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RE: Long-term Stewardship of UT to Lilliput Creek
IMS# 290
Hog Branch Ponds

Date: March 16, 2014
By e-mail David.Welch@ncagr.gov

Mr. Welch,

The project listed above is scheduled for site visit for regulatory review and approval during the week of April 2015. Once this site is approved by regulatory agencies, the Department of Agriculture's Plant Conservation Program will serve as the primary steward of this site. Stewardship responsibilities include upholding the Deed Restrictions, held by the NC Department of Administration's State Property Office and recorded at Book 2060 and Page 1002 of the Brunswick County Register of Deeds . This document, along with the plat, and shape files are also available on our portal, at http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/eep/parcel-information. Additionally, the site was signed with conservation easement markers for easier boundary identification. As you know, this project is also designated as a Dedicated Plant Conservation Preserve.

The Department of Agriculture will be notified of regulatory approval following the April site visits. Because EEP provided funding for acquisition and restoration of portions of this project, please coordinate with staff during the initial prescribed burning activities to ensure planted hardwoods are protected. Any future questions about the conservation easement may be directed to the EEP property section or NC Department of Administration's State Property Office.

Thank you for your support in working to make this project a success.

Sincerely,

Tim Baumgartner, Deputy Director of Operations, EEP

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