



## **MIKE CHEEK**

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Mike Cheek attended the University of Florida for undergraduate studies in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation with minors in Forestry and Zoology. Upon graduation, he traveled to Ecuador with the Peace Corps and worked in the Natural Resources Program doing ecotourism and mangrove restoration. He then returned to Florida to work as an Environmental Analyst with Palm Beach County's Department of Environmental Resources Management for five years before joining the South Florida Water Management District as an Environmental Scientist on the Kissimmee River Restoration Project, where he worked for over 15 years. Over the past two years he has worked in the Public Use and Wildlife group as a Recreation Project Manager in charge of reviewing current and future District engineering and restoration project plans to assure that recreational opportunities and facilities are available to the public throughout the region.