

We are initiating this request for status and trade information on species with ample time to seek greater involvement of State wildlife and natural resource agencies and the public in the review process. Thus, after this initial request for species to consider, the State animal and plant conservation agencies will be asked for specific status and management information on those native species that warrant further consideration. After review of any information received, we will make some preliminary decisions and will seek assistance in developing more complete proposals during the summer and fall of 2001.

We plan to publish a **Federal Register** notice in December 2001 to announce tentative species proposals to be submitted by the United States and to solicit further information and comments on them, as well as to provide summary comments on information provided in response to this notice. In January 2002, we plan to hold a public meeting to allow for additional input. We will consult all CITES Parties within the geographic range of species we are considering proposing for amendments to the Appendices by March 2002, so that final proposals will have the benefit of their consideration and comments. This is consistent with CITES Resolution Conf. 8.21. Another **Federal Register** notice in July 2002 will announce our final decisions and those species proposals submitted by the United States to the CITES Secretariat.

Through a series of additional notices in advance of COP12, we will solicit recommendations for possible agenda items and resolutions designed to improve the implementation of the Convention, inform the public about preliminary and final negotiating positions on resolutions and amendments to the Appendices proposed by other Parties for consideration at COP12, and explain how observer status is obtained for non-governmental organizations that plan to attend. We will also publish announcements of public meetings expected to be held in January 2002 and August 2002, to receive public input on U.S. positions regarding COP12 issues.

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Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Big Cypress National Preserve, Florida

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing a General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Addition lands portion of Big Cypress National Preserve in Collier County, Florida, and is initiating the scoping process for this document.

DATES: Open houses will be held on the following dates:

1. July 30, 2001, 3:30–7:30 p.m.,
Everglades City, Florida
2. July 31, 2001, 3:30–7:30 p.m., Naples,
Florida
3. August 1, 2001, 3:30–7:30 p.m.,
Seminole Reservation, Florida
4. August 2, 2001, 3:30–7:30 p.m.,
Miami, Florida

Comments on this scoping process should be received by August 17, 2001. A General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be available for review by January 2003.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting locations are:

1. Everglades City School, 415 School
Drive, Everglades City, Florida, 34139
2. The Conservancy of Southwest
Florida, 1450 Merihue Drive, Naples,
Florida, 34102
3. Frank Billie Center, Seminole Tribe of
Florida Reservation, CR 833, Florida,
33440
4. Miami-Dade County Fair and
Exposition, 10901 Coral Way, Miami,
Florida, 33165-2398

Send requests to be placed on the mailing list to Susan Kaynor, EIS Coordinator, Big Cypress National Preserve, HCR 61, Box 110, Ochopee, Florida, 34141.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, HCR 61, Box 110, Ochopee, Florida, 34141, telephone 941-695-2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Addition Lands General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/DEIS) is needed to address how the National Park Service can protect its resources and values, provide for recreational and other opportunities, and ensure public safety in the Addition Lands. Big Cypress National Preserve was established in 1974. In 1988, 147,280 acres, known as

the Addition, were added to the Preserve, increasing the Preserve by 30%. The current management plan for the Preserve does not address the lands in the Addition and the complex visitor management and resource issues and needs of this area. In the GMP/DEIS and its accompanying public involvement process, the National Park Service will formulate and evaluate the environmental impacts of a reasonable range of alternatives that will provide protection for resources and values at Big Cypress National Preserve.

A public scoping newsletter will be mailed in June 2001 to invite public participation in the scoping process and to describe the planning process. The general public and affected or interested parties are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions, and to identify issues and other reasonable alternatives that should be addressed in the General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

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Patricia A. Hooks,

Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets the schedule for a meeting of the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

DATE, TIME, AND ADDRESS: Wednesday, June 27, 2001; 9:00 a.m. until business and public comments are complete; Bazaar Schoolhouse, State Highway 177, Bazaar, Kansas.