



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 #23-0012
May 2, 2023

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 temporary closure regarding Wildfires is effective 12:00 PM, May 2, 2023.

Please refer to the provided map and area description below, closures include the following areas:

Closures Include:

- **All trails, and roadways West of 11 Mile Road, North of US41, East of Monument Trail, and South of Mud Lake, Little Deer, Oasis Trail, and Lost Dog (see map for perimeter).**

Trail Closures:

- **Florida Trail from Oasis Visitor Center to I75 (MM63) including all campsites**

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 This closure is hereby implemented 12:00 PM, May 2, 2023 and will be lifted when closure order has been rescinded. Due to wildfire activity in Big Cypress National Preserve, this temporary closure order is required to maintain public safety and minimize public interference with firefighting operations and personnel.

Thomas P Forsyth

Superintendent

May 2, 2023

Date