

No hurricanes resulted in [a record crop of sea turtle hatchlings](#) on Florida's Gulf Coast. Ana Maria Island saw an all-time high.

LINK: <https://www.wusf.org/environment/2025-11-18/storm-free-season-brings-record-high-turtle-nesting-for-tampa-bay-area>

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Florida glossary: "[preemption.](#)"

Definition: when state legislators and the governor overrule the wishes of local people, creating state law superseding local ordinances, generally at the behest of industry, often to the detriment of the environment.

The state prohibiting Key West from limiting the big cruise ships that dock there is one example. Here's another: gas outboard motor producer Yamaha Motor Corp. inserting a provision in a recent bill related to boating in Florida preventing municipalities from restricting the use of noisy and polluting gas motors on lakes.

The best government money can buy.

LINK: [https://jasongarcia.substack.com/p/orders-from-on-high?utm\\_source=post-email-title&publication\\_id=687064&post\\_id=179835405&utm\\_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=false&r=g2ims&triedRedirect=true&utm\\_medium=email](https://jasongarcia.substack.com/p/orders-from-on-high?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=687064&post_id=179835405&utm_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=false&r=g2ims&triedRedirect=true&utm_medium=email)

To wit... another week, another story of a polluting industry in Florida ([Mosaic phosphorus mining](#)) writing state law to relieve itself of regulation and accountability.

LINK: [https://jasongarcia.substack.com/p/lobbyists-for-a-mining-company-wrote?utm\\_source=post-email-title&publication\\_id=687064&post\\_id=180606342&utm\\_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=false&r=g2ims&triedRedirect=true&utm\\_medium=email](https://jasongarcia.substack.com/p/lobbyists-for-a-mining-company-wrote?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=687064&post_id=180606342&utm_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=false&r=g2ims&triedRedirect=true&utm_medium=email)

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Florida's State Parks have a [\\$759 million backlog of repairs](#). Guess how high on the to-do list that crisis is for Florida's legislature?

LINK: [https://www.union-bulletin.com/news/national/florida-state-parks-face-759-million-backlog-of-needed-repairs-state-report-finds/article\\_99b3d3f1-7950-5058-b3c7-cc10906a90cd.html](https://www.union-bulletin.com/news/national/florida-state-parks-face-759-million-backlog-of-needed-repairs-state-report-finds/article_99b3d3f1-7950-5058-b3c7-cc10906a90cd.html)

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Here's a preview of your conservation nightmares for 2026: [a look at the upcoming legislative session](#) from an environmental standpoint.

LINK: <https://theasbadasitispodcast.buzzsprout.com/2439025/episodes/18263919-filed-bills-that-affect-florida-s-environment-the-good-bad-and-ugly>

One good bill being proposed would make [conservation land swaps](#), like the proposed land swap inside the Guana River Wildlife Management Area last spring that outraged citizens, more difficult. This scheme has become a popular tool for developers to take more land from the public in cahoots with state agencies who don't value conservation land, but worship industry.

LINK: <https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/local/after-defeat-guana-land-swap-new-florida-bill-aims-prevent-similar-attempts-going-forward/U6B7BI62H5E2ZIGKWO2UUXVM4Q/?emci=bb54eb4a-44c9-f011-8196-6045bdf8e9c&emdi=027b2527-0fca-f011-8196-6045bdf8e9c&ceid=907790>

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This family-owned Florida company buying and rehabbing distressed real estate has as one of its pillars [incorporating native plants into the landscaping](#) of the homes it turns around.

LINK: <https://growinnhomes.com/our-mission/>

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A good look here at the [various lawsuits](#) the Florida Springs Council is in court with against the state over the state's continual mismanagement and unwillingness to follow the law as it relates to springs.

LINK: <https://mailchi.mp/9aff583c258a/springsbmaps101-6425722?e=4a4314895e>

Speaking of springs, while this video doesn't come from Florida, bottling companies [pumping out water and destroying springs](#) (and buying political power) in Maine is the same as it is here.

LINK: <https://youtu.be/3wxepxg-aQ?si=PTMm8pl8h3EpUkNa>

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Beef production results in two and a half times as many greenhouse gases as lamb, and [almost nine times](#) as many as chicken or fish; its carbon footprint relative to other sources of protein, like [cheese, eggs, and tofu](#), is even higher. Beef producers like Tyson want to obscure these facts from environmentally conscious consumers.

That corporation, [one of the worst in the world for negative environmental impact](#), has agreed to drop claims that the company has a plan to achieve "net zero" emissions by 2050 and to stop referring to beef products as "climate smart" unless verified by an independent expert [after being sued by an environmental group](#) over the misleading claims.

LINK: [https://grist.org/food-and-agriculture/climate-smart-beef-after-a-lawsuit-tyson-agrees-to-drop-the-label/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=daily](https://grist.org/food-and-agriculture/climate-smart-beef-after-a-lawsuit-tyson-agrees-to-drop-the-label/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=daily)

LINK: <https://iasj.org/abhms-refiles-water-stewardship-resolution-tyson-foods/>

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I can tell the pressure is working because I've started being served ads on YouTube attempting to portray Meta's data centers as community-saving, economy stimulating, jobs programs. This is a lie because after initial construction, data centers, even big ones, employ relatively few people compared to other developments of their size because they're just warehouses for computers. Meta knows the worm has turned on data centers and wants to spin people without an opinion on them.

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Former Vice President [Dick Cheney died last month](#). He is as at least as responsible, and perhaps more responsible, than any single individual in preventing climate action in America, entrenching America as a petro-state, and positioning climate change to Republicans as part of the culture wars.

LINK: <https://www.salon.com/2023/06/19/climate-change-denial-hit-its-stride-in-the-bush-cheney-era-precipitating-todays-climate-disaster/>

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November was an active month in the Trump administration's ongoing war on nature, a war picked up and accelerated since his first term in office.

It has proposed:

- [Major rollbacks to the Endangered Species Act](#) effecting endangered species in Florida like the panther
- [Removing federal protections from millions of acres of wetlands and streams](#) – including those in Florida – in opposition to the Clean Water Act
- Opening nearly 1.3 billion acres of U.S. coastal waters – [including those in Florida](#) – to new oil and gas drilling

All of these measures endanger wildlife and public health while profiting industry.

“This is certainly of a piece with this administration's drive to undermine conservation, undermine protection of federal lands and wildlife, and to benefit the extractive industries and stakeholders that certainly have this administration's ear,” Jane P. Davenport, a senior attorney at Defenders of Wildlife, an environmental nonprofit, said.

“If these Trump proposals had been in place in the 1970s, the only place you'd find a bald eagle today is on the back of a dollar bill,” Stephanie Kurose, deputy director of government affairs at the Center for Biological Diversity, said. “This plan hacks apart the Endangered Species Act and creates a blueprint for the extinction of some of America's most beloved wildlife.”

LINK: [https://grist.org/regulation/dismantling-the-endangered-species-act-will-hurt-a-lot-more-than-just-wildlife/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=daily](https://grist.org/regulation/dismantling-the-endangered-species-act-will-hurt-a-lot-more-than-just-wildlife/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=daily)

LINK: <https://www.nationofchange.org/2025/11/18/trump-epa-wetlands-rollback-seen-as-one-of-the-biggest-setbacks-to-clean-water-protections/>

LINK: <https://www.pnj.com/story/news/local/pensacola/beaches/2025/11/20/federal-oil-drilling-in-eastern-gulf-planned/87378371007/>