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The following was expressed to Department of Interior Assistant Secretary Tom Strickland in a letter dated Nov. 23rd 2009.

1. Even though the NPS was mandated in the Preserve legislation to "Cooperate" with all state agencies, the FWC and others have been totally ignored. If the FWC had been properly involved in past decisions in the Preserve we would not be facing the problems we are facing today. We have requested numerous times the NPS place a prominent FWC official on the ORV Committee. These requests have fallen on deaf ears. We would hereby like to formally request that FWC Regional Director Chuck Collins be promptly included as an official member of the ORV Advisory Committee.

2. There currently people on the ORV Advisory Committee who have publicly endorsed an Alternative that totally prohibits ORV access to the Big Cypress Preserve Addition Lands. We were fully aware of the negative ORV position of these individuals when they forced there way onto the committee. Now that they have chosen to support a formal position totally banning ORV's they should be removed from the committee.

3. The October 2009 ORV Advisory Committee Charter describes the Purpose of the Committee as follows: "Examine issues and make recommendations regarding the management of Off-Road Vehicles [ORV] in the Big Cypress National Preserve

[Preserve]." Formally supporting any Alternative that completely disallows ORV access to the Preserve is not managing ORV'S. To the contrary, this position shows a bias against ORV's that disqualifies the individual from effective serving on the Committee.