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Dear Carrie:

Thank you for your letter of June 3 informing us that the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society will be hosting the 2008 annual conference. This is wonderful news. It will be an exciting time for wildlife and other natural resource professionals in Florida, and a great opportunity to show off some of the great things happening for natural resources in our state.

It goes without saying that the National Forests in Florida will provide as much support as possible in helping to make this a successful conference. We obviously can't make a firm financial commitment at this time, but once we have an idea what the 2008 budget is going to bring us, we will hopefully be able to provide some monetary support. Additionally, we will encourage Forest Service biologists and other interested natural resource professionals, both in Florida and throughout Region 8, to participate in the planning and execution of the conference and to also attend this important meeting.

Good luck in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

MARSHA KEARNEY Forest Supervisor