

Mail out to Springs PRP MiniWorkshop NOVEMBER 8, 2007

Thank you very much for agreeing to participate in our "mini-workshop" on Planning, Regulation and Policy for Nutrient Effects on Spring Biota.

As you already know a group of UF faculty and researchers are developing a synthesis of the literature on nutrient effects on spring biota. As part of that effort we felt that a workshop with planners, regulators, and policy makers regarding their "needs" vis-à-vis nutrients and springs would be a helpful input to our final synthesis. Our interest during this workshop is to illicit your thoughts regarding the following questions:

1. How important is nutrient impacts on spring systems to your program?
2. How does you particular program address nutrient impacts on spring systems?

AGENDA

Introductions (15 minutes)

Overview of Springs Project" (5 minutes)

What we hope to accomplish in the "mini-Workshop" (5 minutes)

Topic Discussions around Question 1 (60 minutes)

- Minimum Flows and Levels
- TMDLs
- Land Use
- Water Quality Criteria
- On Site Treatment Systems
- Ag BMPs

Topic Discussions of Question 2 (60 minutes)

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- TMDLs
- Land Use
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Discussion regarding Barriers to Adaptive Management of Spring Systems (30 minutes)

Since adaptive management requires both a realization and incorporation of uncertainty and a commitment (both intellectually and financially) to developing a research program to address these uncertainties. We pose the following question to participants in the mini-workshop.

What are the barriers you perceive to you or your department working within an Adaptive Management Framework as far as managing nutrient impacts on springs is concerned?

