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CONCERNED CITIZENS IN TALLAHASSEE UNITE TO SAVE WILDLIFE

Tallahassee, FL - December 5, 2002. A small stretch of U.S. Highway 27 at Lake Jackson near Tallahassee, Florida has the highest number of attempted road crossings by turtles ever documented in North America: over 8,600 turtles in 33 months. A system of highway under-passes and guide walls to allow turtles and other wildlife to pass safely under the highway has been proposed to the Florida Department of Transportation.

The Lake Jackson Ecopassage Alliance is a group of concerned citizens and environmental groups whose mission is to gain public support, lobby public officials, and work with the Department of Transportation to design and secure funding for the Lake Jackson Ecopassage. The Alliance will hold its first meeting on December 10th at 7:00 pm at the Leon County Cooperative Extension Agency (615 Paul Russell Road, Tallahassee). For more information, contact: Lake Jackson Ecopassage Alliance, P.O. Box 180891, Tallahassee, FL 32318 or visit their web site at www.lakejacksonturtles.org.

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