

Stop the Attack on Florida's Drinking Water

Stop the attacks on America's drinking water. 1 in 3 Americans' drinking water sources are at risk now. That includes the drinking water for nearly 1 out of every 10 Floridians. **The Administration has a strong, commonsense plan to make clean water a priority by protecting the sources that feed the drinking water for more than 117 million Americans, including more than 1.8 million in Florida.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 29% of Florida's stream miles and 20 million acres of wetlands nationwide will continue to be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Stopping this proposal imperils drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.



Suwannee River - FL DNR

- **9% of Floridians – nearly 1 out of every 10 residents** - get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **580 miles of streams** that feed into Florida's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 22% of the stream miles in Florida's Source Water Protection Areas, including intermittent, ephemeral, and headwater streams.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are at risk.

Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **This commonsense proposal restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the proposed rule would provide **\$388 million to \$514 million annually in benefits** to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish, wildlife and Florida's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$9 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Florida, including \$4.6 billion on fishing, and more than 6.4 million people participated in these recreational activities throughout the state.
- **Florida's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small Florida breweries contribute over \$875 million to our economy every year and support more than 10,900 jobs.

Florida Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **Over 32,000 Floridians, out of more than 800,000 Americans expressed support for the rule in 2014.**
- Over 50 conservation, environmental, and faith-based organizations representing thousands of Floridians.
- Florida joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections and in 2003 opposed Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.

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