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Planning Division
South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Environmental Branch

To Whom it May Concern:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) this letter constitutes the Notice of Availability of the draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to support the addition of recreation features to components of the Indian River Lagoon-South Project (IRL-S). The IRL-S is a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) located in Martin and St. Lucie Counties. The purpose of the IRL-S is for restoration of the southern Indian River Lagoon and the St. Lucie Estuary ecosystem in Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee Counties, Florida. During its initial design and approval, the IRL-S did not include recreation features as part of the plan.

The purpose of the draft SEA is to evaluate the addition of recreation features to IRL-S project components that did not have them previously. Recreation features are a standard component to U.S. Army Corps of Engineer projects to allow the public to utilize these areas beyond their primary project function. This SEA draft will evaluate recreation features that are compatible with other components of CERP for both the Phase I and Phase II project components of the IRL-S, excluding the C-44 reservoir and stormwater treatment area. Recreation features considered in this draft SEA include picnic shelters, information kiosks, hiking trails, observation towers and boat launches.

The draft SEA and proposed FONSI are available for your review on the Jacksonville District's environmental planning website under Martin County:

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/Divisions-Offices/Planning/EnvironmentalBranch/Environmental-Documents/>

Two virtual public meetings will be held on July 8, 2026 for the draft document and to take any comments. One at 10:00 am via the following teams link <https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/meet/993222858129?p=8XEfYN49zoIbeBkOLO> with the option to call in at +1 601-262-2433, ID number 338 896 848#. The second meeting will be held at 6:00 pm via the following teams link <https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/meet/993437049958?p=VIEuePC7bgr02HvALW> with the option to call in at +1 601-262-2433, ID number 319 500 26#.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District is requesting that any comments you may have be submitted in writing to Samuel.H.Hans@usace.army.mil

within 30 days of the date of this letter. Correspondence may also be sent to the letterhead address above, however electronic submittal of comments via email is preferred. Questions concerning the project can also be submitted to Mr. Samuel Hans by telephone at 904-232-1036.

Sincerely,

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