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Title: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced

Post by: GSPKurt on January 12, 2006, 06:39:34 PM

The Record Of Decision for the Ocala National Forest has been released. Read it here-

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/florida/projects/documents/nepa/oca%20access/Final%20Ocala%20Access%20ROD%2012-15-05.pdf> (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/florida/projects/documents/nepa/oca%20access/Final%20Ocala%20Access%20ROD%2012-15-05.pdf>)

Title: Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced

Post by: Bigscrib15 on January 12, 2006, 07:00:16 PM

Well, we are down to 42 miles of ATV trails. Rodman Pit will remain open as a day use area while they dump lake sediment there while they remove the Ocklawaha Dam.

I think our best bet is to NOT complain. We should be happy they decided on Alternative D. They could have chosen an Alternative that allows NO riding at all. We need to be respectful of the new rules and trails so they don't take them away!!! 42 miles is not alot, but alot better than taking the whole forest away.

Title: Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced

Post by: GSPKurt on January 12, 2006, 07:05:50 PM

Starting tomorrow, there is a 105 day period when the decision can be appealed.

Title: Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced

Post by: AintSkeered on January 12, 2006, 08:50:53 PM

It allocates 86 miles of mixed-use trails for licensed and unlicensed vehicles, 42 miles of ATV/motorcycle trails and 13 miles of motorcycle-only trails. But, will ATVs be prohibited on those 86 miles of mixed-use trails? And, it does not provide an implementation date. It states that implementation will begin after

the appeal period ends. And, an appeal must be postmarked or received within 45 days after the Notice of Decision is published in the Ocala Star Banner. So, has this decision, made 12/27/05, been published in the Ocala Banner, yet?

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **eric** on **January 12, 2006, 09:33:32 PM**

It does away with 1558 miles of existing access "smaller roads"

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/florida/projects/documents/nepa/oca%20access/FEISSummary.pdf>

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **Redinjun** on **January 12, 2006, 09:53:34 PM**

kinda glad I'm moving out next year, too many tree hugging hippies moving in from up north. :(

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **Chillinthemost** on **January 12, 2006, 10:03:54 PM**

I dont like it :(.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **Quad32x** on **January 12, 2006, 10:55:04 PM**

Lived here and been riding the forest all my life. Always take out what I brought in. Always lived by there rules. Now they want to take it away from us ? Catch me if you can. >:D

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **dreth** on **January 13, 2006, 06:39:09 AM**

i still say that 42 miles of no whoops is better than 1558 miles of those stupid things. i have already said that i am over riding those stinking whoops anyway so if they will maintain the 42 miles i will be happy. if not, i will stick to the tracks and out of state riding ;D durhamtown here i come

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **LT-R450ApK** on **January 13, 2006, 07:10:22 AM**

I sure hope you guys Like Racing,Before long thats all we are goin to have!!!

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**
Post by: **SkyHighT100** on **January 13, 2006, 07:45:03 AM**

I'm not even going to say what my feelings are about all this, mainly because the mods will delete half of what I say because it definately wont be appropriate for a G site, lol... but I will say this:

By allowing them to keep closing off riding areas and just sitting back and taking it... we might as well just say goodbye to all riding besides on a track because that is definately what it's coming down to. Oh well, the ATV community is obviously getting pretty good at just laying back and taking it in the azz. Sorry for the expression, but I'm pissed off.

First they ban night riding - we let that happen
Now they minimize the riding area to truely next to nothing when you consider how many people ride... and of course we're letting that happen to... Nice, real nice. :cursing.gif :banghead.gif :F

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**
Post by: **Chillinthemost** on **January 13, 2006, 08:06:18 AM**

Look at an the forest on google earth. You dont see any atv trails but you can sure see where "they" let them cut down all the trees. They also admit that the "damage" is caused because of the lack of riding areas. No chit, so open up some more areas and take off some of the pressure.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**
Post by: **SkyHighT100** on **January 13, 2006, 08:13:32 AM**

Well, they do say that there is time to appeal.... but I dont see the ATV community growing big enough balls to do something like that

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**
Post by: **Unknownracer** on **January 13, 2006, 12:13:36 PM**

When they say 42 miles of AT use, Is that 42 square miles??

