

**Everglades Headwaters  
National Wildlife Refuge  
and Conservation Area**

*Polk, Osceola, Okeechobee,  
and Highlands Counties, Florida*

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*Cattlemen move a herd across their Polk County ranch  
along the shores of Lake Kissimmee.  
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**Ken Salazar**  
*United States Secretary of the Interior*

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**“This initiative is aimed at preserving a rural working ranch landscape to protect and restore one of the great grassland and savannah landscapes of eastern North America”**

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*Interior Secretary Ken Salazar*



**Dan Ashe**  
*Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

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**“Collaboration with the State of Florida and other partner agencies, organizations, and landowners is the hallmark of this effort and key to its success.”**

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*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe*