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Resolution on Forever Wild Land Trust Payments

By now those of you with Forever Wild lands in your county have received correspondence from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources regarding payments as partial compensation for ad valorem taxes lost from these lands. The email includes several documents and a resolution for adoption by your county commission.

Although the Association was involved in the legislative actions that resulted in payments being made available, we did not see the documents before they were delivered to your county. For this reason, we would suggest that you withhold action until we can review the documents and provide our advice. The first payments will not be available until next fall, so a delay of a few days should not be a problem.

This initiative is a result of legislation introduced last session by Rep. Ben Robbins, who strongly advocated for counties to receive payments for the lost ad valorem taxes resulting from private lands being purchased by the Forever Wild Land Trust. Several Senators joined his effort and an agreement was reached on the last night of the legislative session.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy".

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