

FLORIDA

A Call to Action on Invasive Species

Nationwide, more than 780 scientists, resource managers, agricultural officials, and other experts – plus 120 citizens groups – signed the December 2003 Call to Action on Invasive Species. You can read the Call at [our website](#). Here are the signers from Florida.

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