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Debbie DeVore
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1339 20th Street
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Dear Ms. DeVore:

I am pleased to inform you that the Treasure Coast Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Partnership Team has been selected to receive a 2010 Coastal America Partnership Award for outstanding efforts to restore and protect the coastal environment.

This award emphasizes the significance of your accomplishments and contributions to the objectives of Coastal America. The award recognizes the team's innovative efforts to implement a comprehensive, cooperative approach across boundaries to address the threat of invasive species throughout four coastal counties in Florida. The award review committee was especially impressed with the team's innovative ecosystem-based management approach to removing invasive species while protecting other natural resources in the area.

Please notify your team of the award. A Coastal America Principal, representing the President of the United States, will present the award to the team at an appropriate venue. Ms. Carli Bertrand is the coordinating point of contact from the Coastal America Washington, D.C. office, she can be reached via email at Carli.Bertrand@usda.gov or phone 202-401-9922. She will soon contact you to begin planning an appropriate award ceremony in your region. In the meantime should you become aware of an upcoming event that could be used as a forum to present this award please notify Ms. Bertrand. Your Coastal America Regional Chair will also be instrumental in planning for the ceremony and will receive a copy of this letter.

I congratulate you and the Treasure Coast Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Partnership Team on your accomplishments and thank you for being an inspiration to us all.

Sincerely,

Virginia K. Tippie
Director

cc: Drew Kendall, SERIT Chair