DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
10117 PRINCESS PALM DRIVE SUITE 120
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33610

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

October 1, 2007

Tampa Regulatory Office
SAJ-2007-1610 (NW-JPF)

Jim Wilt
FDOT District One
P.O. Box 1249
Bartow, FL 33831-1249

Your application for a Department of the Army permit received on March 9, 2007, has been assigned number SAJ-2007-1610 (NW-JPF). A review of the information and drawings provided shows the proposed work is 0.15 acre of impact to waters of the United States for replacement of the CR 720 bridge at Bee Branch Creek. The proposed project is located at the bridge crossing of CR 720 over Bee Branch Creek, in Sections 11 and 14, Township 42 South, Range 28 East, Glades County, Florida. The FPID number is 412641.

Your project, as depicted on the received drawings, is authorized by Nationwide Permit (NWP) Number 14. In addition, project specific conditions have been enclosed. This verification is valid for a period of two years after the date of this letter. Please access the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Jacksonville District's Regulatory web address at http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/regulatory/permitting/nwp/nwp.htm to access web links to view the Final Nationwide Permits, Federal Register Vol. 72, dated March 12, 2007, the Corrections to the Final Nationwide Permits, Federal Register 72, May 8, 2007, and the List of Regional Conditions. These files contain the description of the Nationwide Permit authorization, the Nationwide Permit general conditions, and the regional conditions, which apply specifically to this verification for NWP 42. Additionally, enclosed is a list of the six General Conditions, which apply to all Department of the Army authorizations. You must comply with all of the special and general conditions and any project specific condition of this authorization or you may be subject to enforcement action. In the event you have not completed construction of your project within the specified time limit, a separate application or re-verification may be required.

The following special conditions are included with this verification:

1. Within 60 days of completion of the work authorized, the attached "Self-Certification Statement of Compliance" must be completed and submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mail the completed form to the Regulatory Division, Enforcement Section, Post Office Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019.

2. No structure or work shall adversely affect or disturb properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places or those eligible for inclusion in the National Register. Prior to the start of work, the Permittee or other party on the Permittee's behalf, shall conduct a search in the National Register Information System (NRIS). Information can be found at; http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/research/nris.htm. Information on properties eligible for inclusion in the National Register can be identified by contacting the Florida Master File Office by email at fmsfile@dos.state.fl.us or by telephone at 850-245-6440.

If unexpected cultural resources are encountered at any time within the project area that was not the subject of a previous cultural resource assessment survey, work should cease in the immediate vicinity of such discoveries. The permittee, or other party, should notify the SHPO immediately, as well as the appropriate Army Corps of Engineers office. After such notifications, project activities should not resume without verbal and/or written authorization from the SHPO.

If unmarked human remains are encountered, all work shall stop immediately, and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, Florida Statutes, unless on Federal lands. After such notifications, project activities on non-Federal lands shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization from the Florida State Archaeologist for finds under his or her jurisdiction.

This letter of authorization does not obviate the necessity to obtain any other Federal, State, or local permits, which may be required. In Florida, projects qualifying for this NWP must be authorized under Part IV of Chapter 373 by the Department of Environmental Protection, a water management district under §. 373.069, F.S., or a local government with delegated authority under §. 373.441, F.S., and receive Water Quality Certification (WQC) and Coastal Zone Consistency Concurrence (CZCC) (or a waiver), as well as any authorizations required by the State for

the use of sovereignty submerged lands. You should check State-permitting requirements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or the appropriate water management district.

This letter does not give absolute Federal authority to perform the work as specified on your application. The proposed work may be subject to local building restrictions mandated by the National Flood Insurance Program. You should contact your local office that issues building permits to determine if your site is located in a flood-prone area, and if you must comply with the local building requirements mandated by the National Flood Insurance Program.

If you are unable to access the internet or require a hardcopy of any of the conditions, limitations, or expiration date for the above referenced NWP, please contact John Fellows by telephone at 813-769-7067.

This letter contains an approved jurisdictional determination. Enclosed you will find the approved jurisdictional determination form and a Notification of Appeal Process fact sheet and Request for Appeal (RFA) form. If you object to this determination, you may request an administrative appeal under Corps' regulations at 33 CFR Part 331. If you request to appeal this determination, you must submit a completed RFA form to the South Atlantic Division Office at the following address:

Mr. Michael F. Bell
South Atlantic Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
CESAD-CM-CO-R, Room 9M15
60 Forsyth St., SW.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8801.

Mr. Bell can be reached by telephone number at 404-562-5137, or by facsimile at 404-562-5138.

In order for an RFA to be accepted by the Corps, the Corps must determine that it is complete, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR Part 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division office within 60 days of the date of the RFA. Should you decide to submit an RFA form, it must be received at the above address by November 14, 2007.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. The Corps Jacksonville District Regulatory Division is committed to improving service to our customers. We strive to perform our duty in a friendly and timely manner while working to preserve our environment. We invite you to take a few minutes to visit the following link and complete our automated Customer Service Survey:
http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/permit/forms/customer_service.htm.
Your input is appreciated - favorable or otherwise.

