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Letter to the editor: Regarding "Open Featherstone" July 28:

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I have had the pleasure of attending several tours of the Featherstone Wildlife Refuge conducted by the Prince William Conservation Alliance over the past few years. Those brief tours have convinced me that that this property is indeed a "jewel" that needs to be available to the public.

I grew up in the Featherstone area during the '50s and '60s and enjoyed exploring this property as a boy. During the PWCA tours, it has been comforting to see that the property has remained as a wonderful, undeveloped wildlife preserve.

However, I'm reminded how unfortunate it is that it cannot be enjoyed by anyone other than the occasional trespasser. It is a property that is perfect for use by hikers, artists, photographers, birders, fishermen, and people who enjoy observing and studying a wide range of wildlife.

We should strongly support the efforts of the

MANASSAS, VA

CURRENT CONDITIONS

Clear Humidity: 34%
50° Winds: SSW at 6mph
Feels Like: 50°

YOUR EXTENDED FORECAST

Thursday High 49°/Low 24° Sunny	Tomorrow High 50°/Low 27° Sunny
Saturday High 51°/Low 27° Partly Cloudy	Sunday High 59°/Low 43° Light Rain

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and organizations such as the Conservation Alliance in opening this property for responsible public use. At a time when acquiring new resources is financially difficult, we should look for and act on opportunities to utilize those resource that we already have.

ERNIE SEARS

Independent Hill

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