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Date

Ed Hunter

Forest Supervisor

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

1755 Cleveland Highway

Gainesville, GA 30501

Dear Mr. Hunter,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(*name of entity*)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supports the U.S. Forest Service’s $8.05 Million request for funding for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Land and Water Conservation Fund. If funded, this award will be applied to the acquisition of four tracts, totaling 1,348 acres, in the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests. [*insert sentence or two describing entity’s partnership with forest service and/or engagement in this geography*].

The Forest Service’s acquisition of these four tracts will reduce forest fragmentation and improve public access and recreational opportunities in the National Forest, in an area with high biological diversity and resiliency to climate change. Conservation ownership and management of these tracts is also critical to protecting water quality and quantity for downstream users.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support for this project.

Sincerely,