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Dear Dr. Yang:

James Brown completed his GIS internship with Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) on August 1. James was able to assist us with some important work and in the process gained valuable experience in conservation-related GIS.

The main project assigned to James was editing and creating GIS geodatabases for FNAI's Invasive Plant databases. As part of this work, he performed various tasks with ArcGIS, including digitizing polygon and point shapefiles, interpreting aerial photography, and editing attribute tables. He also performed many geoprocessing tasks such as clipping, dissolving merging, buffering, and projecting data. James also gained experience making report-quality maps and using ArcCatalog to undertake complex file management. The position also required James to contact many different agencies and owners of submitted data and to synthesize that data into one standardized format. The work was often tedious, but James exhibited patience, diligence, and a positive attitude necessary to get the work done.

My overall assessment of James' performance as an intern with Florida Natural Areas Inventory is more than a satisfactory (S) grade. James was a fast learner and offered good ideas and insights into the project. He exhibited patience and attention to detail that were critical for the type of projects assigned. He worked independently and gained considerable expertise in many GIS tasks. Finally, James was very pleasant and easy to work with and we were extremely pleased to have him as an intern.

Sincerely,

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David Smith, GIS Program Manager



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