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**Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People
Statement**

**ORV Advisory Committee Meeting
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*Our Ancestors fought and struggled and died for us.
They never gave up the Land or the Rights that we hold onto today.*

*So-called Big Cypress National Preserve, New Addition Lands, Everglades National Park,
and beyond are illegally established in the
Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation
Aboriginal Peoples' Land.*

Our Land is not for sale or to be given away.

**Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples' Rights to Live their Way of Life in Aboriginal
Indigenous Lands:**

The Creator (God) Himself gave us the Rights to live in His Creation. The Creator (God) Himself created the Original Aboriginal Indigenous People into the Land at the beginning of the Creation of Life and the Creator (God) created into the Original Aboriginal Indigenous People the Natural Law at the beginning of the Creation of Life.

In the earlier days, before you called it Florida, when there were not too many newcomers in the one you call Florida, we lived our way of life: We hunted, fished, gathered our materials, and camped through out Florida and beyond just as our Ancestors did. We still hold onto those Rights to the one you call Florida and beyond.

In Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples' Way of Life, there are no imaginary lines, but the newcomers separate themselves by the imaginary lines and they call it big cypress national preserve, new addition lands, everglades national park, collier county, dade county, and more and more imaginary lines of separation, but it is all one Earth, and one Life System –something the newcomers do not seem to understand when they separate themselves with those imaginary lines. Those imaginary lines are going to kill the World of Life, the Natural Creation – The Creator's (God's) Creation. The newcomers do not seem to want to live on this Earth or even care about their grand kids and unborn life – your future.

As the Original Stewards of the Land, Aboriginal Indigenous People have a right and responsibility to protect what is in our Land. As long as your hand touches or you even think towards Aboriginal Sacred Burial Grounds or Burial Islands, Aboriginal Remains, Aboriginal Belongings, Aboriginal Ceremonial Grounds, or Aboriginal Villages or Aboriginal Under Water Sacred Grounds, Aboriginal Sacred Waters, or Aboriginal Sacred Natural Areas, Sacred Mountains, or the Natural Creation, you are directly

damaging our Way of Life, and bringing sickness into the World. We have a Right to Protect ourselves and Defend our Way of Life and the Creator's (God's) Creation: the Sunlight, the Water, the Air, the Lands, the Trees, the Birds, the Fish, the Insects, Animals, and all that is Sacred to us.

Violations and Discriminations of the Creator's (God's) Creation, Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples' Way of Life, Religious Freedom, Human Rights, and Spiritual and Cultural Rights:

The american system of government of laws under the american flag of people was created in opposition to the already existing Aboriginal Indigenous Natural Laws, which is the Creator's (God's) and the Creator's Son law. Illegal immigrant people who joined into the amrican flag of the people, created their own laws, constitutions, by-laws, regulations, rules and agreements in order to govern themselves. That is why we call your laws man-made laws. Later on, illegal european americans and other immigrants, who abandoned their own laws, and came from other countries into Aboriginal Indigenous Lands, created the labels: federally recognized tribes, government-to-government, tribal relations, consultations, agreements and memorandums of understandings. These labels continue to disrupt and damage the sanctity of the relationship between Nations of Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples of their own Land. This is one way european americans and the other immigrants divide Aboriginal Indigenous People and place them in opposition against each other.

Government agencies, and federally recognized tribes continually say it is the non-federally recognized aboriginal peoples' own choice not to be recognized by the federal government, but it is not our choice. In the beginning, the Creator (God) created Aboriginal Indigenous People out of the Mother Earth and gave us the Directions and the Natural Laws to live by. It isn't our choice. The Creator (God) chose us and recognized us and gave us the responsibility to care for all Creation. We do not live by the recognition of the newcomer's government that does not stand for the future of all Life. We live by the Creator's (God's) Natural Laws given to us at the beginning of the Creation of Life, and we cannot accept other people's laws.

