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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Proposed Establishment of Wildlife Management Area at Alachua County's Lochloosa Slough Preserve

Dear Fish and Wildlife Commission,

This letter pertains to the proposed Wildlife Management Area (WMA) establishment and Rules under consideration for approval at Alachua County's Lochloosa Slough Preserve.

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners has approved the 10-year management plan for Lochloosa Slough Preserve, which includes a special management consideration for the establishment of a WMA over a portion of the preserve to provide public hunting opportunities in that area, as part of the FWC statewide WMA system. Alachua County supports WMA establishment on the designated portion of the preserve, assuming approval of the WMA rules which have been drafted by County staff in coordination with FWC biologists, and assuming agreement on contract terms for WMA establishment and management between the County and the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair
Alachua County Commission
Chr25.XX

cc: Board of County Commissioners
Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager
Sylvia Torres, County Attorney
Andi Christman, Land Conservation Program Manager