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The Department of Natural Resources announced a conceptual project in April 2017 for Bush Head Shoals in Franklin, Georgia. This proposal called for the creation of nearly twenty-miles of family friendly ATV trails throughout the Park. The Department has determined that this project will not move forward at this point in time.

The site consists of 700 acres located along the Chattahoochee River in Heard County. The state was eligible to receive \$1.1 million in federal funding through a Recreation Trails Grant to pay for the construction of this trail system in its entirety.

The Department has determined that due to constraints on the ability to expand the trail system, preliminary environmental and cultural resource surveys, and public comment, that the Department will withdraw its grant application at this point in time. The Department received public comment stating the property would be better utilized for other purposes and looks forward to working with Heard County to find the best use for this land when funding becomes available.

The mission of the Department of Natural Resources is to sustain, enhance, protect and conserve Georgia's natural, historic and cultural resources for present and future generations, while recognizing the importance of promoting the development of commerce and industry that utilize sound environmental practices.

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