This system, created by immigrant european americans and the other immigrant people, who abandoned their own laws, and came illegally from other countries into our Land, attempts to disrupt the Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples' Rights to live in their Way of Life and their Spiritual Relationship with their Lands, Waters, Trees, Plants, Animals, and all the others necessary for the continuance of their Way of Life for future generations yet to come.

No matter what kind of laws, rules, regulations or jurisdictions you make it is not going to work. Those laws, rules, regulations or jurisdictions are not our laws, rules, regulations or jurisdictions. You abandoned your own laws, and came from other countries from across the Ocean. You have a right to regulate your own people and

manage over your own populations, but you cannot regulate or manage Aboriginal Indigenous People of their own Land.

Aboriginal Indigenous People, the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation are not immigrants. Again, the Creator (God) himself gave us the Right to live in this Land. The Creator (God) himself created the Original Aboriginal Indigenous People into the Land at the beginning of the Creation of Life, and the Creator (God) created into the Original Aboriginal Indigenous People the Natural Laws - the Creator's (God's) Laws, at the beginning of the Creation of Life.

Devastation, Destruction and Desecration Created by the Newcomers:

You, the uninvited, illegal, immigrant european american people and the other immigrants, who abandoned your own laws, and came from other countries: the national park service, state park service, department of interior, department of agriculture, national forest service, state forest service, big cypress national preserve superintendent, and big cypress national preserve staff, and big cypress national preserve off road vehicle advisory committee members, everglades national park, us fish and wildlife service, florida fish and wildlife service, water management district directors and staff, army corps of engineers, department of justice, department of transportation, department of energy, tourist industry, federal and state agencies, federal, state, and local governments, must accept responsibility for the devastation, destruction, and desecration that has resulted from the creation of your own man-made system of laws, and so-called management plans and policies and procedures.

Just think about what you have done to damage, destroy and desecrate the Creator's (God's) Gift - His Creation of Life:

You started cutting all the trees, and hunting down animals for recreation and you started building houses, high-rise buildings, shopping malls, new towns, roads and highways, vehicles, trains, railroads, airplanes, bullets, and guns. And you drilled deep into the Mother Earth for oil and gas, and dug deep into the Mother Earth and into the Mountains for materials: coal and uranium for electricity and weapons, and steel to make the vehicles, airplanes, trains, and space ships. Developers drained the Wetlands to build more and more houses and more and more golf courses and by draining the Wetlands, whole Ecosystems were changed forever. You changed the Natural course of Rivers the Way God created them, and used them for dumping sites of toxic chemicals and sewage, and you dammed up Rivers and flooded Lands to cool the nuclear reactors of the big nuclear power plants, and you dammed up the Rivers for hydroelectric power, and you dumped waste, sewage, chemicals, and all kinds of things into our Oceans, and you started piling up all your waste and garbage on our Land. We did not use to have mountains in Florida, but now, because there are so many people, the garbage is piling up, and piling up, and now there are mountains everywhere in Florida. You introduced invasive species of all kinds, including your ideas, which continue to damage, destroy

and desecrate the Creator's (God's) Way of Life, our Way of Life, and the Future of All Creation.

People use to complain about the exhaust from the cars and trucks – the black smoke coming from the mufflers. Today we don't see black smoke coming out of the vehicles, and people think it is good because they cannot see it anymore, but the exhaust is still coming out and this is changing the Mother Earth – and still continues to change and damage the Air we Breathe.

And just think about what you have done in the so-called "Protected Lands" and "Wilderness Lands":

By putting more and more people out into the Natural Areas and Wilderness Areas, national parks and national forest, you all have damaged and disrupted the Natural Areas and Natural Systems with more and more facilities: campgrounds, bathrooms, parking areas, concession stands, wildlife viewing areas, roads, trails, off road vehicles trails, boat ramps, watercraft, management facilities, and tourist visitor centers. These so-called improvements are destroying the Natural Areas and Natural Systems. Cars, trucks, off road vehicles, dirt bikes, boats coming and going 24 hours, seven days a week, the Nature never gets a chance to rest, or renew itself, to come back into balance.

