

Archaeologists and Native Americans Working Together to Protect Submerged Cultural Resources

Biography

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Abstract

Florida's Rivers, Lakes, and Wetlands provide clues to Florida's human past prior to European expansion in the New World. An examination of cultural resource projects that took place in these environments provides examples of Native Americans and archaeologists working together to protect submerged cultural resources. Current cultural resource management issues in Florida demonstrate that continued cooperation and mutual respect will further protect irreplaceable clues to early human habitation in Florida.