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Ms. Carrie Sekerak, President Florida Chapter The Wildlife Society 44 East Rich Avenue Deland, Florida 32724

Dear Ms. Sekerak:

Congratulations on the selection of the Florida Chapter as the host for the 2008 International conference of The Wildlife Society (TWS). The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) certainly recognizes the benefit of such a conference both to our employees and to the accomplishment of our mission. The Southeast Region of the Service has a tremendous presence in Florida with numerous National Wildlife Refuges and Field Offices for both Ecological Services and Law Enforcement.

The Southeast Region offers its full support in assisting you in the planning and implementation of the 2008 TWS conference. Our employees will be available to assist by serving on committees for various portions of TWS. When you have developed your committee structure and identified staffing needs, please contact Emily Jo Williams, Assistant Regional Director for Migratory Birds and State Programs. She will assist you in identifying available Service personnel. To the extent that our budgets allow, we will also provide some financial assistance to support TWS.

We look forward to working with the Florida Chapter in hosting a successful conference for The Wildlife Society.

Sincerely yours,

Sam D. Hamilton Regional Director