

Appendix I: Letter Outlining the Exchange Proposal



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Mr. Rick Frietsche
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Dear Mr. Frietsche:

This letter will outline the use of the Fish and Wildlife properties at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge currently being proposed for exchange with Southern Illinois University Carbondale. If the proposed exchange takes place, the following properties will be used accordingly:

1. Crab Orchard Boat and Yacht Club

This property will continue to be used by the public as a recreational boating facility. No changes in the present administration of the club are anticipated with the possible exception of an expanded membership initiative.

2. The Haven

Three possible uses of the Haven are anticipated:

1. Conference Center
2. Visitors Center
3. Touch of Nature Headquarters building should the acquired property be combined with the present Touch of Nature properties. The Haven will continue to be a public use facility.

3. Crab Orchard Camp Grounds

SIU will continue to improve this facility with the reopening of the Images Marina under a private vendor. Public use boating and camping will continue to be the sole use of this property.

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4. Look Out Point

This area will continue as a major outdoor recreation area. The University will seek a private vendor to build a resort and/or hotel complex in the Look Out Point area. Bicycle and walking trails will accommodate the resort area. Other possible outdoor recreation facilities west of the spillway road include a water park and a par three golf course.

5. Playport Marina

This facility will continue to operate as the primary boating facility for Crab Orchard Lake and will continue with private vendorship under SIU management.

Sincerely,



Glenn Poshard
Vice Chancellor for Administration

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