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

Dear Thomas:

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 2.04 federal credits (WRAP) 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: SR 77 (from CR 276 to I-10)
- DOA Permit #: SAJ-2013-02125 GP-MMW (issued 8/7/2015)
- Number of Credits: 2.04
- Type of Credits: Palustrine Forested

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 purple ink that reads "Robert F. Lide".

Robert F. Lide
Enclosures

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material shall be free from items such as trash, debris, automotive parts, asphalt, construction materials, concrete block with exposed reinforcement bars, and soils contaminated with any toxic substance, in toxic amounts in accordance with Section 307 of the Clean Water Act.

7. Eastern Indigo Snake Protection Measures and Inspection: Permittee shall comply with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Standard Protection Measures for the Eastern Indigo Snake" dated August 12, 2013, as provided in **Attachment #2** of this permit. All gopher tortoise burrows, active or inactive, shall be evacuated prior to site manipulation in the vicinity of the burrow. If excavating potentially occupied burrows, active or inactive, individuals must first obtain state authorization via a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Authorized Gopher Tortoise Agent permit. The excavation method selected shall minimize the potential for injury of an indigo snake. The Permittee shall follow the excavation guidance provided in the most current FWC Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines found at <http://myfwc.com/gophertortoise>. If an indigo snake is encountered, the snake must be allowed to vacate the area prior to additional site manipulation in the vicinity. Holes, cavities, and snake refugia other than gopher tortoise burrows shall be inspected each morning before planned site manipulation of a particular area, and if occupied by an indigo snake, no work shall commence until the snake has vacated the vicinity of the proposed work.

8. Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase: Within 30 days from the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall provide verification to the Corps that 2.04 of palustrine forested federal mitigation bank credits (WRAP) have been purchased from the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SAJ-2002-05061) The required verification shall reference this project's permit number (SAJ-2013-02125).

9. Cultural Resources/Historic Properties:

a. No structure or work shall adversely affect, impact, or disturb properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or those eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

b. If during the ground disturbing activities and construction work within the permit area, there are archaeological/cultural materials encountered which were not the subject of a previous cultural resources assessment survey (and which shall include, but not be limited to: pottery, modified shell, flora, fauna, human remains, ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, evidence of structures or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures or early colonial or American settlement), the Permittee shall immediately stop all work in the vicinity and notify the Corps. The Corps shall then notify the Florida State Historic