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**
Post by: **Bigscrb15** on **January 13, 2006, 12:40:32 PM**

well, heres the map of the proposed trails. most of them are in the far north of

the forest which sucks for me, and there is a couples miles in the southeast.

http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/florida/projects/documents/nepa/oca%20access/EIS_altd_map.pdf

By the way, Good Luck trying to appeal.

"Only individuals or organizations who submitted substantive comments during the comment period may appeal."

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **Bigscrb15** on **January 13, 2006, 12:47:36 PM**

I got to thinking, I have not read anything that mentions One-Way trails. If these trails are not 1way, I will not be riding. Restricting that many quads to that few 2way trails can only lead to disaster. SCREW what I said about not complaining and just be happy with what he have, the more I read, the more it makes me mad. And I guess Big Scrub is gone. I don't see any campgrounds for riding now

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **AlterEgo** on **January 13, 2006, 12:49:22 PM**

Is there no "formal" organization dedicated to protecting the rights of ATVers such as keeping riding land open as well as opening up new areas?

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **MAV400** on **January 13, 2006, 03:13:17 PM**

I guess Big Scrub is out of the picture. Not even marked as a trailhead or any thing at all. The entire area is West of 19 around Delancey area. Is a nice area to ride, but not enough trails marked. Also ATV/MC trails are red and green and they interconnected with black dotted trail. According to the map these are unsurfaced roads for mixed use. Are with allowed to ride on those roads? Anybody knows. Because if not it s***s.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **GrizzlyBear** on **January 13, 2006, 03:29:45 PM**

Currently the only ares affected by this decision is the area in WHITE on the map. The other areas are still unrestricted and as such, no changes have been made to those areas. That means that at the present time no changes have been made to the Big Scrub area. The new trail system is only in the area north

of Hwy 316, East and South of the Ocklawaha River and west of Hwy 19. These trails (pending no appeals will be started in May 2006. This will include Trailheads for parking, bathrooms at the trailheads, marked and maintained trails. They should be done by August.

Saying that, you can expect that once this system is in effect, the Forestry Service will be looking at the areas in yellow on the map and deciding what to do in these areas. This may mean temporary closings of areas and temporary trails in certain areas. There is not contemplation of closing Big Scrub. However, there has been damage to the environment in this area, and when they come up with a trail system for that area, this will be taken into consideration.

What I am telling you is as a result of a 4 hour meeting I attended today with Bret Bush, the head of this project.

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Post by: **MAV400** on **January 13, 2006, 03:39:35 PM**

Thanks for the information G. B.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**
Post by: **jjamesbar** on **January 13, 2006, 04:03:40 PM**

i say we have a large group ride to check out the new trail system, that is if the trails have been dewhooped. lets flood the trail with riders.

jeff

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**
Post by: **americanhighlander** on **January 13, 2006, 04:40:03 PM**

I guess they need create more atv private owner parks like what they do up north. I guess alot people are doing that. ;)

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Post by: **AintSkeered** on **January 13, 2006, 05:02:15 PM**

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Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **Bigscrb15** on **January 13, 2006, 05:07:58 PM**

Grizzly, from what I see on the map, the WHITE area is unrestricted, it says nothing of the yellow area.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **GrizzlyBear** on **January 13, 2006, 05:31:16 PM**

It says nothing of the white area. If you check the legend on the right, the colored(close to yellow) is unrestricted.

