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Big Cypress National Preserve is an area borne of fire. Ecosystems here are well-adapted to lightning fires that have spread across this landscape for millennia. Fire recycles plant nutrients into the soil and renews the health of the habitat. Prescribed fire, where fire managers set fire to an area or control the spread of a lightning fire, gives the same benefit to the ecosystem. At the same time, it keeps our homes and roads safe by controlling when, where, and how fire spreads. The preserve burns more acres than any other unit in the NPS!

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