



Preliminary Alternative B

Addition Lands General Management Plan Big Cypress National Preserve

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PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVE B

CONCEPT

- Enable participation in a wide variety of challenging outdoor recreation experiences. Provides the greatest amount of motorized access, limited wilderness areas, and limited new non-motorized trail opportunities.

WILDERNESS

- Includes 50,000 acres of proposed wilderness

VISITOR FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

- New access point on I-75 at MM 51 that includes parking, restrooms, and orientation information
- Utilize Florida Department of Transportation (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, and trail/boardwalk at Deep Lake
- Explore visitor services partnerships at Carnestown

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 that will provide a connection to existing ORV trails in the Preserve
- Establish up to 139 miles of primary designated ORV trails

NPS OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES

- New NPS operations facility on I-75 at MM 63
- Maintain the existing fire operations center at Copeland

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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