

# Policy Director of OSFR Interviewed by WUFT, NPR Member Public Radio

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Public Radio WUFT's Richard Gomez interviews Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, OSFR Policy Director

On Tuesday Sept. 21, 2015 in Trenton, Florida, OSFR Policy Director Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson was interviewed by Richard

Gomez of WUFT, an NPR member of Public Radio at University of Florida.

UF has been involved in broadcasting for almost nine decades. It owns WRUF (850 AM and 103.7 FM), one of the oldest radio stations in the state, and sister television station WUFT-TV was the first public television station in the state outside Miami. Despite this pioneering role, UF was a relative latecomer to public radio. WUFT-FM didn't sign on until 1981, bringing NPR programming to one of the few areas of the state still without any public radio at all.

Merrillee gave a detailed interview which touched on many of the topics Our Santa Fe River touches. On the forefront at the moment is Sabal Trail pipeline, with the new permit from DEP, which is closely tied to fracking, which produces the product carried by the pipe. All this ultimately is tied to protecting our aquifer, rivers and springs, the primary mission of our organization.

The interview is set to air sometime the last week of September.