

## Southwest Region

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**Photo 1: State Parks staff examine a berm created by midden material following Hurricanes Helene and Milton**

### **Second Quarter Highlight: Responding to Hurricanes Helene and Milton**

At the end of September, Southwest Florida was impacted by Hurricane Helene, which was followed shortly by Hurricane Milton in early October. Staff in the region, including Ayers-Rigsby and De La Torre Salas are continuing to work with partners in the region including local governments, state parks, aquatic preserves, and others to document impacts to the archaeological sites, including serious impacts to state parks.

FPAN staff continue to work closely with local community representatives and resource managers to document the impacts to these sites.



Photo 2: (from left) Dr. April Watson, Lynn University; Natalie De La Torre Salas, FPAN SW; Malachi Fenn, FPAN SE; Sara Ayers-Rigsby FPAN SE/SW; Sarah Miller, FPAN NE/EC; and Dr. Mary Furlong Minkoff, FPAN CC

## **Second Quarter Highlight: Presentation at Southeastern Archaeological Conference**

In November, FPAN staff presented on their research at the [Southeastern Archaeological Conference](#) in Williamsburg, Virginia during two different sessions: “Step Up, Step Back”: 20 Years of FPAN, Community Collaboration, and the Future of Public Archaeology; and Archaeology Outreach and Education on Public Lands. These sessions highlighted FPAN’s partnerships in the region, including De La Torre Salas’s work with partners including [Mound House](#) and [Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge](#).

## **Other Highlights**

- De La Torre Salas led a Heritage Disaster Preparedness Workshop with University of Florida and Pineland
- De La Torre Salas and the Marco Island Historical Society partnered to 3-D scan the Olde Marco Inn.