

Preliminary Alternative C

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PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVE C

CONCEPT

• Provide a variety of backcountry recreational opportunities and enhance day-use and interpretive opportunities along road corridors. Includes nearly equal areas for wilderness and ORV use, non-motorized trail opportunities, new frontcountry road and camping opportunities, and a partnership approach to visitor orientation on the west side of the Addition.

WILDERNESS

- Includes 69,000 acres of proposed wilderness
- Marine wilderness would allow the already established motorboating to continue

VISITOR FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

- New access point on I-75 at MM 51 that includes parking and a visitor contact station
- Utilize FDOT rest area on I-75 at MM 63 and develop new parking areas, a visitor contact station, and trailheads
- New trailhead at Bear Island Grade (motorized and non-motorized)
- New day use area with parking, restrooms, a shelter, and a trail/boardwalk at Deep Lake
- New trailhead at Rock Island
- Upgrade Nobles Grade into a road corridor to provide access to a new campground
- Explore providing opportunities for commercial boat tours south of US 41
- Explore visitor services partnerships at Carnestown a range of commercial services would be encouraged

VISITOR ACCESS AND ORV TRAILS

- New access points on I-75 at MM 51 and MM 63 geared to backcountry users (motorized and non-motorized)
- New canoe/kayak trails in the tidal areas south of US 41
- New access point at Deep Lake (non-motorized access only)
- New access point at Bear Island Grade that would provide a connection to existing ORV trails in the preserve
- Establish up to 131 miles of primary ORV trails

NPS OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES

- New multi-agency visitor center and NPS operations facility near Miles City
- New NPS operations facility on I-75 at MM 63
- Maintain the existing fire operations center located at Copeland and expand for other operational needs

Resource Management

• Ongoing resource management activities and projects would continue, such as vegetation management through exotic plant control and the use of prescribed fire