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Dear Mr. Ruch:

Thank you for your letter of December 29, 2010, to the National Park Service regarding the Big Cypress National Preserve Wilderness Eligibility Assessment. As you are aware, this is a complex issue. We are in the process of preparing a response to your detailed letter and hope to be able to provide that response to you soon. Thank you again for contacting us on this important matter.

Sincerely,


David Vela
Regional Director
Southeast Region

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