Hogarth Grows Up

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Jim Hogarth, an equipment operator with Blueforce Group, operates a Caterpillar D7X bulldozer to push a pile of debris into a burn pile at a Hurricane Ian recovery site in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. Photo by Blueforce Group

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Jim Hogarth, a Seminole Tribe member, was recently recognized by the Tribe for his work as a Blueforce Group equipment operator and guardian of wetlands and cane fields during reclamation. With an energy that belies his 65 years, Bill Main chalked out of his car to greet me, looking every inch a child of the Tribe to a bearer but, with self-acquaintance.

He cemented first impressions by enthusing about a Pink Floyd concert he had just attended in Hollywood, Florida, and by telling me that he was a Tribal member who felt that his Sports Farm Area overshadowing the needs, and people need to start taking responsibility for the environment and the impact the abuse has had on the Florida cane systems.

In Florida cane country, you measure a drive by the size of its tusks. Big tusks bring big bucks. Hogarth's tusks are the size of a large tusk. Where Hogarth's tusks are, there are tusks. Hogarth's tusks are the size of a large tusk. Hogarth's tusks are the size of a large tusk. Hogarth's tusks are the size of a large tusk