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Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **shackles** on **January 13, 2006, 06:36:40 PM**

The Ocala Star Banner and The Orlando Sentinel should have the ad out in Saturdays paper. Everyone is jumping the gun on this. I know one of the rangers that works the scrub area and she says the initial trails are just that. There will eventually be 140 miles of trails throughout the forest but initially they will be in the Delancy area and in the Paisely area. They have to start somewhere and they know it will be a slow process but the trail system will expand. They are really determined to provide trails for us but it will take time. She said they have had tons of input from atv/jeep folks and this was the agreed upon option by those who were involved.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **shackles** on **January 13, 2006, 06:41:25 PM**

The trails will be one direction- so no more head on collisions.

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Post by: **Chillinthemost** on **January 13, 2006, 06:52:07 PM**

Thats not true the trails will be 2 way. What stinks is that ATVers want challenges: mud, water, hills, some kind of obsticles. Riding on a trail through the woods is OK but it gets boring if there is no fun destinations.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **FREEK** on **January 13, 2006, 06:55:27 PM**

[Quote from: eric on January 13, 2006, 05:52:19 PM](#)

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LOL, true but I hope some of the new trails at least lead us to some clay pits or something fun.

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Post by: **shackles** on **January 13, 2006, 06:59:21 PM**

They will be one way trails-except for the people who screw up and go the wrong way.

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[Quote from: shackles on January 13, 2006, 07:05:10 PM](#)

One of the things that stinks is that apparently only Rodman pit will be open-no other pits- and it already gets nuts in there.

I am kinda surprised Eureka Dam is not listed as a trailhead. That is a great place to ride out from. It seems like they are really trying to keep riders away from any water and wetlands if you look at the map.

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Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**
Post by: **shackles** on **January 13, 2006, 08:48:12 PM**

The rangers at Scrub told us when we were there at Thanksgving.

[Quote from: Chillinthemost on January 13, 2006, 07:47:00 PM](#)

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Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**
Post by: **needforspeed** on **January 13, 2006, 08:51:14 PM**

It seems like everyone is hashing out old stuff here. The trail system is going in no matter what. If it is 20 miles of trails or 100 miles of trails, perhaps were lucky there is trails at all. I get the feeling from reading the record of decision that they can still close the forest at anytime, that will always be on the table. I also get the feeling from the rangers, etc.. that they really don't want this system to work.. The trail system has worked out west in Idaho. In California they closed all the trail systems and ran off with all the money they collected from licensing the ATV's. In Connecticut I believe they had the trail systems in private parks and forest I think open for two years then just decided to close them all. I get the feeling that is what will happen in Ocala National Forest. After 6 months or a year the forest service will have proof that the system is not working and close the whole forest anyway. So the bottom line is you better enjoy it now..

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **shackles** on **January 13, 2006, 08:56:55 PM**

Come on- do you really think they'd make one big 140 mile trail- you'd never get back even if your quad didn't break or run out of gas. You need to stop and ask some questions to the rangers. I've heard a lot of complaints about them but when you stop and talk to them they're pretty cool and are jsut trying to do their jobs. SOme of them are atv/jeep riders and are volunteers trying to get everyone to play fair so the forest stays open.

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Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **GrizzlyBear** on **January 14, 2006, 08:01:28 AM**

The trails will be 2 way. The reason the Eureka pit is not mentioned in the report is that it is not part of the ONF. It is Greenway land and not under their control. The Forestry service has provided a multi=usr trail across the road and is hoping the greenway people will leave the pit open to riders.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **LakeMaryKid** on **January 14, 2006, 08:29:56 AM**

Sounds pretty sh*tty. Sorry to say but you will never be able to regulate everyone to one trail system. Even if they did, it would just be a solid line of quads. No one would ever have fun except the ones who like to putt. The forest is soo big that they will NEVER be able to regulate to one trail. Even if they close down people will still take off into the woods where ever they desire. Will I? Probably. Constricting to one trail system is rediculous.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **LakeMaryKid** on **January 14, 2006, 10:31:14 AM**

