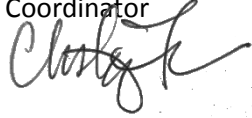




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FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator
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DATE: January 30, 2019

SUBJECT: Projects Proposed in Florida Trustee Implementation Group Restoration Plan #1 and Environmental Assessment: ESA No Effect Determination

Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7(a)(2), each Federal agency shall ensure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by such agency is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species, or destroy/adversely modify designated critical habitat. If a Federal agency determines that a Federal action will have no effect on ESA-listed species or designated critical habitat, then the Federal agency is not required to consult with NMFS for purposes of ESA. This memo does not include any information or effects determinations for protected species under the jurisdiction of US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Based on my review of project materials (Fall 2018) and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD) in the South East Regional Office (SERO), the NOAA Restoration Center determined that the projects listed below proposed for implementation in the Florida Trustee Implementation Group Restoration Plan #1 and Environmental Assessment will have no effect to listed species under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service. This is due to the location (upland or at a site inaccessible to ESA-listed aquatic species) or the nature of the activities being proposed (no effect in the action area). These projects, listed below, will not require further ESA evaluation. Should any project be modified in a way that could adversely impact ESA, this determination will be reevaluated as appropriate.

- Gulf Islands National Seashore (Florida) Beach and Dune Habitat Protection
- Gulf Islands National Seashore (Florida) Invasive Plant Removal
- St Vincent National Wildlife Refuge Predator Control
- Pensacola Bay and Perdido River Watersheds - Nutrient Reduction
- Lower Suwannee River Watershed - Nutrient Reduction
- Perdido River and Bay Paddle Trail
- Carpenter Creek Headwaters Park Amenities
- Topsail Hill State Park Improvements
- Camp Helen State Park Improvements
- St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Trail Connection, Spring Creek to Port Leon
- Carpenter Creek Headwaters Water Quality Improvements
- Alligator Lake Coastal Dune Lake Hydrologic Restoration
- City of Port St. Joe Stormwater Improvements
- Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge Hydrological Restoration (P&D)
- Lower Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods Hydrologic Restoration Initiative, Yucca Pens Unit (P&D)