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Dear Mr. Cambric,

I am writing to provide Biscayne National Park comments regarding the Homestead-Miami Speedway NOPC Application. Biscayne National Park has several questions regarding the application which may require additional information.

Homestead-Miami Speedway (HMS) proposes to almost double the weekday traffic and significantly increase the weekend traffic on the same rural roadway system utilized by visitors and staff in route to and from the Biscayne National Park Visitor Center and Headquarters. We especially note that SW 328th Street and SW117 Avenue, which are the primary means for park visitors to reach park facilities, would be effected. Does the applicant propose to mitigate increased traffic congestion affecting park visitors in these areas?

HMS wishes to increase the number of weekday and weekend visits, but also wishes to develop on lands currently used for parking. From the application, we were not able to determine if sufficient parking would remain, or if (and where) additional parking would be located, or the environmental effects of the construction methodology to be utilized in any parking lot development.

We are not aware of any proposals by any of the responsible agencies to increase flood protection to this area and are unsure how the applicant proposes to deal with storm water runoff and treatment related to this development?

The park is concerned that modifying Miami-Dade County's Urban Development Boundary (UDB) in this area would be precedent setting and could lead to changes which impact park natural

resources. The UDB was established to promote infill development inside the UDB, encourage smart growth along established transit corridors, and provide protection to important natural resources outside the UDB.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at (786) 335-3646 Mark_Lewis@nps.gov or Sarah Bellmund at (786) 335-3624 or Sarah_Bellmund@nps.gov.

Sincerely,



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