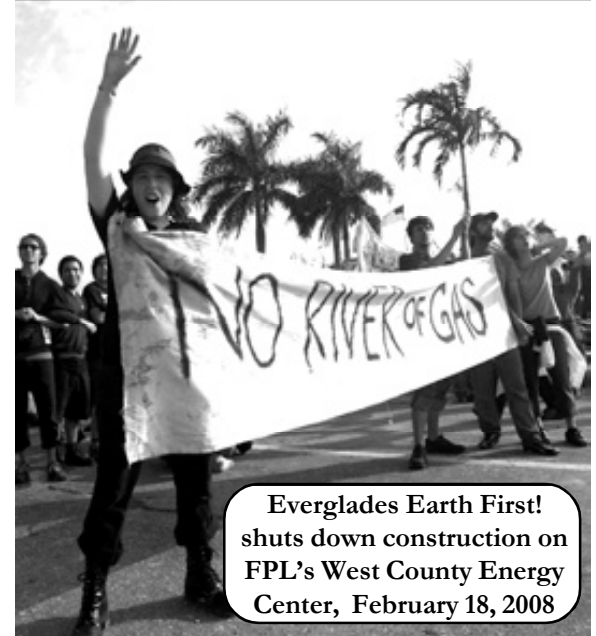
Donations can be made through our website or you can contact us via email to make other arrangements and get involved.

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# everglades earth first!

“Lawless troglodytes...environmental anarchists...gravedancers on capitalists tomb.”  
John R. Smith, Palm Beach County BizPac Chairman

## join the everglades uprising



Everglades Earth First!  
shuts down construction on  
FPL's West County Energy  
Center, February 18, 2008

## “the everglades is a test...if we pass, we get to keep the planet”

Joe Podger, Friends of the Everglades



## the movement

Earth First! was formed in 1980 in response to an increasingly corporate, compromising and ineffective environmental community. We are not an organization, but movement, a mentality, a shared affinity, and a broad network of like-minded individuals. There are no 'members' of EF!, only Earth First!ers. What holds us together is a belief that the health of ecosystems and wild beings are just as important as, and vital to the health of, human beings.

We believe that white supremacy, patriarchy, homophobia and all other oppressive tendencies are connected to the system that is destroying the planet; that our collective liberation is tied to the fate of the earth. The manifestation of oppression in our communities is a serious obstacle to growing and sustaining our movement. Our focus is the earth, but our commitment is to end oppression on all fronts.

## eco-rebellion in the swamps

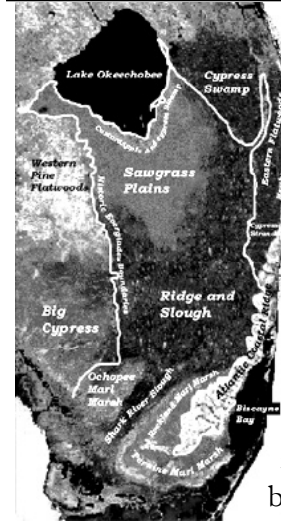
While Earth First! has had a presence in South Florida for decades, Everglades Earth First! (EEF!) has only begun to organize with active groups and individuals across the bioregion over the past few years. We have fought urban sprawl and over-development; corporate biotechnology and free trade; Everglades restoration ('CERP') politics; rock mining and heavy industry in the Everglades Agricultural Area; and climate change, fossil fuels, and nuclear energy.

We have protested, been involved with public hearing and lawsuits, disrupted crooked meetings, blockaded roads, hung banners, organized local hikes and campouts in threatened areas, hosted international EF! rendezvous, and captured the attention of the public and the media all along the way, keeping crucial environmental issues in the headlines.



Local EF! activists have strayed from the conventional white, middle-class environmental world and worked on issues of environmental racism, immigration, gentrification, and community control over public land. While many EF!ers have scientific backgrounds, our struggle is fundamentally about our intuitive connections to land, water, and the community of life around us.

## everglades bioregion & its threats



The bioregion historically started in the Orlando area's Chain of Lakes, following the Kissimmee River into Lake Okeechobee, and leaking out towards the coasts, creating wetlands, sloughs, and islands teeming with wildlife. South Florida was originally inhabited by land-based cultures known as Calusa, Jeaga, Tekesta, Jobe,

Ais and others. Muscogee people forced to migrate south from Georgia and the Carolinas, joined by escaped African slaves (known as Estelusti), formed the cultures known as Seminole and Miccosukee. These tribes still hold reservations and independent lands that have never been ceded through legitimate treaties.

Today the land is simultaneously one of the country's largest expanse of wilderness and one of the most degraded, threatened ecosystems in the US. At a cost of nearly \$10 billion, the most ambitious restoration project on the planet has become a cash cow of corruption for government agencies and non-profits alike that spend more time studying than taking action.

While scientists document the hydrological disaster, the developer's bulldozer keeps on rolling, building towering condos, water-sucking sprawl and the polluting power plants and roads needed to support the cancerous growth.