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The Honorable Stan McClain
Marion County Board of County Commissioners
601 Southeast 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471

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Dear Commissioner McClain:

We appreciate your willingness to participate in the advisory group for the Silver Springs State Park management plan. The initial advisory group meeting has been scheduled for 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, October 4, 2013, at the Town Center at Silver Springs, 5656 E. Silver Springs Boulevard, Silver Springs, FL 34488. Please contact Sally Lieb at 352-236-7152 for directions. Attached is the list of members of the advisory group.

The advisory group is made up of elected officials, staff from public land management agencies, representatives of environmental and cultural resource groups, adjacent landowners, community business leaders and representatives of recreational user groups and park volunteers. We expect that this focus group approach to planning will be of great benefit to our long-term visioning process for the state park and help produce a draft plan that best reflects the public's ideas for its future.

The advisory group process will take place over a series of four meetings. The initial meeting in October will be a half day organizational meeting. It will allow members to introduce themselves and discuss the process we will apply toward preparing the plan. We'll also provide staff presentations on several regional topics that outline "the bigger picture". Our second meeting will provide specific information on the resources and existing conditions of the park, and we will tour both the attraction area and the developed areas of the river portion of the park as a group. The final two meetings will be hands-on planning and conceptual design work by the group to generate alternate conceptual land use plans for the park. The second, third and fourth meetings will require a full day.

Please bring your calendar on October 4 so we can schedule the following meetings at that time. If you are unable to attend any of the meetings, please contact me or Ms. Sine Murray via e-mail or by telephone. Please feel free to send a representative to any of the meetings you cannot personally attend.

The Honorable Stan McClain

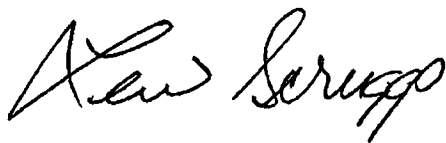
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Again, thank you for agreeing to participate in this advisory group. You will receive an agenda and links to background information prior to the October 4 meeting. We are excited at this opportunity to work with the park's stakeholders to generate new concepts that will expand public recreational benefits while preserving the unique natural and cultural resources of the land for future generations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call either Ms. Murray or me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lew Scruggs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lew Scruggs, Chief
Office of Park Planning
Division of Recreation and Parks

Attachment

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