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Subject: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BRONSON FIELD HABITAT RESTORATION
AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation & Parks fully supports the proposed Bronson Field Habitat Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Project.

Repairing the DuPont Road is an essential element to this restoration project, as large segments were impacted by recreational four-wheel driving prior to State acquisition. Severe rutting and subsequent erosion have resulted in a sunken roadbed, intercepting surface water that once sheeted across the property into Tarkiln Bayou. Returning the roadbed to matching elevation will restore hydrological function to hundreds of acres of northwest Florida wet prairie, among the most species-rich habitats in North America.

If you need additional park specific information pertaining to this Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) proposal, please contact me at 850 233 5110, or by email at john.mckenzie@dep.state.fl.us

Sincerely,

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