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RELEASE **Everglades Coalition Announces 25th Annual Conference in West Palm Beach--Explore the Changing Face of Everglades Restoration**

(West Palm Beach, FL)—The Everglades Coalition today announces its 25th Annual Conference to be held January 7-10, 2010, at the PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens. Hosted by the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation, the theme for the upcoming conference is “*The Changing Face of Everglades Restoration.*”

“With a new Administration that is committed to fulfilling its partnership role, we look forward to finally moving into constructing projects as envisioned in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan,” said Sara Fain, Everglades Coalition National Co-Chair and Everglades Restoration Program Manager for the National Parks Conservation Association. “We must also focus on educating and inspiring the next generation who will be completing the world’s largest ecosystem restoration plan in the world.”

The Everglades Coalition Conference is the largest annual forum for debate of Everglades conservation and restoration, and will bring together leaders, elected officials, scientists, community and environmental activists, educators, and the general public to discuss the current changes we are facing, in government, in our worsening environment, and in the economy, as we work to restore America’s Everglades. Conference sessions focus on topics such as growth management, political and public partnerships, wildlife issues and energy policies.

“This will be the first Everglades Coalition Conference in many years to be held in Palm Beach County and we are excited to spotlight some of the natural treasures in this area,” said Nancy Marshall, President of the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation. The Marshall Foundation strives to educate young people and the public about the Everglades, through science-based outreach programs, and to restore original plant life and water flow patterns to the greater Everglades ecosystem.

The Everglades Coalition is an alliance of 51 local, state and national conservation and environmental organizations dedicated to full restoration of the greater Everglades ecosystem, from the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes into Lake Okeechobee, through the River of Grass, out to Florida Bay and the Keys. Complete conference details, including the agenda and list of speakers, will be announced later this year. For more information, visit: www.evergladescoalition.org or contact Sara Fain at sfain@npca.org.