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Subject Comments to ORVAC members and the FACA web site

Hello ORVAC Members,

I only mention the following for the sake of the accuracy of the record that my name (Frank Denninger) should be added to the list of folks that attended the 1-23-2012 Corn Dance sub committee meeting referenced within the **Stairsteps Trail Work** section of the 2 16 2012 ORVAC meeting draft minutes.

Additionally I would recommend that NPS staff provide the detailed policy statement that has been requested having to do with the currently unacceptably vague application criteria for Adaptive Management within the Big Cypress. As per NPS's Mr Ron Clark's report which contained no caveats as to where it would not be applicable it would seem safe to assume that Adaptive Management (AM) could be used on all management matters. ***On the other*** hand I have been told by NPS staff on numerous occasions that AM was only applicable when AM was specifically referenced close to particular topics contained within NPS produced Big Cypress planning documents. This ongoing confusion on the part of NPS's staff carries over to citizens spending a lot of time trying to help NPS. On behalf of all the private citizens contributing time out of their personal lives to help NPS I beseech NPS that a detailed policy statement be provided so that everyone can understand when and where Adaptive Management applies to NPS decision making. In doing so NPS will improve the efficiency of their decision making and save private citizens from wasting their time recommending the use of AM when it is not applicable.

In a perfect world this clarification would be provided at the May 15, 2012 ORVAC meeting.

Best Regards,

Frank Denninger