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Dr. Moradkhani:

I am writing in support of your proposal to the National Integrated Drought Information System's Coping with Ecological Drought Program titled "*An Ecological Drought Forecasting Framework for Headwater Wetlands of the Southeast US Coastal Plain.*"

This project will produce planning and evaluation tools that will help evaluate vulnerability of Coastal Plain headwater wetland systems that play an important role in coastal Alabama and beyond. We look forward to providing input to help guide research to create valuable products that may serve as templates for other watersheds. Our *research / outreach / education* efforts align with your proposal, and we are excited to partner with you as end-users of this work.

The Baldwin County Commission is excited to support this effort that will provide planning and evaluation tools to local environmental agencies, nonprofits, and natural resource planners.

Sincerely,

James E. Ball, Chairman
Baldwin County Commission

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