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Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the scoping for the Environmental Impact Statement that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be conducting to evaluate the proposed Badgerwood, LLC, Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) in Bayfield County, Wisconsin.

The National Park Service (NPS) has concerns associated with this project on Kakagon Sloughs, a National Natural Landmark (NNL) on the Bad River Indian Reservation. The NNL program was created in 1962, and serves to recognize, encourage, and support conservation of nationally significant examples of biological and geological features on both public and private land. The NNL program is administered by the NPS, but the NPS does not manage this NNL, and designation does not restrict landowner use of their property. Kakagon Slough was designated a NNL in 1973 and illustrates a unique combination of tamarack and sphagnum bog, sedge marsh, conifer swamp, and sand spit pine-hardwood communities. Behind the sand barrier beach formed by the wave action of Lake Superior, the marsh and delta system or "sloughs" consist largely of sedge marsh and floating sedge nut, with cotton grass, species of Carex, bog bean, Potentilla, etc. The Kakagon Sloughs NNL is listed as significant based on its representation as excellent true fresh water delta by virtue of its large size, complex mixture of marsh, bog and dune vegetation types and undisturbed condition. It is perhaps the finest marsh complex on the upper Great Lakes.

Karagon Sloughs has historically been impacted far inland by a seiche effect, which could result in transfer of nutrient inputs associated with this project to this important location. We ask that you consider potential impacts to this unique and important natural resource area and ensure protections in your assessment, planning and compliance efforts.

Sincerely,

Cameron H. Sholly
Regional Director

