



Southeast Region

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HIGHLIGHTS

Photo 1: Malachi Fenn Filming During King Tides at the Deering Estate



Highlight: Addressing the Impact of Climate Change

Creating Miami Climate Change Documentary for PastForward Conference

SE Coordinator Malachi Fenn prepared a documentary video on climate change in Miami for the PastForward Conference. [PastForward](#) is the annual conference for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. FPAN's video, 'Virtual Field Study: An Archaeological Investigation of Climate Change in Miami' was featured as part of the conference's theme: Historic Preservation is Climate Action, and focuses on the impacts of climate change at various archaeological sites in the city such as the Miami Circle and the Deering Estate. Fenn's video features interviews with historic preservation professionals like Sarah Cody, Historic Preservation Officer for Miami Dade County. The attendance for this year's virtual conference was approximately 1500 people, including staff from state and agency historic preservation offices.

Address the Challenges of Archaeological Site Stewardship: GPR Training at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area with the Bureau of Land Management



Photo 2: BLM Staff and FPAN Staff at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area

FPAN partnered with the Bureau of Land Management to host a GSSI GPR training for FPAN staff from all regions. During the course of this two-day training, staff learned the basics of collecting GPR data, processing it, and interpreting the results. This will allow FPAN staff more flexibility in collaborating with partners across the region. Following the training, FPAN SW and FPAN Central staff assisted Gasparilla Island State Park in searching for a potential historic cemetery.

Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives and Mission Goals

- Address Impact of Climate Crisis on Archaeological Resources
 - Sara Ayers-Rigsby was profiled as part of a *USA Today* Network reporting project “Perilous Course” which examines how people down the East Coast are grappling with climate change. The article appeared in numerous publications across the state including [*The Palm Beach Post*](#)
- Viability
 - FPAN SE and FPAN NE staff presented research focusing on climate change as part of the World Archaeological Congress in a session that featured speakers across six different continents and how archaeologists there are grappling with climate change.