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February 14, 2022

Lisa Robertson  
FL. Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water Restoration Assistance  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 240  
Tallahassee, FL. 32399-3000

Re: Carpenter Creek Headwaters Water Quality Improvements, *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill  
Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR)

Dear Ms. Robertson:

The Department of the Interior (DOI), on behalf of the National Oceanic and Oceanographic Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has completed a review of the Carpenter Creek Headwaters Water Quality Improvements Carpenter Creek Headwaters Park Amenities Project under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. As part of this review, DOI consulted with the Florida State Historic Preservation Office and all affected Native American Tribes. DOI has concluded that this project will have “no adverse effect” on historic properties.

The Florida State Historic Preservation Office has requested that contracts involving ground disturbing activities include the following special condition regarding unexpected discoveries during those activities: If prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, projectile points, dugout canoes, metal implements, historic building material, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American, early European, or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the immediate vicinity of the discovery. The applicant shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section at (850) 245-6333. Project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during the permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in

accordance with Section 872.05, Florida Statutes.

If any cultural or historic resources are discovered during the implementation of this project, work must cease in the vicinity of the discovery and staff must contact Daniel J. Polito, DOI Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill NRDAR Section 106 Coordinator, at (256) 263-0455 or daniel\_polito@fws.gov. The discovery of cultural or historic resources may necessitate additional review of this project under NHPA Section 106.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel J. Polito using the contact information listed above.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Frater', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Benjamin Frater  
Assistant Gulf Restoration Manager