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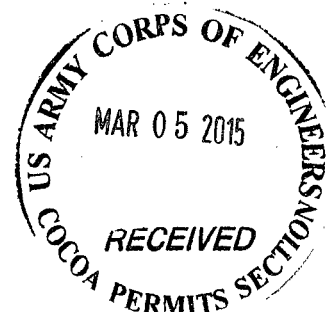
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Dear Ms. Sadowski:

This letter is in reference to SAJ-2014-01321 (IP-AWP); Section 7(a) Analysis and Determination for Wekiva Parkway. Enclosed is the National Park Service's (NPS) Analysis and Determination Pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act for the Wekiva Parkway crossing of the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River. Section 7(a) of the Act states that:

"...no department or agency of the United States shall assist by loan, grant, license, or otherwise in the construction of any water resources project that would have a direct and adverse effect on the values for which such river was established...as determined by the Secretary charged with its administration."

The NPS has determined that the Wekiva Parkway project, as described within the attached document, will not have any direct and adverse effects on the outstandingly remarkable values for which the Wekiva River was designated as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. This finding is due in large part to several years of formal and informal consultation between the NPS, Federal Highway Administration, the Wekiva River Advisory Management Committee, other stakeholders, and chiefly Florida Department of Transportation District 5. During this process, which included several design charrettes, various design alternatives were considered. The ultimate design described with the attached document succeeds not only in avoiding direct and adverse effects, but also in protecting and enhancing the river's values.

Thank you for consulting with the National Park Service on this important project. Should you have any questions, please direct them to Dr. Jeff Duncan, Wild and Scenic Rivers Coordinator for the Southeast Region at 423-987-6127 or jeff_duncan@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

Stan Austin
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Enclosures