

2016 Current Fiscal Year Report: Big Cypress National Preserve Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2016

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Big Cypress National Preserve Off-Road
Vehicle Advisory Committee

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

31950

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

Yes

5. Current Charter

10/16/2015

6. Expected Renewal Date

10/16/2017

7. Expected Term Date

09/30/2016

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Agency

8c. Actual Term Date

09/30/2016

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Record of Decision, Final
Recreational Off-Road
Vehicle Management Plan
Supplemental EIS

13. Effective Date

09/28/2000

14. Committee Type

Continuing No

14c. Presidential?

15. Description of Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

1

17b. Closed 0

17c. Partially Closed 0

Other Activities 0

17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
regular meeting	10/20/2015	- 10/20/2015

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$6,398.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$3,936.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$175.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$10,509.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.08	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan, 2000 (pg. 29) states "Under the proposed action, the National Park Service would establish an advisory committee of concerned citizens to examine issues and make recommendations regarding the management of ORVs in the Preserve. The advisory committee would provide access to the extensive knowledge available in the public arena and would offer advice to the National Park Service in the decision-making process in a

manner consistent with FACA. This Committee would be an element of the adaptive management approach that would be used to develop best management practices for ORV use.”

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee was comprised of people that represent: (1) sportsmen/ORV users, (2) landowners, (3) academia, (4) environmental advocates, (5) the state government, and (6) tribes. There is an even balance between Sportsmen/ORV users and the other communities that are represented. Committee members were selected based on the following criteria: (1) ability to collaborate, (2) the ability to understand NPS management and policy (especially related to ORVs), (3) connection with the Preserve, and (4) the ability to represent one or more of the interests listed above.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Before FY 2012, the Committee met every two months. Beginning in FY 2012, the Committee met every three months. In FY 2014, there was one meeting in April 2014. There were no meetings in FY 2015. There was one meeting in FY 2016, in October 2016.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Big Cypress National Preserve Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee was established as directed in the Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan, 2000. This plan guides the National Park Service (NPS) in its management of recreational off-road vehicle (ORV) use in Big Cypress National Preserve and tiers off of the Preserve's

1991 General Management Plan. The NPS agreed to prepare an ORV management plan as part of a settlement agreement negotiated in 1995 between the Florida Biodiversity Project and several Federal agencies and bureaus. The agreement settled a lawsuit which alleged failure by the agencies to comply with Federal statutes, including the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The Committee was established in 2007 as required by the 2000 Recreational Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan to examine issues and make recommendations regarding the management of off-road vehicles in the Big Cypress National Preserve. The Committee has advised the Preserve on several key issues, including vehicle specifications, secondary trail routes, trail marking and signage, authorized and unauthorized ORV uses, and management of trail terminuses and pull offs. The Committee has accomplished its mission and any remaining ORV issues will be addressed through ongoing planning efforts; therefore, the committee is no longer needed and the Committee terminated on September 30, 2016.

Designated Federal Officer

J.D. Lee DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adams, Franklin	04/09/2014	09/30/2016	Florida Wildlife Federation	Representative Member

Adornato, John	05/05/2015	09/30/2016	National Parks Conservation Association	Representative Member
Barry, Brendan	04/09/2014	09/30/2016	Attorney	Representative Member
Carlson, John	04/09/2014	09/30/2016	National Audubon Society	Representative Member
Cornell, Bradley	04/09/2014	09/30/2016	Audubon of the Western Everglades	Representative Member
Denham, David	05/05/2015	09/30/2016	Florida Trail Association	Representative Member
Everham, Edwin	05/05/2015	09/30/2016	Academic, Florida Gulf Coast University	Representative Member
Greer, Karl	05/05/2015	09/30/2016	Airboat community	Representative Member
Gutierrez, Jorge	04/09/2014	09/30/2016	Attorney	Representative Member
Powell, Barbara	04/09/2014	09/30/2016	Everglades Coordinating Council	Representative Member
Wilson, Dennis	05/05/2015	09/30/2016	Retired schoolteacher	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

The Big Cypress Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee was formed as a result of the implementation of the Big Cypress Recreational Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan. The purpose of the committee is to advise the National Park Service on issues related to the implementation of the plan within the Preserve.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements



Other



Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None



Unable to Determine



Under \$100,000



\$100,000 - \$500,000



\$500,001 - \$1,000,000



\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000



\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000



Over \$10,000,000



Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

12

Number of Recommendations Comments

No Recommendations in FY 2014 - 2016.1. Lottery system for ORV permits (9/23/08) 2. Turner River Unit primary ORV trails (9/23/08) 3. Policy on authorized and unauthorized ORV use (11/17/08) 4. Turner River Unit secondary ORV trails (11/17/08) 5. Secondary trail guidelines (2/2/10) 6. Trail marking and signage (4/20/10) 7. Secondary trail termini (6/22/10) 8. Managing trail pull-offs, dispersed camping (8/17/10) 9. Guest access to private property (8/17/10) 10. Corn Dance Unit primary ORV trails (4/27/11) 11. Stairsteps Unit primary and secondary trails (5/30/13) 12. Vehicle specifications (8/28/13)

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

42%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Recommendations 1, 3, 5-7

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

17%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Recommendations 2 and 4

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Status is reported at committee meetings and on the committee website.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A