

with the display of the traditional American symbols of Christmas.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, November 6, 2015. Written comments will be accepted until November 6, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on November 6, 2015, in Room 234 of the National Capital Region Headquarters Building, at 1100 Ohio Drive SW., Washington, DC (East Potomac Park). Written comments may be sent to Peter Lonsway, Manager, President's Park, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive SW., Washington, DC 20242. Due to delays in mail delivery, it is recommended that comments be provided by fax at (202) 208-1643 or by email to Peter_Lonsway@nps.gov. Comments may also be delivered by messenger to the White House Visitor Center at 1450 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., in Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Lonsway, Manager, President's Park, National Park Service, weekdays between 9 a.m., and 4 p.m., at (202) 208-1631.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service is seeking public comments and suggestions on the planning of the 2015 National Christmas Tree Lighting and the subsequent 29-day event, which opens on December 3, 2015, on the Ellipse (President's Park), south of the White House. The general plan and theme for the event is the celebration of the holiday season, where the park visitor will have the opportunity to view that lighting of the National Christmas tree, attend musical presentations and visit the yuletide displays of the traditional and familiar American symbols of Christmas, a national holiday. As in the past, these traditional and familiar American symbols will be the National Christmas Tree, the smaller trees representing the various states, District of Columbia and the territories, various seasonal musical presentations, and a traditional crèche which is not owned by the Government.

In order to facilitate this process the National Park Service will hold a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on November 6, 2015, in Room 234 of the National Capital Region Headquarters Building, at 1100 Ohio Drive SW., Washington, DC (East Potomac Park).

Persons who would like to comment at the meeting should notify the National Park Service by November 6, 2015, by calling Peter Lonsway at the White House Visitor Center weekdays between 9 a.m., and 4 p.m., at (202) 208-1631.

In addition, public comments and suggestions on the planning of the 2015

National Christmas Tree Lighting and the subsequent 29-day event may be submitted in writing. Written comments may be sent to the Manager, President's Park, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive SW., Washington, DC 20242, and will be accepted until November 6, 2015. Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: October 27, 2015.

Alma Ripps,
Chief, Office of Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Big Cypress National Preserve Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee Charter Renewal

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior is giving notice of renewal of the Big Cypress National Preserve Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee to offer recommendations, alternatives and possible solutions to management of off-road vehicles at Big Cypress National Preserve.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamara Whittington, Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, 33100 Tamiami Trail E, Ochopee, Florida 34141, (239) 695-1103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Big Cypress National Preserve Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee (Committee) has been 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.

The *Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan, 2000* (p. 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 establishment of the Committee meets the legal requirements of the 1972 Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463, 1972, as amended). The advisory Committee provides access to the extensive knowledge available in the public arena and offers advice to the National Park Service in the decision-making process in a manner consistent with FACA. This Committee is an element of the adaptive management approach used to develop best management practices for ORV use."

As part of the ORV management plan, the NPS committed to establishing the Committee. In addition, the establishment of the Committee fulfills the agency's policy of civic engagement. This Committee strengthens the relationship that the NPS has with its partners and communities. The Committee is composed of individuals that represent (1) sportsmen/ORV users; (2) landowners; (3) academia; (4) environmental advocates; (5) the State government, and (6) tribes.

Certification: I hereby certify that the renewal of the Big Cypress Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by the National Park Service Organic Act (54 U.S.C. 100101(a) *et seq.*), and other statutes relating to the administration of the National Park Service.

Dated: October 16, 2015.

Sally Jewell,
Secretary of the Interior.

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