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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 3.00 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 #6 of the Department of the Army (DOA) permit requiring the credit purchase is attached:

- Project Name: SR 79 (from Reedy Branch to Court Street)
- DOA Permit #: SAJ-2015-02720 RGP-RLT (issued 2/2/2016)
- Number of Credits: 3.00
- Type of Credits: Palustrine Forested

Note that Special Condition #6 of SAJ-2015-02720 RGP-RLT specifies withdrawal of 3.15 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 3.15 credits referenced in SAJ-2015-02720 RGP-RLT are equivalent to 3.00 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 #6 of the DOA permit noted above. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 850-539-5999.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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in the vicinity shall immediately cease and the Permittee shall immediately notify the medical examiner, Corps, and State Archeologist. The Corps shall then notify the appropriate SHPO and THPO(s). Based, on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume without written authorization from the State Archeologist, SHPO, and the Corps.

e. In the unlikely event that human remains are encountered on federal or tribal lands, or in situations where Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 or Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act of 1990 applies, all work in the vicinity shall immediately cease and the Permittee immediately notify the Corps. The Corps shall then notify the appropriate THPO(s) and SHPO. Based, on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. After such notification, project activities on federal lands shall not resume without written authorization from the Corps, and/or appropriate THPO(s), SHPO, and federal manager. After such notification, project activities on tribal lands shall not resume without written authorization from the appropriate THPO(s) and the Corps.

4. 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.

5. Fill Material: The Permittee shall use only clean fill material for this project. The fill 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.

6. 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 3.15 federal mitigation bank credits have been purchased from the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SAJ-2002-05061). The required verification shall reference this project's permit number (SAJ-2015-02720).