

SAVE ESTERO BAY PRESERVE!

Last Sunday, 1/4/09, we had the first heavy traffic day experience of the new airplane approach to Ft Myers International Airport of bringing planes down the center of the state and having them cross out to the final approach to RSW 6, by looping south of the Airport. This new approach, called "shifty," went into effect 10/1/08.



Many of the flights avoided going out to the Gulf under the new "shifty" approach to blend into the normal approach over Ft Myers Beach by taking the "short cut" "vector handling" by turning north before getting out over the Gulf. This resulted in MANY planes running the length of Estero Bay at altitudes under 2,000 feet!

I'm sure it will just be a short time before all the efforts spent to repair the Estero Bay environment for our precious wildlife will be lost to the whine of low flying aircraft.

WE MUST FIGHT TO MINIMIZE LOW ALTITUDE AIRPLANE CROSSINGS OF OUR PRECIOUS BIRD AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY OF ESTERO BAY.

THE NEW CROSSOVER BY AIRPLANES FROM MID STATE TO THE GULF IN A PATH SOUTH OF THE AIRPORT OVER ESTERO BAY MUST BE STOPPED!! (A high altitude crossover to the Gulf north of Ft Myers should be implemented.)

UNTIL THE NEW PATH IS CHANGED, A MINIMUM FLY OVER ALTITUDE OUTSIDE OF THE DIRECT APPROACH LANE OVER FT MYERS BEACH, OF 6,000 FEET MUST BE IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISHED! The few dollars in fuel cost the airlines save by short cutting a higher altitude move out to the Gulf to merge with the normal traffic pattern approach over Ft Myers Beach is not worth losing the years of repair to the eco system of Estero Bay!

