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RESOLUTION

No U.S. 1 Bypass Through Southern Pines Horse Country

By: Save Our Sandhills

WHEREAS, Southern Pines Horse Country is widely known around the country as an important center for equestrian activities; and

WHEREAS, Southern Pines Horse Country constitutes a veritable treasure of cultural and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the centerpiece of Southern Pines Horse Country is the Walthour-Moss Foundation land, which is over 4000 acres of longleaf pine forest, and which is home to a wide array of native flora and fauna species, and which features many miles of riding trails, and which is one of the last great unbroken tracts of privately owned longleaf pine forest remaining in the Sandhills area; and

WHEREAS, Southern Pines Horse Country is a valuable economic asset to the area, creating many jobs and putting significant amounts of money each year into the local economy in many other ways; and

WHEREAS, a new highway bypass through Southern Pines Horse Country would have a permanent, immutable, and devastating effect on the environment, on endangered wildlife species, and on invaluable cultural resources;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Save Our Sandhills, meeting in Southern Pines, North Carolina on October 27, 2011 urges the Board of Transportation, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Governor to definitively and permanently remove the option of a U.S. 1 Bypass through Southern Pines Horse Country from any transportation planning process that may be conducted now or in the future.

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