

## FLORIDA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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Ray Blacksmith, President Cameratta Companies, LLC 10491 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Suite 207 Fort Myers, Florida 33966

Dear Mr. Blacksmith:

Thank you for inviting the Florida Wildlife Federation (Federation) to discuss proposed changes to the **Corkscrew Woods** project along Corkscrew Road in eastern Lee County.

The Federation was pleased to learn that the project is being restructured from the currently approved platted lots to a master planned community. This change results in several significant benefits, direct and indirect, to the natural environment. The most obvious improvement is the switch from individual wells and septic tanks to central water and sewer on a site that borders conserved wetlands.

Additional environmental advantages of the planned community over the currently platted lots include:

- uniform management of the lake and open spaces;
- responsible use of the lake and activities near the lake;
- ability to prevent encroachment or abuse of abutting natural areas; and
- community programs that humanely address human-wildlife interactions.

The gifting of natural lands to CREW is also appreciated.

The Federation looks forward to continued collaborations with you and others associated with Corkscrew Woods. Your commitment to a community that reflects and respects its location next to conservation land is to be commended.

Sincerely yours,

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