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This photograph shows an April 2008 aerial treatment of Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*) that totaled 500 acres and was applied by Mike Page of Helicopter Applicators, Inc. A combination of metsulfuron methyl and imazapyr herbicides was used. The Brazilian pepper is located on a piece of land termed “Compartment C” which lies between two Everglades storm water treatment areas (STAs). Current construction aims to flood this property and merge it with two adjacent STAs, creating a large filter marsh system totaling 14,000 acres. This project on South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) property comprises one of many underway to restore the health of the Everglades ecosystem according to the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). For information about the plan, go to www.evergladesplan.org



In Everglades National Park, Canal L-67 extension, Miami-Dade County, Mr. Bobby Hill, Structure Maintenance Technician and Python Patroller at the SFWMD Miami Field Station, captured this 15-foot Burmese python. Mr. Hill recently received his 35-years-of-service award from South Florida Water Management District which included his commendation from Everglades National Park superintendent Dan Kimball for the very valuable python management service he has provided the Park. In a very innovative interagency effort, Bobby has been authorized to discharge a weapon within the Park to control Burmese pythons he encounters when engaged in his wide-ranging patrols in the South Florida region. He has controlled many of them over the past several years and provided valuable information regarding their sizes, movements and numbers. This 15-footer was the largest one he has captured to date.

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