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I would like to comment on the possibility of moving the Monroe ORV access point to Monument lake. I think that the best alternative would be to leave the current access and open up the one that was closed at the campground. There is a large community of sportsman that leave their ORV vehicles at the Everglades Conservation club on loop road that drive from there to the access point, all they have to cross is a about a 20 foot section of highway. I cannot recall there being any accidents with ORV vehicles in the history of US 41, but i would have to research this to give an honest opinion. If you close the Monroe access point then these vehicles will either be driven on the side of the road as it was done for years before the access was closed or they would have to be trailered back and forth between the club and Monument lake. I know that this does not sound like a big deal but it is, it removes a huge convenience for this community of users.

If you do create an access point at Monument lake will you also keep the campground open year round for the locals? Right now the park service only keeps it open for the snow birds even though we live here year round,you should really revisit this policy,it makes no sense.

In conclusion if the park is looking to move the access point, they have an opportunity to get it right and leave Monroe open while creating another access point. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter....Rick Varela