If you want to maintain these areas, as you say you do, as Natural Areas and Wilderness Areas, you need to restrict the people to "Walking in and walking out". No vehicles, watercraft, or airplanes or facilities of any kind. And, You need to learn to Respect yourselves, and Respect and Protect our Sacred Waters. The Water needs time to renew itself and when there are too many people the Waters cannot do this.

And, you, the immigrant european americans, and other immigrants, need to learn to Respect the Creator's (God's) Creation which means to take care of His Garden. You need to learn to be the "Caretakers" of His Garden, and stop damaging and destroying His Garden.

Big Cypress National Preserve and Addition Lands Management Plans are in Conflict with what was enacted by Congress:

So-called big cypress national reserve was set aside by congress for "preservation, conservation and protection of the natural, scenic, hydrologic, floral and faunal, and recreational values of the Big Cypress Watershed". This network of orv trails for hunters, property owners of improved land with houses, and recreational orv users, in so-called big cypress national preserve, is in conflict with what was enacted by Congress and does not preserve or add to the conservation and protection of the values of Big Cypress Watershed. These orv trails and orv use will damage the Life of the Water, Wetlands, Animals, Fish, Insects, Birds, Trees, and Plants. You will kill the future of all these Creations – the Creator's (God's) Creations.

Off road vehicle use will result in cumulative adverse impacts and have, in the past, disturbed and created erosion problems of known archaeological sites. Off road vehicle use must be compatible with the Purpose of the Preserve, which is to insure the Natural and Ecological Integrity of this Land in Perpetuity.

The national park service, everglades national park, department of interior, big cypress national preserve staff and the big cypress national preserve orv advisory committee, fish and wildlife service, department of justice, and all the others mentioned before, do not take the Life of the Water, the Wetlands, the Fish, the Animals, the Birds, the Insects, the Trees, or the Plants into account or the fact that these Life Systems and Wildlife have God Given Rights created into them into the Land They do have God Given Rights not only just the tourist industry! They need areas to raise their families as we do and they need periods of quiet in order to raise their young and renew themselves from the impacts of the people. Off road vehicles, 4-wheelers, and dirt bikes, with their trailers and campers, playing around in the Natural Areas, Deserts and Mountains are creating people dominated danger zones for Wildlife Families and the Natural Systems, and Natural Areas. You, the immigrant newcomers are destroying the Creator's (God's) Creation the way He created it to be.

There are unanswered questions as to the changes that will occur as a result of the ORV trail system such as: soil pollution, vehicle pollution, disturbances of wildlife habitat, water quality and water flow and there does not appear to be any substantial supporting scientific evidence by the national park service that insures the safety and well being of the Natural Systems and the lives of the Animals, Fish, Birds, Insects, Trees, Plants, or Waters.

We have, in the past, experienced orv users and their disrespect of the natural systems and areas that they use. They do not remain on the designated trails and apparently there is not enough park staff and money available to take care of orv violations. The damage they create and trash they leave behind seems to be ignored by the preserve staff. Who is going to monitor the trails?

Pedro Ramos, big cypress national preserve superintendent, and the big cypress national preserve staff, and the big cypress national preserve off road vehicle advisory committee have been speaking about the Concho Billie trail. The Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People would like to respond to what you have said: This is Bobby C. Billie born in the Big Cypress area and living throughout so-called Florida: "I keep hearing Concho Billie Trail and that drives me crazy - the big cypress national park orv advisory committee is using that name illegally to destroy the natures, Creator's (God's) Creation. I remember Concho Billie well. He does not know how to drive any kind of vehicle, as a matter of fact, I don't remember seeing him ever wearing the shoes at all. I don't think he made a trail, as you are using his name, to get away with what you want to do with the natures. Not only Concho Billie walked through so-called Florida and beyond - lots of other Aboriginal Indigenous People of this Land

walked through Florida and beyond, and lived their Way of Life and survived, but you do not see any damage of the Natures for long, long periods of time until the white people and other people, porto ricans, spanish people, cubans, and all the others, came into our Land. Give us, and point out, for the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People, what they have done to damage the natural; areas and natural systems. I want you to point out to us what we have done to destroy the Creator's (God's) Creation. Who is putting in the highways, roads, gravel roads, trails, campsites bathrooms, visitor centers, Wildlife viewing stations, parking areas, and all the rest? Who is it that is causing all the damage and destroying the Creator's (God's) Creation? Tell us."

