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Dear Mr. Collazo

This letter is to document and confirm that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) supports the Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers use of the enclosed regulatory keys for the eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon couperi*) and the wood stork (*Mycteria americana*) in those counties of Florida overseen by the USFWS – Panama City Ecological Services Office. These keys were developed by the Service and partner agencies for use by federal agencies including the USACOE to address ESA regulatory issues in the USACOE permitting process. These keys and the information within them are intended to assist users in arriving at a proper effect determination on the indigo snake and the wood stork for the proposed action. The keys are intended to increase efficiencies and reduce correspondence in effect determinations. If use of the key results in a Corps determination of “no effect” for a particular project, the Service supports that determination. If the use of the key results in a determination of NLAA, the Service concurs with this determination and no further consultation is needed. If use of the key results in a determination of may affect, this equates to a “likely to adversely affect” determination and initiation of formal consultation.

Thank you for your cooperation and effort in protecting federally listed species. If you have any questions, please contact Harold Mitchell at extension 246.

Sincerely,

Dr. Donald W. Imm
Project Leader

Enclosures

Wood Stork Programmatic Effect Determination Key -North Florida – September 2008

Wood Stork – Colonies Core Foraging Areas

Eastern Indigo Snake Programmatic Effect Determination Key January 25, 2010

Eastern Indigo Snake – Standard Protection Measures

USFWS Survey Protocol in North and Central Florida – September 20, 2011

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