

Comments received by the CCBA during the validation audit.

CCB Standards Second Edition

Project: **Restoring a Forest Legacy at Grand Cote and Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuges Project**

Comment 1

Date: 25 May, 2010

Sent by: Gabriel Thoumi, Forest Carbon Consultant, Forest Carbon Offsets, LLC

Dear Conservation Fund,

Please include data labels along with units on Figures 10, 12, and 14.

Thank you and best of luck,

Comment 2

Date: 10 June, 2010

Sent by: Pete Jerome, Refuge Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

On behalf of the Fish and Wildlife Service, we'd like to endorse this significant bottomland hardwood forest restoration project at Grand Cote and Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuges. This project was accomplished through a partnership with The Conservation Fund by donations to the Go Zero program. This 814 acre project represents a significant contribution to the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Besides carbon sequestration benefits which are estimated to be over 350 short tons per acre over the life of the project, this project supports the ecosystem restoration goals for the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture Partnership. These goals support recovery efforts for forest breeding birds, the Louisiana black bear, and other important species. In addition; the project will support the Fish and Wildlife Service's Strategic Plan for addressing climate change. By creating important landscape linkages and decreasing habitat fragmentation, key species will be able to better adapt to changing climate in the Mississippi River Valley. Finally, this project will provide additional opportunities for the public to enjoy and appreciate wildlife related recreation.

For all these reasons, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fully supports this project and looks forward to additional partnership projects with The Conservation Fund in the future. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
