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Memorandum

To: Files

From: Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve

Subject: Western Addition Lands

On May 16, 2014 the FONSI for the Hunt Management Plan/Environmental Assessment for Big Cypress National Preserve was signed and approved by our Regional Director. In order to best implement management and operational strategies, improve efficiencies, and minimize confusion for working or recreating in the Addition Lands, consideration is necessary relative to the western Addition Lands/original Preserve boundaries.

The Addition lands that border S.R. 29 or the western, narrow strip of land incorporated into the Big Cypress National Preserve boundary by P.L. 100-301 has no definitive indicator that would be obvious to a visitor, agency partner, or NPS staff member in the field to determine where the line exists separating the Addition Lands from the lands identified by P.L. 93-440 which established the original Preserve boundary. Therefore, under the authority of 36 CFR 1.5, for the purposes of hunting, those Addition Lands bordered by S.R. 29 on the west, will be managed the same as the adjacent respective Bear Island, Deep Lake, Turner River, and Stairsteps management units they border on the east.

Pedro Ramos
Superintendent