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Completed Sensitive Area Designation for Golden Lake

Dear Golden Lake Property Owner,

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) recently completed the report regarding a sensitive area on Golden Lake. The Department notified you (via a direct mailing) of the proposed sensitive area in December 2005. A presentation on the proposed sensitive area occurred on January 10, 2006 at the Town of Summit Town Hall. The comment period extended to February 28, 2006. This letter serves to notify you that the process of designating a sensitive area on Golden Lake has been completed.

A number of written and verbal comments were provided to the Department by landowners. Department staff conducted a follow up field visit on June 29, 2006 to 1) address comments provided by landowners and 2) establish the precise location of the sensitive area by the use of a GPS (global positioning) unit. A map of the finalized sensitive area location is enclosed.

Sensitive areas are defined in Natural Resource Code NR 107.05 (3)(i)(1) as “areas of aquatic vegetation identified by the department as offering critical or unique fish and wildlife habitat, including seasonal or lifestage requirements, or offering water quality or erosion control benefits to body of water.”

The northern “Kettle” or “marsh area” of Golden Lake has been identified as a sensitive area. This area is important to wildlife, fisheries and water quality. A copy of the final report is enclosed.

The Department appreciates the time that many of you took to submit your comments regarding the sensitive area on Golden Lake. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 262.574.2130.

Sincerely,

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