BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL PRESERVE
ORV Advisory Committee
November 17, 2008
Turner River Trails
Public Comment

I have reviewed the proposed trails and have the following comments. I fully understand that everyone has equal access to use of the Big Cypress Preserve. That being said, the only protection private cabins have against vandalism and theft is not to be seen. Before the Preserve was formed, disbursed trail use made it rare for the private camps to be found. Now with designated trails people are being brought to the camps.

This is going to cause problems for the private property owners.

Private properties must not be visible from the designated trails. The trails, primary & secondary need to be routed where camps are not visible from the trails.

I had been told that camps would have a special use trail for camp owners to & from a designated trail to their camp. This would prevent vandalism & theft. The proposed trail map is routing secondary trails to camps and that is not the right thing to do.

Please address this issue during the determination of trail locations in all the units, but specifically in the Turner River Unit which is being determined now.

Sincerely
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