



# Northwest Florida Water Management District

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RE: Sale of Mitigation Credits from Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank  
(SAJ-2002-5061 NW-DEB)

Dear Vivian,

This letter shall serve to fulfill the sponsor's obligations, detailed at 33 CFR 332.3(l)(3) and 332.8(p)(1), to notify the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of the sale of 0.30 federal credits from the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB). In support of this, the following information is provided, and a copy of Special Condition #8 of the Department of the Army (DOA) permit requiring the credit purchase is attached:

- Project Name: CR 284 River Road at Gum Creek (FDOT)
- DOA Permit #: SAJ-2012-01522 NW-AAK (issued 6/18/2012)
- Number of Credits: 0.30
- Type of Credits: Palustrine Forested Wetlands

Note that Special Condition #8 of SAJ-2012-01522 NW-AAK specifies withdrawal of 0.31 mitigation credits from the SHLMB federal ledger. However, the wetland impacts were assessed using UMAM (Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method) whereas the federal credit ledger at the SHLMB was permitted using WRAP (Wetland Rapid Assessment Procedure). For debiting purposes at the SHLMB for previous permits, the USACE has recognized that 1 UMAM credit = 0.9518 WRAP credit, as applied specifically to this mitigation bank. Thus, the 0.31 credits referenced in SAJ-2012-01522 NW-AAK are equivalent to 0.30 federal WRAP credits as pertains to the mitigation bank permit SAJ-2002-5061 NW-DEB. The DOA permitter (Andy Kislauskas) has been informed via e-mail of this conversion.

The federal credits noted above have been paid in full by the Florida Department of Transportation and we have deducted them from the federal ledger for the SHLMB. By action of this sale, the sponsor for the SHLMB accepts responsibility for providing the compensatory mitigation required by Special Condition #8 of the DOA permit noted above. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 850-539-5999.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Duncan Jay Cairns".

Duncan Jay Cairns, QMS

Enclosures

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Condition #8 from SAJ-2012-01522 NW-AAK (issued 6/18/2012):

8. Permanent wetland impacts for this project will be mitigated through the Northwest Florida Umbrella, Watershed-Based, Regional Mitigation Plan (PLAN), as defined in the agreement between the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District, July 31, 2006. Within 30 days from the date of initiating the authorized work the Permittee shall provide verification to the Corps that 0.31 federal mitigation credits have been purchased and deducted from the mitigation credit ledger associated with the Sandhill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SAJ-2002-05061). The required verification shall reference this project's permit number (SAJ-2012-01522 (NW-AAK)).