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SFWMD to Refurbish Buckhead Ridge Navigation Lock

The Lake Okeechobee structure is scheduled to reopen to boat traffic August 1

Okeechobee, FL – The S-127, known as the Buckhead Ridge Navigation Lock, on the north shore of Lake Okeechobee is scheduled undergo maintenance and refurbishing work to extend the life of the lock mechanisms.

The lock will be closed to boat traffic beginning Monday, July 7. Work is scheduled to be complete and the lock reopened to boaters by Friday, August 1.

For information about the lock and the inspection of the lock, please contact Gary Ritter at (863) 462-5260, ext. 3017, or gitter@sfwmd.gov

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.