Summary of Wakulla Springs Ecosummaries and Nitrate-Nitrate Levels June 23, 2008 by Bob Thompson

Wakulla Springs Ecosummaries can be accessed through the links contained in the following web page: www.floridastateparks.org/wakullasprings/Science.cfm

Notes:

- + The Stream Condition Index (SCI) was recalibrated effective June 4, 2004; therefore, SCI scores and Ecosummary Evaluation categories are presented below for two time periods. SCI and Ecosummary categories are not directly comparable before and after recalibration.
- + The categories provided below are different from those in the original Ecosummaries, because DEP used various text descriptions for categories over time, even within the two time periods, before and after recalibration. DEP Environmental Specialist I Jessica Patronis provided a uniform approach that was applied below for each time period for deriving Ecosummary Evaluation categories (Very Poor 0-19, Poor 19-26, Fair 46-73, and Good 73-100 for February 2000 through April 2004, and Impaired 0-34, Healthy 35-70, and Exceptional 71-100 for July 2004 to present).

				Ecosummary Evaluation				
		Nitrate-Nitrite	Stream Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	
Year	Month	(mg/l)	Index (SCI) Score	SCI (0-19)	(SCI 19-46)	(SCI 46-73)	(SCI 73-100)	
2000	02	0.77	19	Very Poor				
2000	05	0.84	23		Poor			
2000	08	0.77	13	Very Poor				
2000	11	0.84	19	Very Poor				
2001	02		15	Very Poor				
2001	06	0.66	15	Very Poor				
2001	09	0.62	17	Very Poor				
2001	11	0.51	17	Very Poor				
2002	08	0.56	17	Very Poor				
2002	10	0.59	23		Poor			
2003	01	0.54	17	Very Poor				
2003	05	0.61	27		Poor			
2003	08	0.70	9	Very Poor				
2003	10	0.78	11	Very Poor				
2004	02	0.52	25		Poor			
2004	04	0.65	21		Poor			

February 2000 to April 2004

July 2004 to November 2007

				Ecosummary Evaluation		
		Nitrate-Nitrite	Stream Condition	Impaired	Healthy	Exceptional
Year	Month	(mg/l)	Index (SCI) Score	(SCI 0-34)	(SCI 35-70)	(SCI 71-100)
2004	07	0.59	25	Impaired		
2004	10	0.74	18	Impaired		
2005	01	0.61	19	Impaired		
2005	05	0.58	31	Impaired		
2006	01	0.66	36		Healthy	
2006	04	0.37	20	Impaired		
2006	08	0.47	14	Impaired		
2006	11	0.47	14	Impaired		
2007	02	0.68	28	Impaired		
2007	05	0.60	33	Impaired		
2007	11	0.48	18	Impaired		