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Dear Colleagues,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is pleased to announce the upcoming Avian Health and Disease Summit (**August 22-23, 2013 at the Ramada Inn, in Jacksonville, FL**). Save the Dates!

The USFWS has recently expanded its efforts related to avian health and disease issues with a goal to enhance its capabilities in avian health and disease surveillance, response, and management actions to address environmental changes and emerging disease issues. To facilitate this effort across the Southeast, USFWS staff are planning a series of three Avian Disease Summits to assemble a myriad of federal, state and academic professionals currently working on avian disease issues to discuss: (1) current and emerging avian diseases that have the ability to negatively impact bird populations (both wild and commercial) and/or public health; and (2) identify management, collaborations, and research issues that can be addressed in the near future. (*See attached flyer for more information*). A more detailed agenda will be forthcoming in the near future.

Please consider this a request to present at the upcoming summit on any of the following aspects of your agency's or organization's responsibilities related to avian disease:

- Provide an overview of your current avian disease program(s)
- Present on emerging trends with regard to avian diseases
- Suggest opportunities that would facilitate your work or a collaborative approach to avian disease investigations across the Southeast
- Present on emerging threats that may increase or potentially expedite the spread of avian disease across the Southeast

If interested in presenting at the summit, please let us know and we will contact you in the next few days to discuss the workshop and your presentation in more detail.

Agenda:

- Wednesday (August 21st) Social and Dinner at 6:00 pm
- Thursday (August 22nd) Workshop Starts at 8:00 am
- Friday (August 23rd) Workshop Ends at 1:00 pm

Driving Directions: <http://www.jaxramada.com/>

Ramada Inn: <http://www.jaxramada.com/>

Lodging and all meals will be provided on-site at the hotel and are the responsibility of the participant (Note: Both lodging and meals are within allowed government per-diem rates). To facilitate the planning, everyone is asked to RSVP by July 26, 2013 (please contact Amy Dalton of Atkins at



(904) 363-8489 or by e-mail at Amy.Dalton@atkinsglobal.com). Once we have a head-count, we will coordinate with Ramada Inn staff to secure rooms and meals, thus no need for you to call.

Thanks for your interest and patience as we work through the logistics.

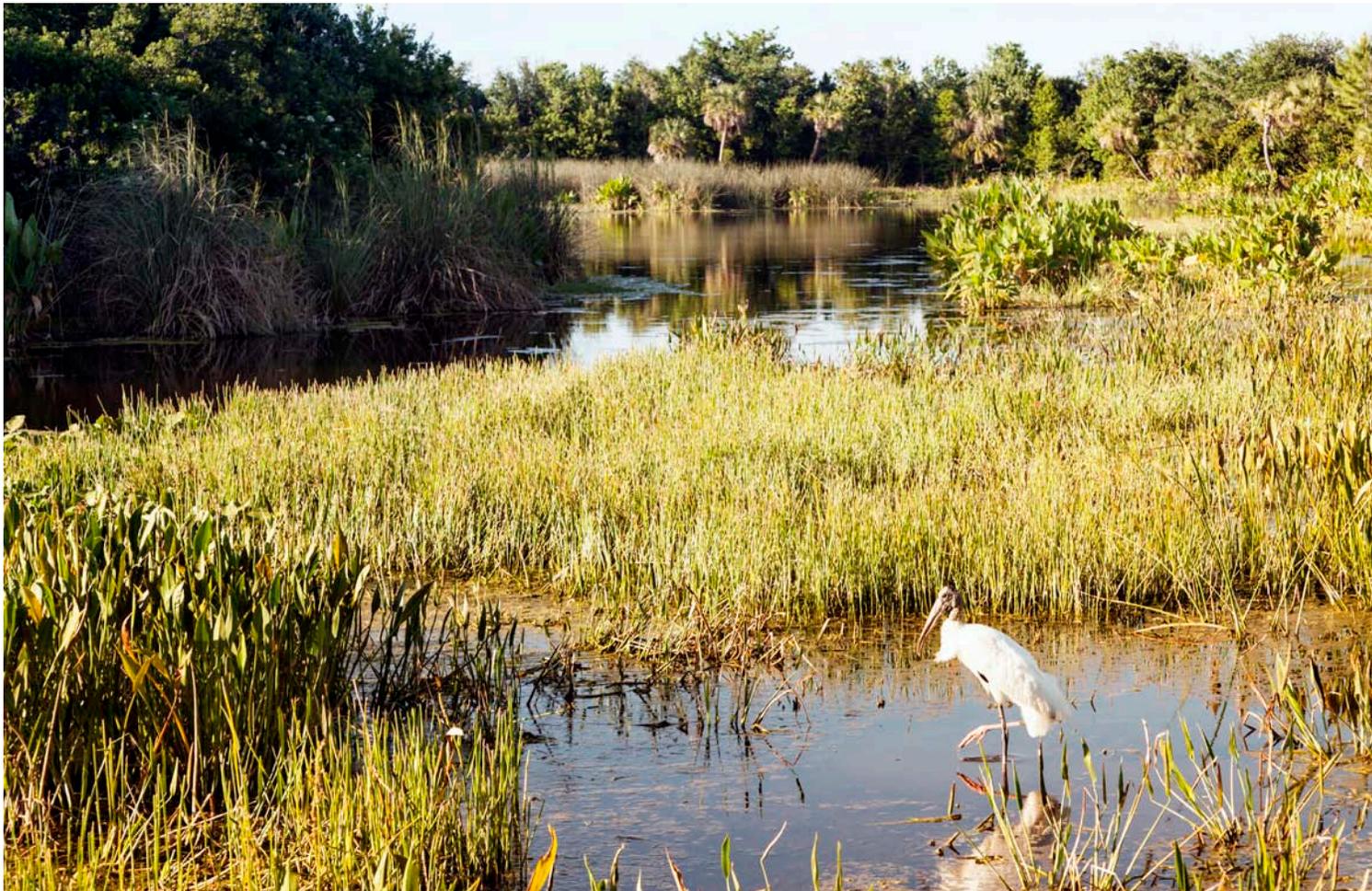
Sincerely,

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Expected outcomes

- Increased coordination and awareness of avian health and disease programs
- A synthesis of current and emerging avian health and disease issues
- A synthesis of collaboration, management, and/or research issues that need to be addressed over the next 5 years

A forum by which professionals can discuss and identify:

- I. Current and emerging avian diseases that have the ability to negatively impact:
 - Wild population of birds
 - Commercial production of domestic birds
 - Public health
- II. Identify management, collaboration, and research issues that can be addressed in the near future