ELEMENTS COMMON TO ALL ALTERNATIVES (ALTERNATIVES 1, 2, 3, 4)

- Improve national park boundary marking, channel marking, and navigational aids including recommended channel network and transit corridors/routes in Florida Bay
- Continue current management of Florida Bay keys; to protect nesting and rookery areas, all keys remain closed to recreational use except North Nest, Little Rabbit, Carl Ross, and Bradley keys
- Establish a seagrass restoration program for submerged marine wilderness resources and sites/areas damaged by groundings and propeller scarring
- Approach resource management from an ecosystem perspective, considering outside influences (e.g., Everglades restoration efforts, climate change, and socioeconomic considerations) on resources and ecosystem processes
- Implement the approved Flamingo Commercial Services Plan:
 - ^o Rebuild Flamingo facilities an elevated lodge, elevated cottages, ecotents, RV campground with electric hookups, houseboats, and two backcountry camping platforms or chickees in Florida Bay in a sustainable manner.
 - ° Provide increased education and recreational opportunities based out of Flamingo.
 - ^o Provide additional land- and water-based transportation options at Flamingo, including circulator shuttle, bicycles, canoes and kayaks, and land and water trails.
 - ° Establish new, long-term concession contract for Flamingo.

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ELEMENTS COMMON TO <u>All</u> Alternatives	+	Elements Listed Below			

ALTERNATIVE 1 CONCEPT (CONTINUE CURRENT MANAGEMENT)

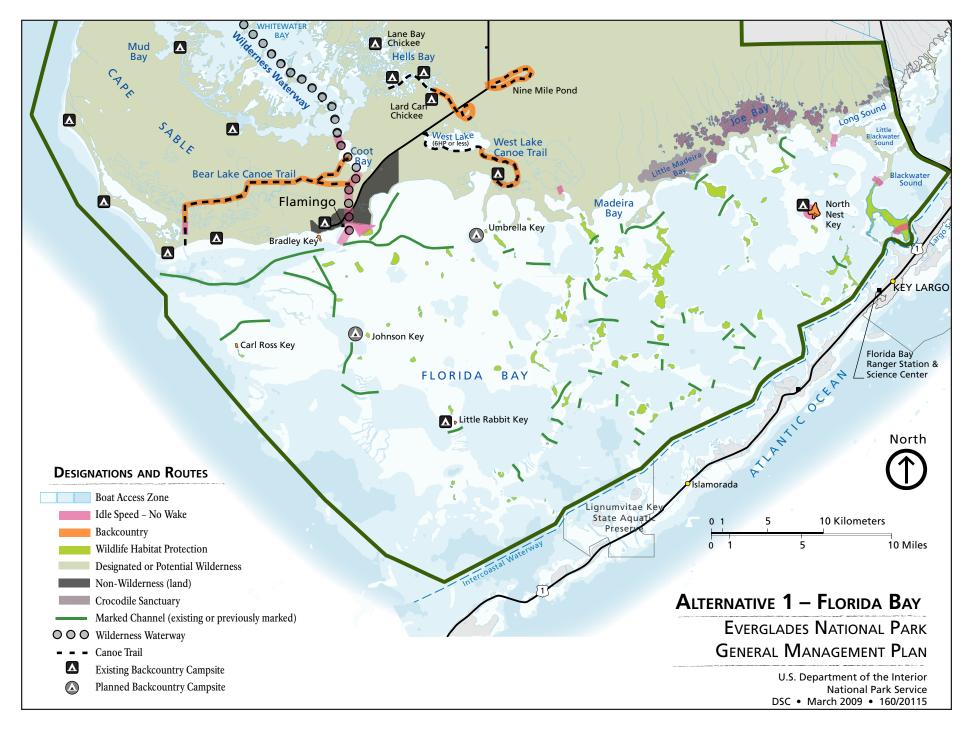
Alternative 1 would continue the current management direction. It is provided as a baseline against which to compare alternatives 2, 3, and 4.

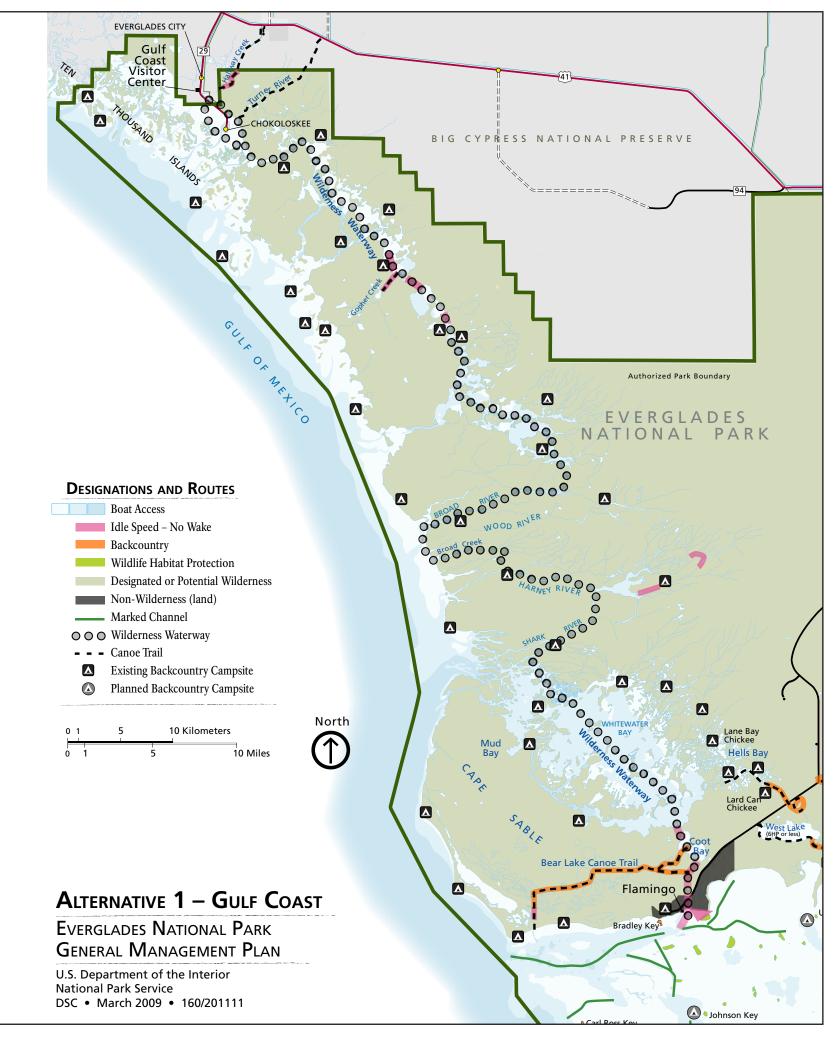
FLORIDA BAY AND THE KEYS

- Continue to retain visitor and operational facilities.
- Continue to manage Florida Bay as it is now, with recommended motorboat routes identified on NOAA charts and in the "Florida Bay Map and Guide"; maintain existing idle speed-no wake zones.
- Continue to manage Little Madeira Bay, Joe Bay, and adjacent smaller water bodies as a wildlife management area commonly known as the Crocodile Sanctuary that remains closed to public use.

GULF COAST

- Continue to retain visitor and operational facilities.
- Continue to manage marine areas of the Gulf Coast as they are now with most areas, including the "wilderness waterway," open to motorboats, and with some routes designated as canoe trails.





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