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**KAMERAN ONLEY TO BE NEW CHAIR OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA
ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE**

Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton announced today that Kameran Onley, presently the Associate Director for Environmental Policy at the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), would join the Department in January 2006 as Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Interior. Among her other assignments, Ms. Onley will serve as Chair of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. Ms. Onley succeeds Marti Allbright, current Task Force Chair, who is departing at the end of December to join the law firm of Patton Boggs. Established by Congress in 1996, the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force is a key forum to coordinate and develop consistent strategies, policies, plans, projects and programs to address the restoration, preservation and protection of the South Florida ecosystem.

“I am pleased that Kameran will serve as Task Force Chair. Collaboration among the many affected interests in South Florida has produced extraordinary accomplishments during the last decade. Kameran brings considerable skills and experience within the Executive Branch to this effort. I look forward to her leadership for the Task Force, as well as for the Department’s Everglades management team, which includes senior managers from the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Geological Survey.”

In her capacity at CEQ, Ms. Onley advised the CEQ Chairman, the White House and members of the Executive Office of the President on environmental policy issues, particularly those involving ocean, coastal, and fisheries policies. Most recently she was responsible for leading the interagency development of the President’s “U.S. Ocean Action Plan.” Prior to joining CEQ, Ms. Onley served as the Associate Director for the Regulatory Studies Program at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia. She holds a B.A. from Seattle University in Economics with a minor in Biology and a M.S. in Economics from Clemson University.

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