DOI/NPS Welcomes your participation in one of the following public meetings

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm John D. Campbell Agricultural Center 18710 SW 288th Street Homestead, FL 33030 305-248-3311

Thursday, March 21, 2013 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Everglades City School 415 School Drive Everglades City, FL 34139 239-377-9800

Tuesday, April 9, 2013 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Edison State College, Collier Campus – Building J 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway Naples, FL 34113 239-732-3707 Wednesday, March 20, 2013 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Coral Shores High School 89901 Old Highway Islamorada, FL 33036 305-853-3222

Monday, April 8, 2013* 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Int'l Game and Fish Association – Fishing Hall of Fame 300 Gulfstream Way Dania Beach, FL 33004 954-922-4212

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Murray Nelson (Monroe County) Government Center 102050 Overseas Highway Key Largo, FL 33037 305-852-7161

Thursday, April 11, 2013 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Florida International University, Stadium Club 11200 SW 8th Street Miami, FL 33199 305-348-4828

Driving directions to all meetings are posted at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/EVER

*indicates meeting that will be webcast; see link above for details

Dear Friends of Everglades National Park,

I am very pleased to announce the release of the Draft General Management Plan / East Everglades Wilderness Study / Environmental Impact Statement (Draft GMP) for Everglades National Park. The Draft GMP reflects many years of work, with important contributions from many of you. The public at large, stakeholder groups, other agencies, and tribes have all been valuable partners in this effort, and we look forward to meeting with you and discussing the Draft GMP in the coming months.

When completed, the GMP is designed to guide protection, management, and use of the park for at least the next 20 years, with the goals and strategies serving to fulfill the mission of the National Park Service and Everglades National Park. We believe the identified Preferred Alternative described in chapter 2 of the Draft GMP would do that most effectively. It is expected that the Final GMP and Record of Decision will be completed in 2014 and then plan implementation will begin.

There are many opportunities for you to provide your comments and suggestions in the next 2½ months. So whether you attend one of the seven (7) public meetings (see dates, locations, and times on this postcard) or submit input through the website listed below, your views will be carefully considered.

The review period officially begins on March 1 and goes through May 12, 2013. The Draft GMP and related materials are available for your review and comment at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/EVER (then go to the "Open for Comment" link). A limited number of paper copies and CDs of the plan are also available upon request by contacting Everglades National Park at the address or phone number listed below.

The National Park Service values your continued interest and commitment to the future of Everglades National Park. Thank you for your involvement.

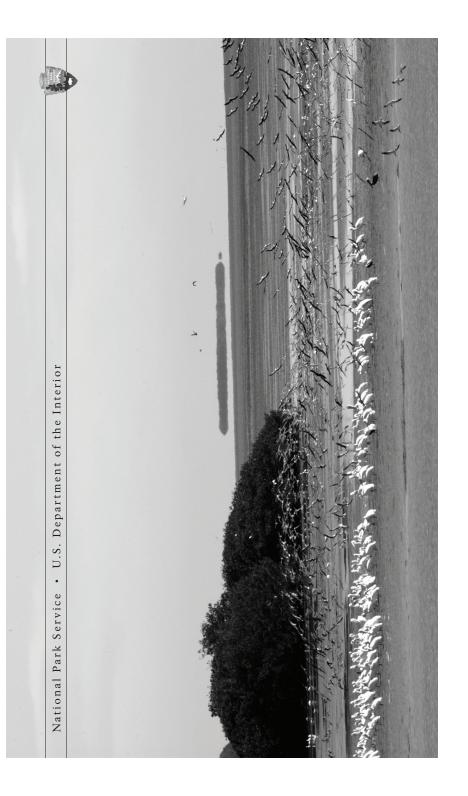
Sincerely,

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Dan B. Kimball Superintendent

Everglades National Park

Attn: GMP team / 40001 SR 9336, Homestead, FL 33034 / 305-242-7700 Draft General Management Plan / East Everglades Wilderness Study / Environmental Impact Study





40001 SR 9336 Attn: GMP Team

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