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#### **Southwest Region**

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

## Provide for Long Term Viability of the Network: FPAN SW Facebook Live hits 1 million views

In March of 2020, Rachael Kangas, Public Archaeology Coordinator for FPAN SW began broadcasting weekly Facebook Live events on Thursdays at 3 PM EST featuring a range of topics from how the counties of Southwest Florida got their names to cemetery protection in the region. The talks have also featured guest speakers like Dave Scheidecker, Historian for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and, more recently, Dr. Justin Dunnavant, who spoke about his upcoming segment on Hulu's series "Your Attention Please." By March of 2021, the Facebook Live events had reached a total of one million viewers.



Photo 1: Kangas interviewing Dunnavant during Facebook Live event

# Thinking Like a Network: Heritage Monitoring Scouts at Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park

As part of FPAN's Heritage Monitoring Scouts initiative, Rachael Kangas visited 41 archaeological sites within the Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park. Kangas coordinated with park staff for the visits. The extensive archaeological record of Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park is unique in the region and Kangas' efforts have

not only furthered the goals of the HMS program but will also provide valuable insight for park management into prioritizing efforts in the future.



**Photo 2: Conducting Site Assessments in CHPSP** 

### **Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives**

- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level
  - FPAN SW staff including Sara Ayers-Rigsby and Rachael Kangas assisted National Park Service Staff in documentation of archaeological resources within Big Cypress National Preserve.