

1978—Pub. L. 95-625 increased land acquisition appropriations authorization to \$156,700,000 from \$116,000,000.

§ 698m-1. Big Cypress National Preserve Addition

(a) Establishment

In order to—

- (1) achieve the purposes of section 698f of this title;
- (2) complete the preserve in conjunction with the planned construction of Interstate Highway 75; and
- (3) insure appropriately managed use and access to the Big Cypress Watershed in the State of Florida,

the Big Cypress National Preserve Addition is established.

(b) Location; boundaries; publication in Federal Register

The Big Cypress National Preserve Addition (referred to in sections 698f to 698m-4 of this title as the “Addition”) shall comprise approximately 146,000 acres as generally depicted on the map entitled Big Cypress National Preserve Addition, dated April, 1987, and numbered 176-91000C, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., and shall be filed with appropriate offices of Collier County in the State of Florida. The Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, publish a detailed description of the boundaries of the Addition in the Federal Register.

(c) Designation; management

The area within the boundaries depicted on the map referred to in subsection (b) shall be known as the “Big Cypress National Preserve Addition” and shall be managed in accordance with section 698i of this title.

(d) Completion of land acquisition; time

For purposes of administering the Addition and notwithstanding section 698g(c) of this title, it is the express intent of the Congress that the Secretary should substantially complete the land acquisition program contemplated with respect to the Addition in not more than five years after April 29, 1988.

(Pub. L. 93-440, §9, as added Pub. L. 100-301, §3(a), Apr. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 444.)

§ 698m-2. Establishment of recreational access points, roads, etc., in conjunction with creation of Big Cypress National Preserve Addition; cooperation among agencies

The Secretary and other involved Federal agencies shall cooperate with the State of Florida to establish recreational access points and roads, rest and recreation areas, wildlife protection, hunting, fishing, frogging, and other traditional recreational opportunities in conjunction with the creation of the Addition and in the construction of Interstate Highway 75. Three of such access points shall be located within the preserve (including the Addition).

(Pub. L. 93-440, §10, as added Pub. L. 100-301, §5, Apr. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 445.)

§ 698m-3. Status of Big Cypress National Preserve and Addition; report to Congress; plan

Not later than two years after April 29, 1988, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a detailed report on, and further plan for, the preserve and Addition including—

- (1) the status of the existing preserve, the effectiveness of past regulation and management of the preserve, and recommendations for future management of the preserve and the Addition;
- (2) a summary of the public's use of the preserve and the status of the access points developed pursuant to section 698m-2 of this title;
- (3) the need for involvement of other State and Federal agencies in the management and expansion of the preserve and Addition;
- (4) the status of land acquisition; and
- (5) a determination, made in conjunction with the State of Florida, of the adequacy of the number, location, and design of the recreational access points on I-75/Alligator Alley for access to the Big Cypress National Preserve, including the Addition.

The determination required by paragraph (5) shall incorporate the results of any related studies of the State of Florida Department of Transportation and other Florida State agencies. Any recommendation for significant changes in the approved recreational access points, including any proposed additions, shall be accompanied by an assessment of the environmental impact of such changes.

(Pub. L. 93-440, §11, as added Pub. L. 100-301, §6, Apr. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 446.)

§ 698m-4. Oil and gas exploration, development, and production in Big Cypress National Preserve and Addition

(a) Promulgation of rules and regulations

Within nine months from April 29, 1988, the Secretary shall promulgate, subject to the requirements of subsections (b)–(e) of this section, such rules and regulations governing the exploration for and development and production of non-Federal interests in oil and gas located within the boundaries of the Big Cypress National Preserve and the Addition, including but not limited to access on, across, or through all lands within the boundaries of the Big Cypress National Preserve and the Addition for the purpose of conducting such exploration or development and production, as are necessary and appropriate to provide reasonable use and enjoyment of privately owned oil and gas interests, and consistent with the purposes for which the Big Cypress National Preserve and the Addition were established. Rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section may be made by appropriate amendment to or in substitution of the rules and regulations respecting non-Federal oil and gas rights (currently codified at 36 CFR 9.30, et seq. (1986)).

(b) Contents of rule or regulation; permit from National Park Service

Any rule or regulation promulgated by the Secretary under subsection (a) of this section shall provide that—