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To the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society,

I am writing to thank you for providing me with the opportunity and support to be a biological intern with the US Fish and Wildlife Service over the past year.

Living on the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and working with the Refuge staff been invaluable to me as resources as I've been working on my thesis research in the mangroves for my master's degree. Even through a year as different as 2020, I made lifelong friendships and connections at "Ding" that will benefit me personally and professionally for years to come.

Whether I was working on my thesis research by boating out to the mangroves, monitoring the Refuge's gopher tortoise burrows or resident bird populations, or taking virtual classes from my trailer, I was constantly observing, learning, and growing in such a special place. My time and memories on Sanibel will not be soon forgotten.

I cannot stress enough how appreciative I am for every member of the "Ding" family, and I look forward to a time when I may safely come back to visit.

Take care and happy holidays!

With gratitude,

Haley Miller

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Haley Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.