



Brett J. Cyphers  
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## Northwest Florida Water Management District

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November 19, 2021

Thomas Mings  
Regulatory Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 4970  
Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019

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 a total of 4.65 federal (WRAP) credits from the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB) to Okaloosa County. In support of this notification, a copy of the State 404 permit (ST404-0396411-001-SFI/46) requiring the credit purchase, a credit purchase agreement with Okaloosa County, and the following information is provided:

- Project Name: Crestview SW Bypass
- State 404 Permit #: ST404-0396411-001-SFI
- Number of Credits: 4.65
- Type of Credits: Palustrine Forested

The federal credits noted above have been paid in full by Okaloosa County 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 the State 404 permit noted above. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at [Robert.Lide@NWFwater.com](mailto:Robert.Lide@NWFwater.com).

Sincerely,

Robert F. Lide  
Enclosures

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**SAND HILL LAKES MITIGATION BANK  
CREDIT RESERVATION AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

The Northwest Florida Water Management District, a Florida governmental agency and owner of the land which constitutes the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (hereinafter referred to as "Seller") does hereby reserve and set aside for future assignment for the sole benefit of Okaloosa County (hereinafter referred to as "Buyer"), a total of 4.89 state Freshwater Mixed Hardwoods UMAM Mitigation Credits and 4.65 federal Palustrine Forested Wetland WRAP Mitigation Credits (equivalent to 4.89 state UMAM credits) issued to Seller's Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank pursuant to Seller's mitigation banking permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP Permit 0227351-001) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE Permit SAJ-2002-5061 NW-DEB).

This reservation is for use of credit in connection with mitigating adverse wetland impacts which may arise as a result of construction or other projects undertaken or to be undertaken by the Buyer (State 404 Permit ST404-0396411-001-SFI/46; NWFWMDC ERP Permit IND-091-292254-2). Seller warrants that it will take no action inconsistent with the reservation and future assignment described herein.

Seller is committed to transfer to Buyer 4.89 state mitigation credits and 4.65 federal mitigation credits from its mitigation bank in Washington County for use in offsetting wetland impacts upon receipt of the full Purchase Price. The Purchase Price for 4.89 state credits and 4.65 federal credits is seven hundred twenty-six thousand four hundred forty-five dollars and no cents (\$726,445.00).

Upon receipt of the total Purchase Price for the credit, Seller will send a Request for Withdrawal of Mitigation Credits to FDEP and the USACE requesting FDEP and USACE to withdraw the specified credit from the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank upon approval of the Buyer's permits.

Failure by the Buyer to close the purchase within ninety (90) days of the execution of this Agreement shall be a default of this Agreement, permitting termination of this Agreement by Seller unless an extension is granted in writing by mutual consent of both parties.

Payment shall be made to the Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 32333-4712.

BUYER

Name: Okaloosa County

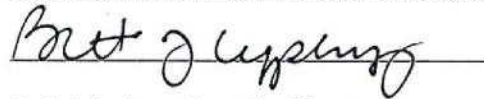
By: 

Name & Title: John Hofstad, County Administrator

Executed: 11/09/2021

SELLER

Northwest Florida Water Management District



Brett J. Cyphers, Executive Director

11/02/2021

**From:** [Robert Lide](#)  
**To:** [CreditSalesNotification@usace.army.mil](mailto:CreditSalesNotification@usace.army.mil)  
**Cc:** [Ryan.G.Hendren@usace.army.mil](mailto:Ryan.G.Hendren@usace.army.mil); [Mings, Thomas S CIV USARMY CESA1 \(US\)](#); [Jason Autrey](#); [sbitterman@myokaloosa.com](mailto:sbitterman@myokaloosa.com); [Walker, Josey](#); [Paul Thorpe](#); [Jerrick Saquibal](#)  
**Subject:** Sale of Federal Mitigation Credits from NFWFMD Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SAJ-2002-5061 NW-DEB) - [Okaloosa Co.; Crestview East-West Connector; 4.65 Federal Palustrine Forested Credits]  
**Date:** Friday, November 19, 2021 9:05:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [East-West Connector FDEP 404 Permit Final 10 7 2021.pdf](#)  
[Fully Signed E-W Connector PurchaseAgreement 2021c.pdf](#)  
[USACE SHLMB CR Debit Ltr 111921c.pdf](#)

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Notification to US Army Corps of sale of federal mitigation credits (4.65 Palustrine Forested) from NFWFMD Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SAJ-2002-5061 NW-DEB) to Okaloosa County, Florida in fulfillment of Specific Condition #2 of State 404 Permit 0396411-001-SFI/46 (Crestview East-West Connector; issued 10/7/2021).

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Lide  
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Northwest Florida Water Management District  
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