More than 300 people gathered Tuesday for the signing of the deed and transfer of the property located between the Little Alabama Bayou and the Atchafalaya River near Krotz Springs. The red, white and blue platform was flanked with representatives of various wildlife organizations.

**Solid Endorsement**

"This plan has the solid endorsement by the National Wildlife Federation, Audubon Society, Sierra Club and numerous other state, regional and national conservation groups," the governor said. "The public access aspects of the plan provide for outdoor recreation for hunters, fishermen, bird-watchers, hikers and persons engaged in related outdoor activities."

A spokesman for the governor's office reminded that Treen is lobbying for federal financial support of the project.

"The governor has been lobbying in Washington for federal funds to buy an additional $34 million dollars of land," the spokesman said. "Eventually, between state and federal purchases, the state hopes to have 40 percent of the Basin solely for public access."

**'Heart Of The Basin'**

Jessie Guidry, secretary of the state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, was the master of ceremonies at the celebration. He said that Butte LaRose was once the site

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