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Everglades National Park Announces Partial Power Outage on Wednesday, July 6

HOMESTEAD, Fla: Everglades National Park will have a planned power outage to some of its facilities along the main park road from Homestead to Flamingo on Wednesday, July 6th. Florida Power and Light (FPL) will be connecting new electric distribution equipment in the Flamingo area and will shut down power to that line just outside the park's boundary. The outage will begin at 7:00 AM and is expected to be completed by 7:00 PM on the same day.

The park will remain open and the outage will not affect visitors to the Shark Valley, Gulf Coast, or Florida Bay areas of the park. Additionally, all boat launches and hiking trails will be open.

Closures:

Near the park's Homestead entrance, Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center and Royal Palm Visitor Center will be closed. Visitor information will be available at the reception desk in the Park Headquarters Building. Restrooms at both locations will be available without lighting or electric hand dryers. The Everglades Association retail operations at both locations will also be closed for the day.

At Flamingo, the Flamingo Visitor Center, marina store, fish cleaning station, and campground will be closed. Boat tours, boat rentals, and fuel sales will not be available. Restrooms at the visitor center and marina will be open without lighting or electric hand dryers. However, the restrooms at West Lake will be closed.

Over the past year, FPL has replaced the entire electric distribution network in Flamingo including substations, transformers, and both overhead and underground power lines. These improvements should lead to a more reliable power supply and is just one of many steps the park is taking to improve facilities in Flamingo.

For information and directions to the park please visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/ever> or call (305) 242-7700 (during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).

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