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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
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RE: Application Number 26-038
Cover Letter

The proposed Hunters Lake Channel Restoration Project Phase 1 is necessary to address the significant shoaling and sediment accumulation within the existing public access channel that connects the county-owned boat ramp to Hunters Lake. The purpose of this project is to restore safe, reliable, and functional motorized boating access between the public boat ramp and Hunters Lake in Hernando County. Over time, the existing 1,632-linear-foot access channel has experienced significant sedimentation from accumulated silt, sand, and organic muck, resulting in reduced depths and restricted navigability. As documented in the attached project narrative, recent bathymetric survey data indicates that approximately 1.5 feet of fine sediments have accumulated above the original channel bottom, impairing safe passage for vessels. The overall goal of the Hunters Lake Channel Restoration Project is to restore and preserve safe, reliable motorized boating access between the public boat ramp and Hunters Lake by returning the existing channel to its original design depth and configuration. Phase 1 includes the completion of the design, engineering and permitting of the project with a future phase 2 aiming to restore that navigable depth of the lake, allowing access for county residents and visitors alike to enjoy the natural beauty our County has to offer.

Thank you,

Jerry Campbell, Chairman
Hernando County Board of County Commissioners