



# Everglades Coalition

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Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group  
Sierra Club Miami Group  
Snook and Gamefish Foundation  
South Florida Audubon Society  
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy  
The Florida Wildlife Federation  
The Institute for Regional Conservation  
The National Wildlife Federation  
The Urban Environment League of  
Greater Miami  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation  
Partnership  
Tropical Audubon Society

## **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE PASSAGE OF A STATEWIDE BAN ON WELL STIMULATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION OR RECOVERY OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, the Everglades ecosystem has competing demands for water, including from oil and natural gas extraction, and water quality and quantity are critical for Everglades restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Everglades has a unique hydrology and geology that needs protection. The flat topography, rain-driven aquifer recharge, porous limestone, and inconsistent confining layers of the Greater Everglades region are extremely sensitive to potential adverse impacts from well stimulation treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, well stimulation is the treatment of a well to modify the permeability of the underground geologic formation for the purpose of oil and gas production or recovery. The term means any treatment performed by injecting fluids at any pressure into the geologic formation and whose purpose or effect is to fracture or dissolve such formation to increase the production or recovery of an oil and gas well. This term includes hydraulic fracturing, matrix acidizing, and acid fracturing of oil or natural gas wells. The term does not include routine cleaning and maintenance procedures that do not affect the integrity of the well or the formation; and

**WHEREAS**, well stimulation methods may involve the use of millions of gallons of fresh water that are not able to be returned to the ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, well stimulation may involve the use of hundreds of chemicals, some of which may be carcinogenic, or otherwise could be harmful to human health, the natural environment and Everglades restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, the oil and gas industry has exemptions from provisions in major federal environmental statutes intended to protect human health and the environment that otherwise protect the Everglades ecosystem including: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and Toxic Release Inventory under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; and

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**WHEREAS**, the use of well stimulation exposes adjacent lands and surface and ground waters to the risk of contamination, including leaks from wastewater impoundments, well blowouts, spills from trucks on roadways, and other activities during well development; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been over one thousand (1,000) documented and suspected cases of water contamination near fracking sites according to state data as reported in Environment Florida Research & Policy Center, *Fracking by the Numbers*, p. 10. (Available state data in Colorado, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania -individually cited for each state in the report); and

**WHEREAS**, protection of the Everglades ecosystem is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean up contamination and restore degraded environments after the fact;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

The Everglades Coalition, with its over 60-member organizations committed to the protection and restoration of America's Everglades, hereby supports legislation to ban the use of any well stimulation treatment performed for the purpose of exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State of Florida.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 29th day of March 2019



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