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Mr. Dale Beter  
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Re: Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SAJ-2002-5061 NW-DEB) Credit Debit Request

Dear Dale,

A total of 99.41 WRAP credits (federal credit ledger) are currently available at the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB). The NFWWMD requests a minor modification to CORPS Permit SAJ-2002-5061 NW-DEB (SHLMB) to debit a total of 99.31 WRAP credits (see attached credit ledger draft) to comply with four CORPS permits [SAJ-2006-4624 (IP-DEB), CORPS Permit 200001798 (IP-GAH), CORPS Permit 199160607 (IP-GAH), and CORPS Permit 200106577 (IP-GAH)].

To comply with SAJ-2006-4624 (IP-DEB), the NFWWMD will debit 17.46 WRAP credits (15.32 Hydric Pine Flatwoods credits and 2.14 Mixed Forested Wetlands credits). Special Condition #7 of this permit requires debiting of 18.35 UMAM credits from the SHLMB (16.10 Hydric Pine Flatwoods credits and 2.25 Mixed Forested Wetlands). Per the Mitigation Banking Instrument (MBI) approved by the MBRT, attainment of all success criteria will yield 298.40 UMAM credits (state) and 284.03 WRAP credits (federal) at the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank. As stated on page 26 of the MBI, all credit releases (federal and state) are allocated at the same ratio as Hydric Pine Flatwoods (41.25%), Hardwood Forested Wetlands (48.96%), and Herbaceous Wetlands (9.79%). Hence, 1 UMAM credit = 0.9518 WRAP credit, 1 WRAP credit = 1.0506 UMAM credit, and 18.35 UMAM credits is equivalent to 17.46 WRAP credits.

For CORPS Permit 200001798 (IP-GAH), CORPS Permit 199160607 (IP-GAH), and CORPS Permit 200106577 (IP-GAH), the NFWWMD will debit 81.85 WRAP credits from the SHLMB. The debited credits will be allocated as Hydric Pine Flatwoods (40.91 WRAP credits), Mixed Forested Wetlands (48.67 WRAP credits), and Herbaceous (9.73 WRAP credits). See the attached credit ledger for a specific breakdown of requested debits by wetland credit type per individual permit.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

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