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Completed Sensitive Area Designation for Upper and Lower Phantom Lakes

Dear Upper and Lower Phantom Lake Community Members,

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) recently completed the report regarding sensitive areas on Lower and Upper Phantom Lakes. The Department notified residents (via a direct mailing) of the proposed sensitive areas in November 2005. Public presentations on the proposed sensitive areas occurred on two separate occasions: November 22nd, 2005 and August 24th, 2006. The comment period extended to January 17th, 2006. This letter serves to notify you that the process of designating sensitive areas on Lower and Upper Phantom Lakes has been completed.

A number of written and verbal comments were provided to the Department by landowners. Department staff conducted several follow up field visits in the summer of 2006 to address comments provided by landowners. Maps of the finalized sensitive area locations are enclosed, as well as a copy of the final report.

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 Department appreciates the time that many of you took to submit your comments regarding the sensitive areas on Upper and Lower Phantom Lakes. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 262.574.2130.

Sincerely,

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