



Preliminary Alternative D
Addition Lands General Management Plan
Big Cypress National Preserve

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PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVE D

CONCEPT

- Provide a diversity of frontcountry and backcountry recreation opportunities and enhance day-use and interpretive opportunities along road corridors. Provides a moderate amount of wilderness, a sizeable ORV loop trail, non-motorized trail opportunities, and a partnership approach to visitor orientation on the east side of the Addition.

WILDERNESS

- Includes 104,000 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- partnership opportunity for visitor services
- Utilize FDOT rest area on I-75 at MM 63 and develop new parking areas and trailheads
- New trailhead at Bear Island Grade for non-motorized access
- New day use area at Deep Lake to include parking, a resource education center, a picnic area, and a trail/boardwalk
- Explore visitor services partnerships at Carnestown - a range of commercial services would be encouraged
- Explore providing opportunities for commercial boat tours south of US 41

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 Bear Island Grade (non-motorized access only)
- Establish up to 76 miles of primary ORV trails

NPS OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES

- Maintain the existing fire operations center located at Copeland and expand for other operational needs
- New NPS operations facility on I-75 at MM 51

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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