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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 1.52 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 #4 of the Department of the Army (DOA) permit requiring the credit purchase is attached:

- Project Name: SR 79 (from Washington/Holmes County Line to I-10)
- DOA Permit #: SAJ-2011-01823 IP-RLT (issued 11/22/2011)
- Number of Credits: 1.52
- Type of Credits: Palustrine Forested

Note that Special Condition #4 of SAJ-2011-01823 IP-RLT specifies withdrawal of 1.60 federal mitigation credits. 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, the USACE has recognized that 1 UMAM credit = 0.9518 WRAP credit, as applied specifically to this mitigation bank. Thus, the 1.60 credits referenced in SAJ-2011-01823 IP-RLT are equivalent to 1.52 federal WRAP credits as pertains to the mitigation bank permit SAJ-2002-5061 NW-DEB. The DOA permitter (Randy Turner) has been informed of the 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 #4 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 "Robert F. Lide".

Robert F. Lide
Enclosures

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PERMITTEE: Florida Department of Transportation – District 3

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3. Erosion Control: Prior to the initiation of any work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall install erosion control measures along the perimeter of all work areas to prevent the displacement of fill material outside the work area. Immediately after completion of the final grading of the land surface, all slopes, land surfaces, and filled areas shall be stabilized using sod, degradable mats, barriers, or a combination of similar stabilizing materials to prevent erosion. The erosion control measures shall remain in place and be maintained until all authorized work has been completed and the site has been stabilized.

4. Mitigation Credit Purchase: Within 30 days from the date of initiating the authorized work or 12 months from the effective date of this permit, whichever first occurs, the Permittee shall provide verification to the Corps that 1.6 federal mitigation bank credits have been purchased and request withdrawal of 1.6 credits from the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SAJ-2002-05061). The required verification shall reference this project's permit number (SAJ-2011-01823 (IP-RLT)).

5. As-Builts: Within 60 days of completion of the authorized work or at the expiration of the construction window of this permit, whichever occurs first, the Permittee shall submit as-built drawings of the authorized work and a completed As-Built Certification Form (Attachment 3) to the Corps. The drawings shall be signed and sealed by a registered professional engineer and include the following:

a. A plan view drawing of the location of the authorized work footprint (as shown on the permit drawings) with an overlay of the work as constructed in the same scale as the attached permit drawings (8½-inch by 11-inch). The drawing should show all "earth disturbance," including wetland impacts, water management structures, and any on-site mitigation areas.

b. List any deviations between the work authorized by this permit and the work as constructed. In the event that the completed work deviates, in any manner, from the authorized work, describe on the As-Built Certification Form the deviations between the work authorized by this permit and the work as constructed. Clearly indicate on the as-built drawings any deviations that have been listed. Please note that the depiction and/or description of any deviations on the drawings and/or As-Built Certification Form does not constitute approval of any deviations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

c. The Department of the Army Permit number.

d. Include pre- and post-construction aerial photographs of the project site, if available.

6. Regulatory Agency Changes: Should any other regulatory agency require changes to the work authorized or obligated by this permit, the Permittee is advised that a modification to this permit instrument is required prior to initiation of those changes. It is the Permittee's responsibility to request a modification of this permit from the Jacksonville Regulatory Office.