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**Subject: Progress and Coordination on Grant Award F16AP00578**

Dear Mr. Woodrow:

The Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges very much appreciates funding that the Service has provided under agreement F16AP00578 and the guidance and direction you have supplied to us for the project.

As you know, the purpose of this grant application was to further the land acquisition goals of the Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges and the Texas Mid-coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex at Cedar Lake Cut.

Our initial efforts to investigate lands associated with the Cedar Lake Cut area were interrupted by Hurricane Harvey. Specifically, because of Hurricane Harvey, the subject tracts at the Cedar Lake Cut are mostly now submerged below mean high-tide levels; therefore, those tracts may be owned in whole or part by the Texas General Land Office. At this point, it appears impossible to make further headway in that specific area.

To date none of the grant funds was used for this effort. Instead, we used funds held by the NFWF and other grant funds we hold in order to cover the time and expense on this project. Now we would like to focus on other, nearby projects in Matagorda and Wharton County that are important to meet Service goals for the Mid-coast Refuge Complex. These projects would also meet the original critical-conservation goals as identified in our proposal. The proposed due-diligence work on these other tracts is not covered by other grant funds but are extremely important projects for the refuge complex in order to meet conservation goals.

With your concurrence, we would like to go forward and focus on these additional areas under this grant award and thus meet the original intent of your grant award for land acquisition, due-diligence support. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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