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"...to cooperatively provide scientific knowledge of ground and surface water resources and advocate for the effective application of that knowledge toward management, conservation and protection."

January 3, 2014

Mr. Drew Bartlett
Deputy Secretary
Department of Environmental Protection

As we start 2014 we all hope that we will be able to increase the protection of Florida Springs. We are very hopeful that the Florida legislature will pass new legislations which would have a significant level of support and funding for the BMAP program.

As we have discussed in the past, the Wakulla Springs Alliance has been working very closely with the NWFLWMD and your BMAP program staff on the development of a comprehensive monitoring system for the Wakulla Springs Basin.

We have looked very closely at the monitoring system each of these organizations will have that will measure and monitor water quality issues.

However, we found that there were certain areas that both of these monitoring systems have not included and therefore we have developed our own monitoring system which does not duplicate anything in the other systems. In addition, we feel our proposed monitoring system would greatly enhance the data gathered and with the three monitoring systems we would develop a great Springs Monitoring Model that you could use for other springs in Florida.

We are submitting our proposed monitoring system to DEP and hope that you could provide funding for this program.

Both Dr. Sean McGlynn and I are available to meet with you and your staff for further discussions on this proposed plan.

Regard.

Ron Piasecki

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