

# Congressman Putnam Timeline: Controlling Python Population in the Everglades

**Feb. 20, 2009**  
**Congressman Putnam** joins six other Members of Congress in a letter to Secretary Salazar requesting: \$1 million to the National Park Service for python control.



**June 24, 2009**  
**Congressman Putnam** introduces an amendment to the Interior Appropriations bill requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop short and long term plans for python control.

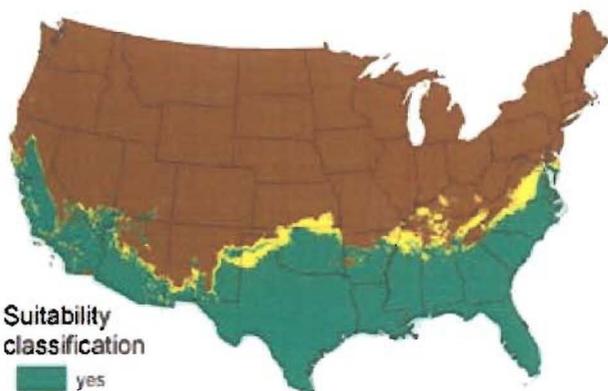
**June 24, 2009**  
**Congressman Putnam** introduces another amendment to the Interior Appropriations bill seeking to promote greater coordination at the federal level to address species such as the Burmese Pythons.

**July 10, 2009**  
**Congressman Putnam**, joined by Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz, introduces an amendment to the Energy and Water Appropriations bill requiring the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct an environmental impact statement on Burmese Pythons and their effects on Everglades Restoration.



February      March      April      May      June      July

2009



**Suitability classification**  
 yes  
 maybe  
 no

**July 1, 2009**  
 A pet Burmese python escapes its cage and strangles a 2 year old Florida girl to death.

**July 15, 2009**  
 A spokesperson from the Department of the Interior is quoted in the press as saying, "the pythons pose a significant threat to the Florida Everglades and must be dealt with immediately...that is why the secretary has directed his staff to look at the possibility of allocating additional federal resources this fiscal year and he has asked federal and state agencies to work with the Department of the Interior to quickly develop an action plan to control this invasive species."

**July 7, 2009**  
**Congressman Putnam** introduces an amendment to the Agriculture Appropriations bill seeking to promote greater coordination at the federal level to address species such as the Burmese Pythons.