Sincerely,

for Loren M. Mason
Chief, Special Projects
and Enforcement Branch

Enclosures

bcc:
CESAJ-RD-PE

CESAJ-RD-P (1145)
NATIONWIDE PERMIT VERIFICATION SAJ-2007-1610 (NW-JPF)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Decision Document for Above-Numbered Nationwide Permit Verification

1. For each of the reissued and new Nationwide Permits (NWPs), HQUSACE issued a decision document that contains an Environmental Assessment (EA), Statement of Findings, public interest review, and as appropriate, a Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines analysis. The Office of the Chief of Engineers has determined that division and district engineers will impose, as necessary, additional conditions on the NWP authorization or exercise discretionary authority to address locally important factors relating to the public interest, including any potential adverse effects on the human environment, and to ensure that the authorized activity results in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the environment. Supplemental documentation was prepared for the division engineer to address the individual and cumulative effects of the NWP(s) on local resources. On 12 July 2007, the supplemental documentation was issued by the division engineer and the Jacksonville District's proposed regional conditions were approved. Where required by the terms of the permit, general conditions, and/or regional conditions, the Jacksonville District will continue to perform case-specific review to ensure that the NWP will authorize only activities with no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the environment and those activities will not be contrary to the public interest.

2. Name and address of applicant:

Glades County
c/o FL DOT District One
P.O. Box 1249
Bartow, FL 33831-1249

3. Project description: 0.15 acre of impact to waters of the United States for replacement of a 150' long bridge. The purpose of the project is to replace the existing bridge with one that meets current design and safety standards. This activity meets the terms and conditions for authorization under Nationwide Permit 14, as published in the 12 March 2007, issue of the Federal Register (72 FR 11092).

4. Project location: The proposed project is located at CR 720 and Bee Branch, in Sections 11 and 14, Township 42 South, Range 28 East, Glades County, Florida.

5. Existing site conditions:

The proposed bridge improvements will impact 0.15 acres of wetlands. The habitat and functional value of the existing wetlands is very low quality as the impacts are only to roadside slopes and ditches. The majority of the vegetation being impacted is nuisance/exotic vegetation. The vegetation being impacted consists primarily of Peruvian primrose willow (*Ludwigia peruviana*) and smartweed (*Polygonum punctatum*). Upon completion of the construction, similar species composition will recruit. No loss in habitat value is anticipated.

6. Scope of Analysis: The scope of analysis is limited to the 0.15 acre of waters of the US affected by the project and the immediately adjacent uplands.

7. Alternatives: See *Decision Document for Nationwide Permit 14*, which was approved by the Director of Civil Works on 1 March 2007 and *Supplemental Environmental Assessment for Nationwide Permit 14*, which was approved by the South Atlantic Division Commander on 12 July 2007.

9. Evaluation of the potential adverse environmental effects (direct, indirect and cumulative) of the proposed activity: See *Decision Document for Nationwide Permit 14*, which was approved by the Director of Civil Works on 1 March 2007 and *Supplemental Environmental Assessment for Nationwide Permit 14*, which was approved by the South Atlantic Division Commander on 12 July 2007

10. Mitigation required to ensure that the activity being verified by the Corps will have no more than minimal adverse effects on the environment: Based on the available information, the wetland impacts are to low-quality wetlands than should regain their minimal wetland function with minimal temporal loss of function. No additional mitigation is proposed or necessary.

11. Other Federal, State, and Local Authorizations Obtained or Required and Pending:

a. Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification (WQC): The permittee will obtain an Environmental Resource Permit authorization from the South Florida Water Management District prior to commencement of the proposed activities.

b. Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency certification: There is no evidence or indication from the State of Florida that the project is inconsistent with the Florida CZM. Issuance of a DEP/WMD permit certifies that the project is consistent with the CZM plan.

c. Endangered Species Act compliance: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concurred with the Corps' determination of 'may affect, not likely to adversely affect' for the wood stork in a 25 July 2007 letter. The proposed project will not affect any other threatened or endangered species based on the information supplied by the applicant.

d. National Historic Preservation Act compliance: NHPA concerns will be addressed by placement of a special condition in the verification letter advising permittees: 1) to contact the SHPO prior to initiating any work, 2) how to proceed should unexpected cultural resources be encountered.

e. Other authorizations: NA

12. Special Conditions: The following measures are being required by the permit authorization, and/or are being assured and provided voluntarily by the permit applicant, to ensure that the activity being authorized by the Corps will have no more than minimal adverse effects on the environment:

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13. Public interest review: See *Decision Document for Nationwide Permit 14*, which was approved by the Director of Civil Works on 1 March 2007 and *Supplemental Environmental Assessment for Nationwide Permit 14*, which was approved by the South Atlantic Division Commander on 12 July 2007.

14. Finding of No Significant Impact. See *Decision Document for Nationwide Permit 14*, which was approved by the Director of Civil Works on 1 March 2007.

15. Public Interest Determination: This activity, if conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the NWP and the special conditions stated in the NWP verification letter, will not be contrary to the public interest.

PREPARED BY:	REVIEWED BY:
Project Manager	Bob Barson Reviewer
Date: 28-Sep-07	Date: 1Oct07