Ok, well my question is then is it gonna be just one trail straight through? Will there be pits along the trail? Will there be side trails? I mean come on a 2 way trail and its the only one you can ride. Hmmm you get someone haulin it in say 3rd or 4th gear come along then you get some drunk redneck no helmet on a ute with the 12 pack on the rack haulin the opposite direction.....hmmm you fill in the blanks. Sorry but i dont think i will ride it because i DONT want to become a STATISTIC.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **LakeMaryKid** on **January 14, 2006, 12:46:22 PM**

[Quote from: hondaxrl on January 14, 2006, 12:42:08 PM](#)

As an OHV Volunteer, I will try to answer this. There will be trails, not just one big loop. There will be side trails, intersections, etc.. There will not be any pits, or mud holes, if you will notice the map keeps you out of the wet areas. That is not to say somewhere in the future you may get a mud hole.

There is discussion on how the upper management is going to keep the speeds down, not quite sure yet. The trails will be groomed, how often, it is hard to tell until the actual system is working.

I agree with you I wouldn't want to become a statistic either. As I said before you have been riding the trails and not knowing it.

I hope I answered your questions.

So in other words, we will have a "allotted amount" of acreage we can ride on? If it wont be one straight loop then where will the other trails lead to?Wow speed limits? Might as well buy an enduro bike, same concept isnt it? They gonna have "fuzz" out there behind blinds with radar guns? Sorry to say but they will never be able to keep it all contained to one trail. May as well sell my bike now to some sucker who will find out the hard way in a few years that there is no where to ride. Will the hunters still have "free reign" of the woods with their trucks when they hunt?

PS: I am not trying to degrade you for your actions, as you are tryin to do all you can to get us places to ride im just doing a lil Q and A.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **LakeMaryKid** on **January 14, 2006, 01:20:21 PM**

Ok well i guess i will just have to wait and see what its like then. Will the hunters still have "free reign" of the woods with their trucks when they hunt?

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Post by: **Shorgasm** on **January 14, 2006, 02:30:47 PM**

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We go ride waaaaay down from Big Scrub on the power lines.No way in heck you will find me or my buddies up in that disaster of an area.The whoops are outta control.They take the fun out of getting to the fun parts.Some ehwoops are cool but holy crap 10 miles of the stuff is stupid.

Next, The forest is far too large to control. Yes you might get caught for running on a numbered road but rarely will you get in trouble...think about it. We go out in the side trails and take off...almost never see anyone else. You think a patrol or trail closure is gonna effect that?..doubtful.

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Post by: **LakeMaryKid** on **January 14, 2006, 04:53:03 PM**

[Quote from: hondaxrl on January 14, 2006, 02:35:23 PM](#)

It is my understanding that they will also have to obey the trail system, both ATV and Truck. They will still be in the woods, but remember, you have the forest 11 months out of the year, 1 month of curtesy isn't gonna hurt. Everyone is going to have to work together and that means everyone that uses the forest for this to work.

Oh by the way Rodman, is going to stay Rodman. One day I am sure we will cross paths.. If I am working look for a bright green T-Shirt that says OHV Volunteer.

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Hondaxrl is right. Both he and I volunteer. It has been our mission to make as many people aware of what is going on as possible. We are open to suggestions. This is a good forum to tell us how we can do it better .

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Not at all- I trust you emphatically!! You rock!!!! I just put out some misinformation the other day and I was just trying to correct my error and pull my foot out of my mouth (which is hard bcause it loves to live there).

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if the trails are going to be well groomed, then great.

if the trails are going to be one way, then even better.

if the trails are eventually going to go close by the neighborhoods where people have been riding out of their yards for decades,,,,,absofreakinglutely great.

but I doubt that any of the three will be.

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Post by: jjamesbar on January 15, 2006, 06:19:13 AM

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Post by: GSPKurt on January 15, 2006, 08:06:12 PM

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Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **GSPKurt** on **January 15, 2006, 08:10:23 PM**

[Quote from: shackles on January 13, 2006, 07:05:10 PM](#)

One of the things that stinks is that apparently only Rodman pit will be open-no other pits- and it already gets nuts in there.