Big Cypress National Preserve must comply and honor the Rights of Usual and Customary use and Occupancy guaranteed to Aboriginal Indigenous People:

The Guaranteed Rights of Usual and Customary Use and Occupancy given to Simanolee and Miccosukee People do not extend to the immigrant newcomers calling themselves the "glades culture" (hunters and orv users). It is offensive, insulting and unacceptable to the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation for the immigrant newcomers to call themselves the "glades culture" or to assume they have the same Rights given to the Simanolee and Miccosukee People in Big Cypress National Preserve. They do not have those rights. The Glades Culture refers to Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples, Calusa and Tequesta, who are our relations, and it is offensive, insulting and unacceptable for the immigrant newcomers to adopt something that does not belong to them.

The white people and other people, who are taking advantage of the name "Glades Culture", are not from this country. I repeat, you are not from this country and you are stealing something that doers not belong to you. The real Glades Culture, the Aboriginal Indigenous Calusa and Tequesta would never do what the white people and others calling themselves the "glades culture" are doing - they would not and they would not accept what you are doing.

The same white people calling themselves the glades culture, hunters and orv user keep saying they are the taxpayers and they are the landowners. We have not received the papers, and we have not received any money paying tax to the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People. We have not received it.

Aboriginal Indigenous Natural People have traditionally always utilized what is now called the big cypress national preserve and everglades national park to gather their materials and plants, hunt, fish, and plant their gardens, and to fulfill their Spiritual, Religious and Cultural Customs and Way of Life. Aboriginal Indigenous Natural People are therefore dependent on the so-called Big Cypress National Preserve honoring the enabling act that states that the Preserve as a unit of the National Park System is to be

administered in a manner that will insure its Natural and Ecological Integrity in Perpetuity. It is totally unacceptable to the Original Caretakers of the Land, the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People for the so-called big cypress national preserve superintendent and staff to continue their focus on creating a city in the big cypress national preserve area.

There is no Aboriginal Indigenous Simanolee or Miccosukee representation on the big cypress national preserve's off road vehicle advisory committee even though this request was made prior to the recent new board members being placed on the advisory board.

There is no one on the advisory board who can represent or speak for the concerns of the Aboriginal Indigenous Simanolee and Miccosukee People and their relationship to the Natural Areas and Natural Systems that are being adversely impacted by the big cypress national preserve's orv advisory board's uninformed decisions. As long as you exclude the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation, Miccosukee Tribe, and Seminole Tribe from the decision making process, it is not going to work. You need to get rid of the big cypress national preserve's orv advisory committee. The board is functioning illegally, and is not a balanced representative board or a board capable of making informed decisions on behalf of the Creator's Rights or the concerns of Aboriginal Indigenous People.

The Mother Earth is getting older and will die out if we do not take care of her:

Scientists or so-called experts with the degrees, rooted in their man-made system, need to quit manipulating data and information to continue or justify continuing the destructive actions causing the disturbances of the Natural Cycles affecting all Creation.

All Creation has been disturbed, either the Plants, either Rivers, or Mountains, and Trees, and all the other Creations have been disturbed by some people who have the minds focusing only on the material things, or their own comfort, or their on benefit – only thinking of themselves. Those People are destroying all the Sacredness and Holiness, the Natural Way that was suppose to be Healing the people of the Earth. It is disappearing. It is going faster than you think. And when that happens: You are not going to survive. You are not going to win. You are going to destroy yourselves through your own man-made system of laws that do not Respect the human life or Creator's (God's) Natural Laws or Respect the Life, and the Future of Life.

