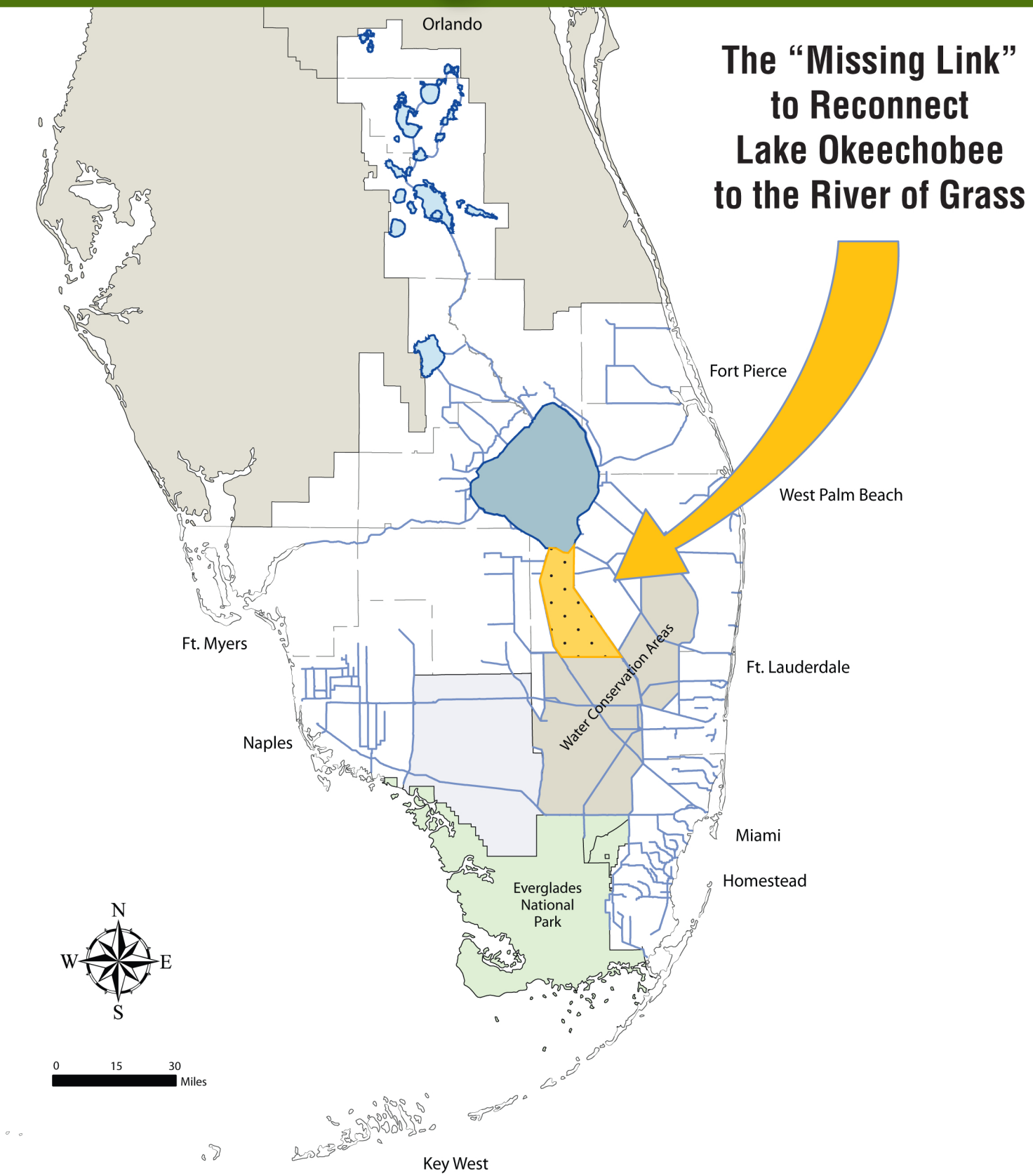Reviving the river of grass