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TTL, Inc.  
2890 Rice Mine Road NE  
Tuscaloosa, AL 3540

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Safari Club International (SCI), I am writing in regards to the Tennessee River Bridge Feasibility Study and its potential impacts on the Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and promoting wildlife conservation worldwide. Our members, in Alabama and beyond, are dedicated conservationists who support public access and high-quality public land hunting opportunities.

Being so, we respectfully ask that you strongly consider the potential negative impacts of the proposed bridge on Swan Creek WMA, Alabama's outdoor economy, public access, habitat, and water quality. Finding a solution, including the potential of alternative paths, that ensures wildlife and habitat resources, as well as recreational access, are protected is paramount to hunters and conservationists.

As you know well, the more that population and development continues to expand in North Alabama the more that places like Swan Creek WMA and its nearly 9000 acres are needed for accessible recreational opportunities, including waterfowling, wildlife watching, target shooting, fishing and more. Swan Creek has, and continues to, provide countless outdoor experiences available to the public and is the most widely used WMA in the entire state.

Balancing the needs of an expanding urban area with habitat protection and recreational access can be a challenge, but it is imperative to preserve the historical, ecological, and recreational benefits provided by Swan Creek WMA. Additionally, the associated economic benefits of Swan Creek WMA, and sportsmen and women in general, is significant to the area and the entire state.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. We hope that you will

Sincerely,

W. Laird Hamberlin

CEO – Safari Club International/Foundation

CC: Decatur City Council Members