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Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 12:26 PM
To: Robert Lide
Cc: Paul Thorpe; Carlos Herd; Brookman, Erica
Subject: RE: NFWWMD 2019 Regional Mitigation Plan (Supplemental No. 2)

Robert,

The NFWWMD 2019 Regional Mitigation Plan, Supplemental No. 2 is approved.

Thank you for providing us with the information to review and approve the supplemental.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Dear Mr. Rach,

In accordance with section 373.4137, Florida Statutes, FDOT District-3 has added a road project (shoulder work on CR 268 in Gadsden Co.) to the Environmental Impact Inventory with proposed mitigation via the NFWWMD In-Lieu Fee program (no private mitigation bank is available to meet this mitigation need; project added to Inventory 11/21/2019).

The impact is to low-quality, palustrine wetlands (estimated 0.341 acres / 0.09 UMAM functional loss) in the Ochlockonee River watershed.

No mitigation is required by the state ERP permit (NFWWMD GEN-039-285881-1, issued 4/3/2019). However, the USACE is requiring that mitigation be identified prior to a federal permit being issued for this impact.

Given FDOT's tight permitting timeframe, waiting to include this project in the 2020 Regional Mitigation Plan could potentially result in delaying FDOT's implementation of this road project. Thus, we (NFWFMD) have opted to submit this proposed mitigation for FDEP approval as a Supplemental No. 2 to the 2019 Regional Mitigation Plan (attached and posted at <https://www.nfwwater.com/Water-Resources/Regional-Wetland-Mitigation-Program/Regional-Mitigation-Plan/Approvals/NFWFMD-Approvals>).

Development of this supplemental was coordinated in late November / early December with the regional Mitigation Review Team (consisting of representative from FDOT, FWC, FWS, NMFS, NFWFMD, and USACE), and approved by the NFWFMD Executive Director (acting as designee for the NFWFMD Governing Board) on 12/11/2019. Per section 373.4137, Florida Statutes, FDEP approval is, of course, necessary before the NFWFMD can proceed with any mitigation for FDOT.

Please let us know if the attached 2019 Regional Mitigation Plan – Supplement No. 2 is acceptable and if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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