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Chapter 6 Glossary of Terms



CHAPTER 6: GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Affected Environment — The existing environment to be affected by a proposed action and alternatives.

Alternatives – Different options for taking action.

Best Management Practices — Methods that have been determined to be the most effective, practical means of preventing or reducing pollution or other adverse environmental impacts.

Chickees — Small wooden platforms, with roofs and a self-contained toilet, used for backcountry camping over water.

Contributing Resource — A building, site, structure, or object that adds to the historic significance of a property or district.

Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) — Established by Congress within the Executive Office of the President with passage of the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*. CEQ coordinates federal environmental efforts and works closely with agencies and other White House offices in the development of environmental policies and initiatives.

Cultural Resources — Prehistoric and historic districts, sites, buildings, objects, or any other physical evidence of human activity considered important to a culture, subculture, or community for scientific, traditional, religious, or any other reason.

Cumulative Impacts — Under NEPA regulations, the incremental environmental impact or effect of an action together with the effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions, regardless of what agency or person undertakes such other actions (40 CFR Part 1508.7).

Decibels — A unit of relative sound loudness, electric voltage, or current equal to ten times the common logarithm of the ratio of two readings.

Enabling Legislation — National Park Service legislation setting forth the legal parameters by which each park may operate.

Endangered Species — "...any species (including subspecies or qualifying distinct population segment) that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a substantial portion of its range (ESA Section 3(6))." The lead federal agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for the listing of a species as endangered is responsible for reviewing the status of the species on a five-year basis.

Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) — An Act to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered species and threatened species depend may be conserved and to provide a program for the conservation of such endangered species and threatened species.

Environmental Assessment (EA) — An environmental analysis prepared pursuant to the *National Environmental Policy Act* to determine whether a federal action would significantly affect the environment and thus require a more detailed environmental impact statement (EIS).

Executive Order — Official proclamation issued by the President that may set forth policy or direction or establish specific duties in connection with the execution of federal laws and programs.

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) — A document prepared by a federal agency showing why a proposed action would not have a significant impact on the environment and thus would not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. A FONSI is based on the results of an Environmental Assessment.

Floodplain — The flat or nearly flat land along a river or stream or in a tidal area that is covered by water during a flood.

Impacts (beneficial, adverse) - The effect on a resource or value. Beneficial impacts are favorable and adverse impacts are unfavorable.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) — The Act as amended articulates the federal law that mandates protecting the quality of the human environment. It requires federal agencies to systematically assess the environmental impacts of their proposed activities, programs, and projects including the "no action" alternative of not pursuing the proposed action. NEPA requires agencies to consider alternative ways of accomplishing their missions in ways which are less damaging to the environment.

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.) — An Act to establish a program for the preservation of historic properties throughout the nation, and for other purposes, approved October 15, 1966 [Public Law 89-665; 80 STAT. 915; 16 U.S.C. 470 as amended by Public Law 91-243, Public Law 93-54, Public Law 94-422, Public Law 94-458, Public Law 96-199, Public Law 96-244, Public Law 96-515, Public Law 98-483, Public Law 99-514, Public Law 100-127, and Public Law 102-575].

National Register of Historic Places (National Register) — A register of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects important in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture, maintained by the Secretary of the Interior under authority of Section 2(b) of the *Historic Sites Act of 1935* and Section 101(a)(1) of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, as amended.

Organic Act — Enacted in 1916, this Act commits the National Park Service to making informed decisions that perpetuate the conservation and protection of park resources unimpaired for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

Scoping — Scoping, as part of NEPA, requires examining a proposed action and its possible effects; establishing the depth of environmental analysis needed; determining analysis procedures, data needed, and task assignments. The public is encouraged to participate and submit comments on proposed projects during the scoping period.

Silt Curtain – A temporary barrier of geotextile material used to contain sediments within a defined zone in the aquatic environment.

Threatened Species — Any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range (ESA Section 3(20)).

Wetlands —Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

Chapter 7 Acronyms and Abbreviations



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ABAAS Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standards

AIRFA American Indian Religious Freedom Act

BMPs Best Management Practices

CEQ Council on Environmental Quality

CAA Clean Air Act

CCATF County Climate Change Advisory Task Force

CEQ Council on Environmental Quality

CERP Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

CY Cubic Yard

CZMA Coastal Zone Management Act

CZMP Coastal Zone Management Programs

dB Decibels

DTM Digital Terrain Model

EA Environmental Assessment

EFH Essential Fish Habitat

EIS Environmental Impact Statement

EO Executive Order

FCMP Florida Coastal Management Program

FDACS Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

FDEP Florida Department of Environmental Protection

FDOT Florida Department of Transportation

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency

FIU Florida International University

FLUCFCS Florida Land Use, Cover and Forms Classification System

FMP Fishery Management Plan

GMFMC Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council

GMP General Management Plan

IPCC Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

LED Light-Emitting Diodes

LF Linear Feet

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NAGPRA Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

NHL National Historic Landmark

NHPA National Historic Preservation Act

NPCA National Parks Conservation Association

NPS National Park Service

NRHP National Register of Historic Places

NTU Nephelometric Turbidity Units
NWI National Wetland Inventory
OFW Outstanding Florida Water

SAS Surficial Aquifer System

SAV Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

SERC Southeast Environmental Research Center

SF Square Foot

SFWMD South Florida Water Management District

SHPO State Historic Preservation Officer

SOF Statement of Findings

UMAM Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method
UNEP United Nations Environment Program

USACE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

USEPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

USGS U.S. Geological Survey

USFWS U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

VA/CBA Value Analysis/Choosing By Advantages

WMO World Meteorological Organization