Don't be just kids playing around all the time! Grow up! Put away your toys: off road vehicles: swamp buggies, 4-wheelers, dirt bikes, all terrain vehicles, and all the others! You need to become an adult and be a human being.

The United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Rights

The United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Rights recognizes Indigenous Peoples and the urgent need to Respect and Promote the Inherent Rights of Indigenous Peoples which derive from their politics, economic and social structures and from their cultures, spiritual traditions, histories and philosophies, especially their rights to their Lands, territories and resources and Promotes the Rights of Indigenous People affirmed in treaties, agreements, and other constructive arrangements with States, and recognizes that control by Indigenous People over development affecting Them and their Lands and Resources will enable them to maintain and strengthen their institutions, cultures and traditions and to promote their development in accordance with their aspirations and need.

Aboriginal Indigenous People, that follow the Natural Laws created into the Aboriginal Indigenous People by the Creator (God) Himself at the beginning of the Creation of Life, were born into and have Rights that go way beyond these words created by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. This Declaration is considered a "minimum standard" for non-indigenous people to begin working towards fulfilling their obligation to Aboriginal Indigenous People.

Aboriginal Indigenous People will continue to Defend the Future of Life against your attacks on their Way of Life, and the Natural World: the Sunlight, the Water, the Air, the Land, the Trees, the Birds the Animals, the Fish, the Insects, and All that is Sacred to Us, as our Elders have done since the illegal, aggressive, and brutal immigration, of the european americans, and the other immigrants, into our Aboriginal Indigenous Land

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**This is the Factual True Statement of the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation
Aboriginal People**

