

The most endangered bird on the U.S. mainland is [the Florida Grasshopper Sparrow](#). Fewer than 100 are known to exist in the wild, but sustained captive breeding programs by Audubon Society scientists are experiencing success. This summer, the 1,000<sup>th</sup> captive bred Florida Grasshopper Sparrow was released into the wild.

LINK: [https://fl.audubon.org/news/celebrating-1000th-florida-grasshopper-sparrow-released-everglades?ms=fl-eng-email-ea-newsletter-engagement\\_\(fl\)\\_statewide\\_news\\_july&utm\\_source=ea&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=engagement\\_\(fl\)\\_statewide\\_news\\_july&emci=8153f6f5-9e4d-ef11-86c3-6045bdd9e096&emdi=69b4eef9-ba4d-ef11-86c3-6045bdd9e096&ceid=907790](https://fl.audubon.org/news/celebrating-1000th-florida-grasshopper-sparrow-released-everglades?ms=fl-eng-email-ea-newsletter-engagement_(fl)_statewide_news_july&utm_source=ea&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=engagement_(fl)_statewide_news_july&emci=8153f6f5-9e4d-ef11-86c3-6045bdd9e096&emdi=69b4eef9-ba4d-ef11-86c3-6045bdd9e096&ceid=907790)

---

[Interesting sturgeon research](#) taking place on the St. Mary's River.

LINK: <https://www.stmarysriverkeeper.org/advocacy/sturgeon-research-underway/>

---

[Get your free ticket to the virtual premiere](#) of a short documentary film produced in part by the North Florida Land Trust, "O2O: Path to Connection." The screening will be held on Tuesday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m.

After the release, a panel discussion with the veteran trekkers and partners featured in the film will be held. This is a unique opportunity to hear their firsthand experiences and insights on the expedition and the vital role of [the O2O Wildlife Corridor](#).

North Florida Land Trust spearheads the O2O (Osceola National Forest to Ocala National Forest) Wildlife Corridor project, a part of the broader Florida Wildlife Corridor.

Ticket:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZosEvYYbTqO4dX7FWivlfA?mc\\_cid=dacde86e8d&mc\\_eid=e70d4d1c83#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZosEvYYbTqO4dX7FWivlfA?mc_cid=dacde86e8d&mc_eid=e70d4d1c83#/registration)

O2O Wildlife Corridor: <https://o2owildlifecorridor.org/about/>

---

With the presidential election in full swing, you may have heard of a document called "Project 2025." Project 2025 is a 900-plus page blueprint for how a second Trump administration would govern the country. It was produced by the Heritage Foundation, a right wing "think tank."

Every aspect of life in America would be affected by proposals laid out in the document from contraception to education to the weather. The weather!?!

One of Project 2025's more dastardly plans is the [privatization of National Weather Service weather reports](#) for the financial benefit of corporations. No more national alert system over TV, radio and you phone for tornado warnings, flash flood warnings, etc.

Astonishing.

Heritage Foundation doesn't like the National Weather Service because it's not a profit center, and because it projects climate change into its forecasting models, something the "think tank" doesn't believe it.

The gameplan further calls for doing away with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – NOAA – [the nation's leading ocean research and climate science organization](#) and the organization that provides weather services with hurricane forecasting models.

[Can you guess](#) why the right-wing Heritage Foundation wants to break up NOAA?

CORRECT! Because NOAA acknowledges the reality of climate change, its effects, and its causes. The Heritage Foundation wants to immediately halt any measures that would move the nation away from its dependence on fossil fuels for energy.

Project 2025 would be a disaster for our oceans: <https://www.southernfriedscience.com/how-trumps-project-2025-would-reshape-americas-oceans/>

Project 2025 would privatize weather reports endangering millions of Floridians by putting barriers between them and timely weather information:

<https://www.naplesnews.com/story/news/politics/elections/2024/07/31/project-2025-nws-weather-service-forecasts-hurricane-center/74598814007/>

Project 2025 would be a nightmare for Florida: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2024/07/25/project-2025-is-a-bad-bet-for-floridas-future/>