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Thomas Mings
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P.O. Box 4970
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RE: Sale of Mitigation Credits from Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank
(SAJ-2002-5061 NW-DEB)

Dear Mr. Mings:

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 0.79 federal credits (Palustrine Forested) from the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB). In support of this, the following information is provided, and a copy of Special Condition #7 of the Department of the Army (DOA) permit requiring the credit purchase is attached:

- Project Name: SR 79 (from Bay/Washington Co. Line to CR 279)
- DOA Permit #: SAJ-2019-00851 RGP-CDO
- Number of Credits: 0.79
- 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 #7 of the DOA permit noted above.

Please note that Special Condition #7 of the permit incorrectly specified that emergent credits be debited. The impacts are to forested wetlands (forested credits have already been debited from the SHLMB state ledger to comply with the corresponding state permit FDEP Permit 0227351-001). Andrew Kizlaukas (Chief, Panama City Permits Section, USACE, approver of DOA permit SAJ-2019-00851 RGP-CDO) has been informed of this inconsistency and agrees that palustrine forested credits should be debited from the federal ledger to comply with SAJ-2019-00851.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at via email at robert.lide@nfwwater.com.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Lide

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Enclosures

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Eastern Indigo Snake” dated August 12, 2013, as provided in an attachment of this verification letter. All gopher tortoise burrows, active or inactive, shall be evacuated prior to site manipulation within 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.

7. Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase: Prior to initiation of the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall provide verification to the Corps that 0.79 of palustrine, ~~emergent~~ 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-2018-00851).

Note for Special Condition #7: The impacts are to forested wetlands. The USACE approver of this DOA permit (Andrew Kizlaukas, Chief, Panama City Permits Section) has approved (via email) the debiting of Palustrine Forested credits to comply with Special Condition #7 of SAJ-2019-00851 RGP-CDO.

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the Permittee shall
As-Built Certification
sealed by a registered

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.