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ITEM NO. 2

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SHORT TITLE: Discussion of Pistol and Rifle Range to be Added Within Holly Shelter Game Lands.

BACKGROUND: In an effort to improve game lands throughout the State of North Carolina, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has expressed interest in developing firing ranges in select areas across the State. This is in part to aid in the management of small arm/rifle practice firing and the minimization of open field firing where not necessary.

The primary purpose of the proposed site is to provide an area where sportsmen/sportswomen can practice shooting rifle and small arms firing. Secondary purposes include increased NCWRC presence in the area, improved environmental awareness and stewardship, and improved management of the Holly Shelter gamelands. Reduced disturbances in alternate areas for the purpose of target shooting will allow the gameland to be better managed. Multipurpose infrastructure with multiple environmental goals has proved to be cost effective and address multiple environmental concerns at once on reduced budgets. It is an objective of this site to reduce environmental impacts on other sites by attracting shooters that deposit lead to a controlled range. The sooner this project is implemented better environmental outcomes will result, as lead will be deposited in a controlled manner. A lower approximate of 2000 kg of lead per annum, up to 14,000 kg is expected to be offset from contamination or exposure to other environments at minimum.