

Collier County All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Proposed Park Site Feedback and

Comments Obtained From Attendees

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Obtained during the All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Park Site Public Information Meeting Staff Notes and Comments From Attendees – March 29, 2011

1. 3/30/12 I am a current member of the Caloosa Jeepers a family friendly Jeep Club of over 40 members that stretch from Marco Island all the way to North Port. We also work with the South Florida Jeep Club in FT. Lauderdale and they have over 60 members. We have members with extensive experience in off road recreation and have visited many ATV/Off road parks throughout the United States. We also participate in the Tread Lightly program and the Blue Ribbon Coalition. I strongly believe that if done correctly by maintaining the land and creating amenities needed by the public for this type of recreation, it would become another destination asset for tourism development for the region and not only Collier County. In a few weeks we are heading over to Daytona for a 5 day event Jeep Beach. This event draws over 1,000 Jeeps and Vendors in from across the Country. By having an asset like the ATV Park, large national annual events could bring in a lot of \$\$ to the area. I would proudly serve on a committee. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
2. 3/30/12 I just would to keep up with info on this. My husband and I have 3 boys who ride on our property and would like to have a park to ride with friends.
3. 4/9/12 We desperately need an ATV riding area here. My family and I love spending time together on our ATV's. We look forward to the weekends. My in-laws come too on their ATV and cook out and have fun together.
4. I have been riding ATV's for many years, since I was kid. A native Floridian from 5yrs. Old now we are considering leaving S.W. Florida because there is nowhere left to ride. My family and friends have a cleanup committee that we would like to expand and get more people involved. Now we have a problem with E Bonita being shut down. Please help us so we can help you. We would like to be a part of your committee.
5. 4/23/11 My family was raised around ATV's and off road vehicles; it was an integral part of my childhood, and instilled in me not only the importance of spending time with family outdoors, but the responsibility and respect that is required for the safe operation of any motor vehicle. I cherished that time growing up, and fear that I will not be able to provide my family with the same opportunities because all of the previous property (Yucapan, Lehigh, Buckingham, E. Bonita) have all been shut down for one reason or another. Usually the presence of one or two miscreants who take it upon themselves to ruin it for everyone. First, I believe that this issue needs to be more highly publicized to have any realistic opportunity to gain feedback. I and all of the people I have talked to had not heard of the proposed park prior to yesterday. I would have loved to show up to the county meeting, and voice my opinion if I knew of its existence. Second, contrary to some of the comments I

have read in the news; I believe that to have any real chance at getting this park open in the next decade, I speak for most involved when I say WE DO NOT NEED amenities, showers, washers, electricity, or any other luxury; we just want a place to park our vehicles and ride. Last, despite my opinion that this needs to be as deregulated and non-manmade as possible (just trails and natural elements which will develop over time into mud holes, trails, etc); I am not opposed to paying a yearly membership due for a sticker to ride, being checked at the gate, and prevented from riding on the roads. (similar to Croom in Brookesville) I think the benefits will be realized two-fold: generating revenue and preventing the miscreants that always succeed in ruining the opportunities for the rest of us who are law abiding and safe. I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comments and recommendations; if there is an email list or other contact list for future meetings or correspondence in regards to this issue, please feel free to add me to it. Kindly, Michael Scott