



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Regulatory Division
Special Projects and Enforcement Branch
SAJ-2002-05061-VG

Northwest Florida Water Management District
c/o Mr. Douglas E. Barr
81 Water Management Drive
Havana, Florida 32333-4712

Dear Mr. Barr:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 24, 2010, submitted in connection with Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB), authorized by Department of the Army permit number SAJ-2002-05061. In said letter, you requested the release of a total of 14.9 palustrine credits (1.4 herbaceous, 6.2 flatwoods, 7.3 mixed hardwoods credits). These credits have been calculated using the Wetland Rapid Assessment Procedure (WRAP). This credit release is based on the attainment of the first interim success criteria for SHLMB.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received the Fourth Annual Monitoring Report for the SHLMB. This report documents that the first interim success criteria have been fully met and that the bank is progressing toward reaching the target goals. Said information was confirmed during a site visit conducted on November 30, 2010.

However, please be reminded that during the above-referenced site visit we discuss the desirability of continuing with the implementation of adaptive management measures (additional thinning to maintain adequate densities), more specifically, along management units, 3, 11, and 12, to ensure the continued success of this mitigation bank in the future.

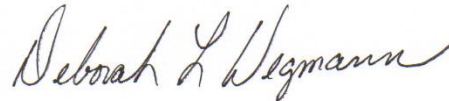
In consideration of the information noted above, a total of 14.9 credits (1.4 herbaceous, 6.2 flatwoods, 7.3 mixed hardwoods credits) are now released and are available for sale by the SHLMB.

The MBI allows for a maximum of 284.03 palustrine credits. Prior to the date of this letter, a total of 156.21 credits (55%) had been released. **Therefore, this authorization will bring the**

total number of credits released by the Corps for SHLMB to 171.11. A summary of credits released and transferred is presented on the SHLMB electronic ledger, which may be viewed at our "Regulatory In-lieu Fee and Bank Information Tracking System" webpage (RIBITS). RIBITS is located at <https://rsgis.crrel.usace.army.mil/ribits/f?p=107:2>. If you do not concur with the accuracy of the ledger, please notify the Corps of any discrepancy. By copy of this letter and the attached ledger, we are notifying the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of this action.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Mitigation Review Team. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact Mrs. Vivian Gerena in writing to the letterhead address, by electronic mail at vivian.gerena@usace.army.mil, or by telephone at 904-232-2209.

Sincerely,



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