



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Big Cypress National Preserve
33100 Tamiami Trail East
Ochopee, FL 34143



IN REPLY REFER TO:

W22 (BICY VRP)
Closure Order #26-003D
March 5, 2026

Code of Federal Regulations

Title 36, Chapter 1

Closure Imposed under the Discretionary Authority of the Superintendent

In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 1.5, authorized by Title 54, United States Code, Subtitle I, Chapter 1001, the following temporary closure is established for the proper management and protection of the Government and public use of the portion of Big Cypress National Preserve under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

This discretionary regulation is in addition to the other regulations published in Title 36, CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 2 through 7.

CLOSURE ORDER:

This closure is Amendment #4 to the temporary closure issued on February 23. Changes are shown in **Bold with (*)**.

Please refer to the provided map and area description below. Closure includes the following areas:

Closures: Include all areas within the perimeter:

- South of I-75,
- East of SR-29,
- North of US-41,
- West of Turner River Road,
- **Upper and Lower Wagonwheel Roads ***

All above closures remain in effect except for the area contained within the description below: *

- South of Upper Wagonwheel Road, *
- West of Turner River Road (CR-839), *
- North of US-41, *
- East of Birdon Road. *

The following adjacent areas will remain open:

- Private lands in the designated area; residents should use caution and notify the Fire Duty Officer of entry by calling 561-923-5228.

These areas are closed to all recreational use, including Off-Road Vehicle (ORV), hiking, camping, hunting, and commercial activities due to safety concerns related to the wildfire in the area. The public will be advised of the implementation and subsequent termination of this closure by press release and the posting of signs in the appropriate areas.

FINDING:

This closure order is necessary for maintaining public safety due to wildfires currently in the area. This closure is hereby implemented 8:00am on March 6, 2026* and will be lifted when closure order has been rescinded.

 Signing for Thomas Forsyth

Superintendent

3-05-26
Date