

Preliminary Alternative F

Addition Lands General Management Plan Big Cypress National Preserve

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PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVE F

CONCEPT

• Resource preservation, restoration, and research would be the emphasis while providing self-reliant recreational opportunities. Provides the maximum amount of wilderness, no ORV use, and minimal new facilities.

WILDERNESS

- Includes 109,000 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
- Utilize FDOT access site on I-75 at MM 63 and develop new parking area (s) and a trailhead
- New trailheads at Bear Island Grade and Deep Lake for non-motorized access

VISITOR ACCESS AND ORV TRAILS

- New access points on I-75 at MM 51 and MM 63 (non-motorized access only)
- New access points at Bear Island Grade and Deep Lake (non-motorized access only)
- No ORV trails

NPS OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES

- 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
- Reclaim disturbed sites within the Addition