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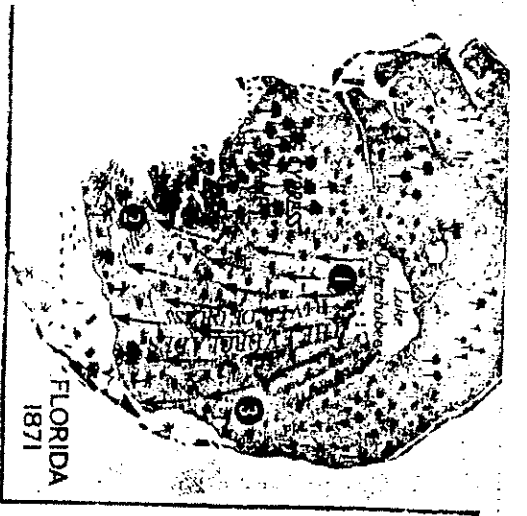
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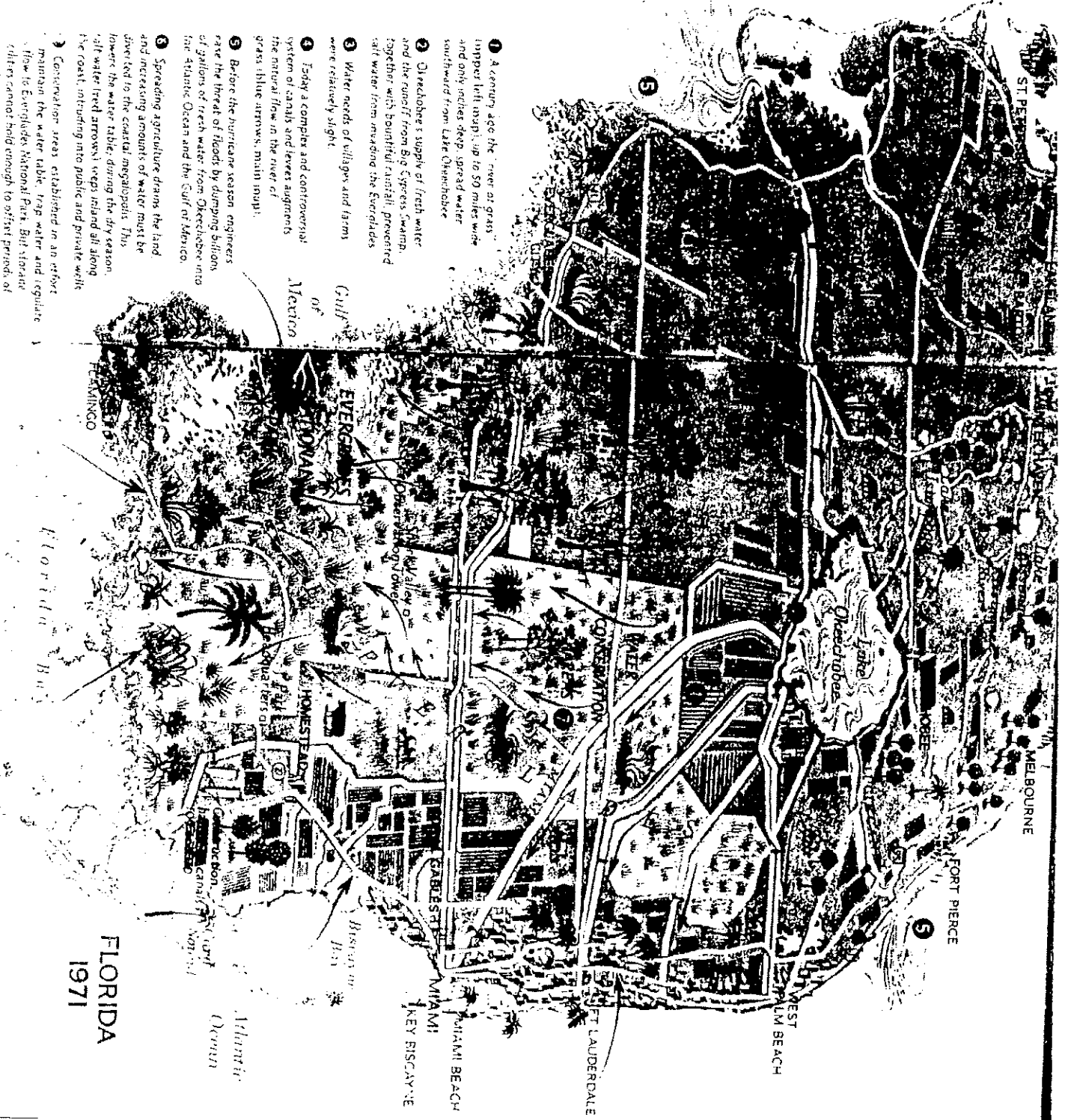
Little over 100 years ago, the land was still natural. As you can see, there was nobody there.

But 100 years later, as you can see in the photograph on the right, with the newcomers' technology and big machines, one person can tear up acres and acres in one day.

After 1971, which is 39 years ago, imagine what it looks like today.

The newcomers need to stop.

- 1 A century ago the river at grass hopper left traps, up to 50 miles wide and only inches deep. Spread water southward from Lake Okechobee.
- 2 Okechobee's supply of fresh water and the runoff from big Cypress swamps, together with beautiful rainfall, prevented salt water from invading the Everglades.
- 3 Water needs of villages and farms were relatively slight.
- 4 Today a complex and controversial system of canals and levees augments the natural flow in the river of grass. (Blue arrows, main map).
- 5 Before the hurricane season engineers raze the threat of floods by dumping billions of gallons of fresh water from Okechobee into the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.
- 6 Spreading agriculture drains the land and increasing amounts of water must be diverted to the coastal megalopolis. This lowers the water table; during the dry season, salt water (red arrows) seeps inland all along the coast, intruding into public and private wells.
- 7 Conservation areas established in an effort to maintain the water table, trap water and regulate flow to Everglades National Park. But storage cisterns cannot hold enough to offset periods of severe drought when the area dries out and lives are



South Florida's Water Crisis

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