W22 (BICY VRP)
Closure Order #15-002

May 13, 2015

CLOSURE ORDER:

Pursuant to the authority granted in 36 Code of Federal Regulations 1.5 (a)(1), due to multiple wildfires burning in the Northern areas of Big Cypress National Preserve an emergency temporary closure order is required to maintain life safety and minimized public interference with firefighting operations and personnel.

This temporary closure regarding fires will take effect immediately.

Closure area shown on map and described below:

South of Interstate 75 (Alligator Alley)
Lands administrated by Big Cypress Preserve in the Northern Turner River Unit, South of Interstate 75 (Alligator Alley) from mile marker (mm) 75 (Turner River Road) to mm 59, South to include Florida National Scenic Trail (FLST) in the Northern Corn Dance Unit until mile 12 on the FLST. Then West to include Concho Billy Trail near Upper Wagon Road and East of Turner River Road up to Interstate 75.

North of Interstate 75 (Alligator Alley)
Lands administrated by Big Cypress Preserve in Bear Island Unit and Addition Lands North of Interstate 75 (Alligator Alley) from mile marker (mm) 70 (Turner River Road) to mm 59 to the Big Cypress Preserve Northern Boundary.

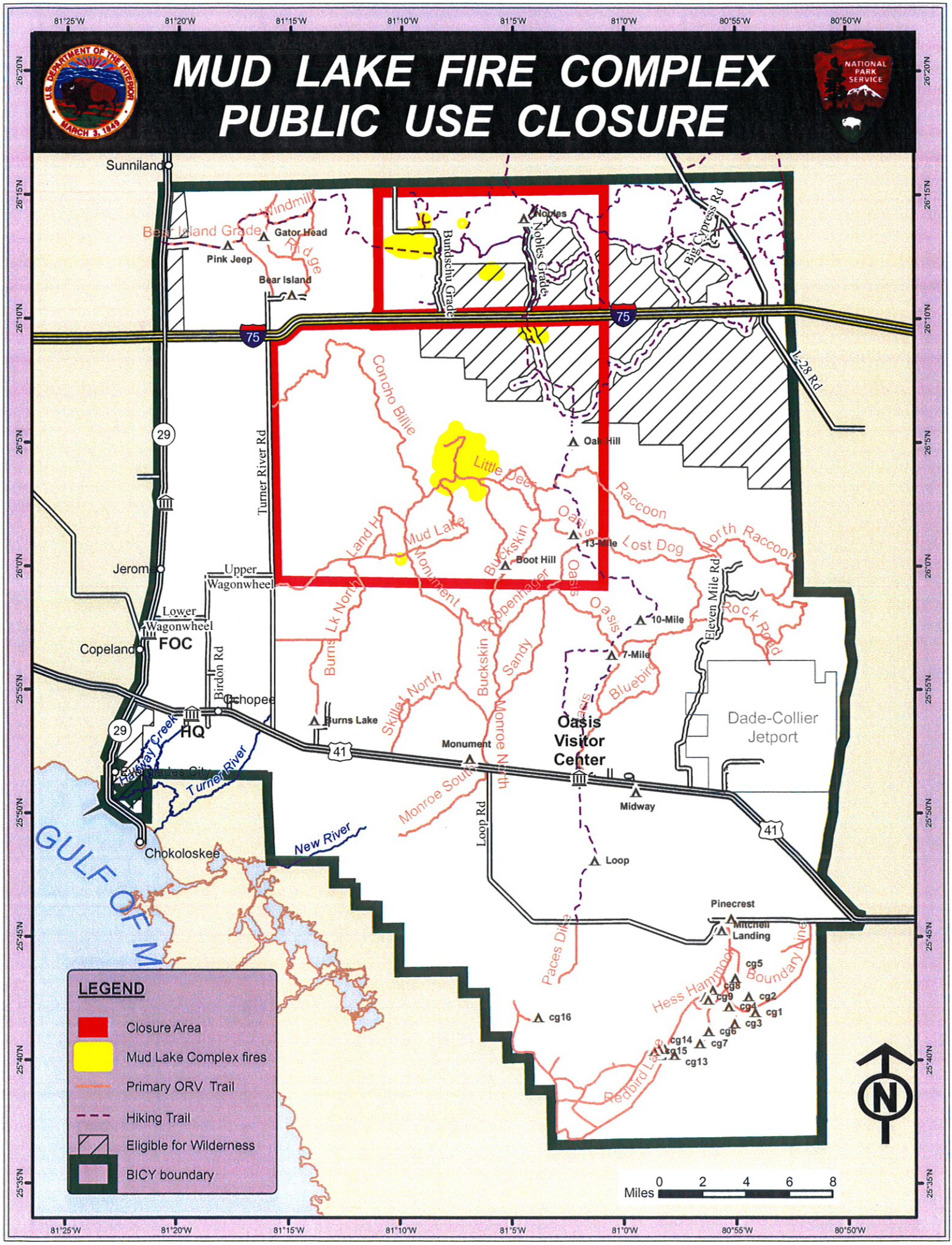
These areas are closed to recreation use to include Off-Road Vehicle (ORV), hiking, and camping due to safety concerns related to the wildfires in the area.

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 safety due to multiple wild land fire danger brought about by extreme lightning, the lack of rainfall, local fire danger index, and dry, windy conditions.

This closure is hereby implemented effective immediately on May 13, 2015 and will continue until further notice.

Approval: _____ Date: 5/13/15
J.D. Lee, Acting Superintendent


MUD LAKE FIRE COMPLEX
PUBLIC USE CLOSURE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MARCH 3, 1849
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Sunniland
Windmill Ridge
Bear Island Grade
Gator Head
Pink Jeep
Bear Island
Bundschu Grade
Nobles
Nobles Grade
Big Cypress Rd
75
L-28 Rd
Concho Billie
Little Deer
Oak Hill
29
Turner River Rd
Jerome
Upper Wagonwheel
Lower Wagonwheel
FOC
Copeland
Land Hog
Mud Lake
Monument
Buckskin
Oasis
13-Mile
Boot Hill
Raccoon
Lost Dog
North Raccoon
Eleven Mile Rd
Rock Road
Oasis
10-Mile
Burns Lk North
Koppenhager
Oasis
7-Mile
Bluebird
Birdon Rd
Ochopee
HQ
Burns Lake
Skillet North
Buckskin
Sandy
Oasis
Dade-Collier Jetport
Oasis Visitor Center
Monument
Monroe South
Monroe North
41
Midway
Everglades City
Halfway Creek
Turner River
Chokoloskee
New River
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Pinecrest
Mitchell Landing
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Redbird La
LEGEND
Closure Area
Mud Lake Complex fires
Primary ORV Trail
Hiking Trail
Eligible for Wilderness
BICY boundary
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Miles
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2
4
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