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Hi David,

I spent the day in the field yesterday with Cam Sholly and Jessica Bowron from the (Comptrollers Office), then we went through our funding request with them yesterday afternoon. They reviewed the material last night, then we met again this morning for questions and discussion.

As always, it will likely be difficult for WASO or SER to provide us with what we think we need and have requested. I believe that Cam and Jessica developed a good impression of the workload demands and complexity of our situation. I also believe they left with a strong impression that our request is thoughtful, realistic and not overinflated. For example, we are requesting 2 GS-7 lead biological technicians, which probably should be 2 GS-9 wildlife biologists given the complexity of the natural resources management issues, which includes multiple T&E or state listed bird and sea turtle species). And we have requested a GS-7 geographer (GIS tech), which probably could/should be a GS-11 GIS specialist for a program as complex as this. In any case, we have tried to be realistic in our request.

Cam indicated he thought we would receive some funding, likely through reprogramming FY09 funds for other SER parks, and the amount would depend of Bruce and Dan. I feel bad about the idea of CAHA receiving funds meant for other parks and regret that this will put you in the difficult position of determining which park(s) will get their funding needs met and which won't.

I know you will be swamped once you arrive in Atlanta. At some point, whenever it is best for you, I'd like to schedule a visit with you to brief you about the situation (an hour would be a good start). And you have an open invitation to come for a visit here at any time that works for you. As Art can attest since he visited here last year, one day in the field here would give you a good overview and strong understanding of the situation.

Cam indicated he would call you soon (tomorrow?) to brief you about his visit.

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