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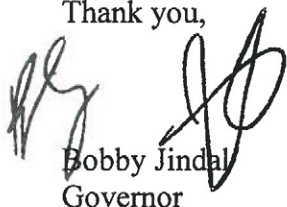
Dear Ms. Smith:

I am pleased to endorse the 2014-2019 Louisiana Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). The Louisiana SCORP identifies the important outdoor recreational choices across our state and provides vital information to decision makers as they move forward to develop facilities for our residents and guests.

In updating Louisiana's SCORP, the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism under the Office of the Lieutenant Governor hosted six statewide public input meetings, a virtual town hall meeting, a statistical phone survey and an online survey. Therefore, in accordance with federal law, I, as Governor of the State of Louisiana, certify that ample opportunity for public participation has taken place in the development of the Louisiana SCORP.

I urge favorable consideration of our SCORP and look forward to our state's continued partnership with the National Park Service.

Thank you,



Bobby Jindal
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cc: Jay Dardenne, Lieutenant Governor
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