

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:
 - 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.
 - 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 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.



