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Good afternoon,

I would like to supplement my application for the Rural Concerns Advisory Board as follows.

In addition to Citizen at Large, I would like to be considered for the category of Actively Engaged in Agriculture and/or Silviculture.

In 2021, our family bought approx. 35 acres of land in northern Alachua County, fronting the Santa Fe River, just south of Worthington Springs (parcels 05296-007-000 and 05296-009-000). We boast some old-growth hardwood in the wetland/floodplain areas adjacent to the Santa Fe, also host approx. 17-20 acres of planted pine in areas further set back from the River.

Our family is learning to manage the planted pine per newly updated Forest Management Plan, has registered our farm with the Farm Service Agency, submitted an application for Surface to Springs Regional Conservation Partnership Program, and are new members in the North Florida Prescribed Burn Association. I participated in my first prescribed burn last Saturday.

We are eager to learn more as stewards of this beautiful pocket of Florida, and I would be honored to serve on the Rural Concerns Advisory Board as a fresh new participant in the local silviculture landscape.

Thank you for your consideration.

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