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From: "Jose Camps"

I am writing to you requesting that the Army Corps of Engineers please include off-road vehicles in recreational activities and facilities located south of Lake Okeechobee. The South Florida Water Management District has closed a regional facility (Picayune) that was used for many years by the off-road vehicle enthusiast. This activity has been recognized as a legitimate family recreational activity by states throughout the United States of America. The South Florida Water Management District agreed to open a temporary site when they closed the Picayune area and has yet to this day fulfilled this agreement. I am asking that the US Army Corp of Eng. please recognize the need to work with the enthusiast in order to make the CERP project a success. If no location is designated for this type of legitimate recreational activity, then the more than 50,000 registered owners will have nowhere to legally go south of Lake Okeechobee and in turn our magnificent Everglades will be negatively impacted. I thank you in advance for your future plans and hope that your decisions will consider the lives of the hundreds of families affected by not having a legal place to safely legitimately recreate.