Rodman Pit is the ONLY legal pit to ride in anywhere in ONF.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **GSPKurt** on **January 15, 2006, 08:18:42 PM**

[Quote from: Shorgasm on January 14, 2006, 02:30:47 PM](#)

Plus, how much money do you think the Florida is gonna pump into this...Cops an such are expensive as is the upkeep and maintence of the trail "system"....

Can you say revenue funding? From guys who go off-trail and say "Catch me if you can?"

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **jjamesbar** on **January 16, 2006, 07:28:04 AM**

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Post by: **Scramdaddy** on **January 16, 2006, 08:04:06 AM**

This trail system, due to be done in August? Are we allowed to ride as we have been till it's completion. Or rather as per the new forest map till Aug.? Also I can only imagine the amount of "runner's" who will disregard the new limitation's and ride as they have for years. I will try the best I can to go out there as much

as possible before the trail system is in. I hope this turns out good and we expand from there. Two way trail's are gonna be a bit dangerous for the little ones, with the three baller WFO club blazing around every corner. If we start killing eachother due to overcrowding that would suck. I suggest we group ride like every weekend on some scale before the time to do so is gone. There's is plenty of forest I have yet to see and some I will miiss in the future.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'I. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **NPRVinson** on **January 16, 2006, 08:39:46 AM**

[Quote from: jjamesbar on January 16, 2006, 07:28:04 AM](#)

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I agree, give it a chance because it's going to happen. If all we do is b***h about it then what reason would they have to not shut it down completely. If everybody will follow the "RULES" maybe it will go the other direction and more trails will be open. We will have more of a chance if some responsibility and respect is shown. It's obvious that they will shut trails down if people continue to have the attitude that they can do and go where they what to and say the h3ll with the rangers. It's getting down to the last resource we have and personally I would rather have less than none. Yea it sucks but it can always be worse. Maybe it time for some constructive critisizm to ensure our riding area stays open no matter how many miles of trails it is.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'I. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **jwscroll** on **January 16, 2006, 10:41:57 AM**

I'm going ther this weekend(Big Scrub) and will be investigating the situation very closely. I will be videotaping any encounters with the Rangers for Public Record, I will also be actively searching for trail maps at the rangers station. I will also be asking the Rangers for written documentation of the new rules. All of this will hopefully give me a better understanding of the rules so as to abide by them to the best of my ability.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'I. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **needforspeed** on **January 16, 2006, 08:04:47 PM**

you will find a map at the ranger station but not of the trail system. The only documentation on rules is the ones they have been handing out for years. Take a video camera on the rangers, they are probably not rangers but volunteers.

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **Gamer** on **January 16, 2006, 10:21:15 PM**

Until the designated trails are completed it has to be dispersed use. How else are you going to know where to ride. They've been trying to finish the designated trails in Big Cypress for a couple years now but are no where close to finishing it. The same could happen in Ocala. I just hope they don't put in the hard rock trails in Ocala like they are doing in Big Cypress. It sucks.....

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **1FasterBlaster** on **January 17, 2006, 12:05:39 AM**

All I can say is, "Look out for disaster!" I see people get airlifted out of Croom because it's whooped out and because it's a small area for too many riders. This does not look like a good thing to me. I was gonna buy a YFZ...not so sure now!!

They don't maintain the forest anywhere that I know of. It won't be long until it's whooped out and dangerous too. I think everybody should really, come together, alert the media, and show up somewhere at the same time and rally for our rights!!

I will be there as well as everyone I ride with.

Chino(727)204-0883 Call me when your ready...actions speak louder than words!!

Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **GSPKurt** on **January 22, 2006, 01:26:50 PM**

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Title: **Re: Official Ocala Nat'l. Forest Decision Announced**

Post by: **NPRVinson** on **January 22, 2006, 02:33:51 PM**

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Post by: **eric** on **January 22, 2006, 11:30:41 PM**

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Thanks for the update

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