



United States Department of the Interior



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Big Cypress National Preserve
33100 Tamiami Trail E
Ochopee, Florida 34141-1000

In reply refer to:

July 16, 2010

Memorandum

To: Pedro Ramos, Superintendent
From: Big Cypress Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee
Re: Recommendation for Options for Managing Trail Terminus Areas

The ORVAC recommends that goals for managing trail terminus areas include:

- Protection of the resource
- Encouraging compliance
- Sustaining the aesthetic of a back-country woods experience
- Cost-effectiveness

The ORVAC recommends that BICY staff choose from a menu of options based on which option is best suited to achieve these goals for each site. Options include:

- Confine turning radius to a narrow area through:
 - Signage
 - Stakes placed unobtrusively
 - Placement of natural logs.
- Move turning area to a nearby area of harder ground through:
 - Extension of trail slightly to end on a higher grade
 - Shortening of trail slightly to end on a higher grade.
- Do nothing and accept mild degradation of area as a natural result of concentrated use.
- The least acceptable option is adding rocks to harden the surface.