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IN REPLY REFER TO: 2017-TA-0163

Debora L. McClain Deputy DOI DH NRDAR Case Manager Region 4 134 Union Road Lakewood, CO 80228

Dear Ms. McClain:

Thank you for your letter dated December 2, 2016, regarding a Coastal Barrier Resource Act (CBRA) determination for the DWH Early Restoration Project Alternatives in Coastal Alabama. Your letter is requesting that the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) determine whether the proposed alternatives are located within the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resource System (CBRS) and if so, whether the project is consistent with the Coastal Barrier Resource Act (CBRA) of 1982. The Service has reviewed the proposed alternatives and provides the following information on a technical assistance basis.

Project Alternatives:

- 1) Gulf State Park Lodge and Associated Public Access Amenities
- 2) Fort Morgan Pier Rehabilitation

The above referenced projects are:

	Not located within the CBRS
X	Located within an Otherwise Protected Area
	Located within the CBRS and is consistent with CBRA
	Located within the CBRS and is not consistent with CBRA

Project Alternatives:

- 3) Fort Morgan Peninsula Public Access Improvements
- 4) Laguna Cover Little Lagoon Natural Resources Protection
- 5) Bayfront Park Restoration and Improvement
- 6) Dauphin Island Eco-Tourism and Environmental Education
- 7) Mid Island Parks and Public Beach Improvements (Parcels A, B, and C)
- 8) Mid Island Parks and Public Beach Improvements (Parcels B and C)

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We hope this letter is responsive to your inquiry. Additional information concerning the CBRA can be found on the Service's website at http://www.fws.gov/cbra. If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Shannon Holbrook of this office at 251-441-5871.

Sincerely,

William J. Pearson Field Supervisor

Alabama Ecological Services Field Office

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