

APPENDIX A-4

Coordination



May 6, 2010

Ms. Alicia Newberry
Florida Natural Areas Inventory
1018 Thomasville Road, Suite 200-C
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Re: Fort Hamer Bridge, Manatee County, Florida
URS Project No.: 12009385
Element Occurrence Information Request
Township 34 South, Range 19 East, Sections 5, 8, 17, 19, 20, 29, and 30

Dear Ms. Newberry:

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We appreciate your assistance with this request. If you have any questions, need additional information, or would like to discuss this request, please call me at (813) 675-6631 or email me at Terry_Cartwright@URSCorp.com.

Sincerely,

URS Corporation Southern

Terry Cartwright

Enclosure

cc: Daren Carriere, URS

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Ms. MaryAnn Poole
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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
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Re: Fort Hamer Bridge, Manatee County, Florida
URS Project No.: 12009385
Protected Species Information Request
Township 34 South, Range 19 East, Sections 5, 8, 17, 19, 20, 29, and 30

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Mr. Todd Mecklenborg
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Re: Fort Hamer Bridge, Manatee County, Florida
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May 26, 2010

Mr. Terry Cartwright
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Dear Mr. Cartwright:

This letter is in response to your request for listed species occurrence records and critical habitats for your project (URS No. 12009385) located in Manatee County, Florida. Records from The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's database indicate that listed species occurrence data are located within or adjacent to the project area. Enclosed are 8.5 x 11 maps showing listed species locations, SHCA's for the short-tailed kite and Cooper's hawk, prioritized SHCA's, species richness, priority wetlands for listed species, and land cover for the project area.

This letter and attachments should not be considered as a review or an assessment of the impact upon threatened or endangered species of the project site. It provides FWC's most current data regarding the location of listed species and their associated habitats.

Our SHCA recommendations are intended to be used as a guide. Land development and ownership in Florida is ever-changing and priority areas identified as SHCA might already have been significantly altered due to development or acquired into public ownership. Onsite surveys, literature reviews, and coordination with FWC biologists remain essential steps in documenting the presence or absence of rare and imperiled species and habitats within the project area.

Our fish and wildlife location data represents only those occurrences recorded by FWC staff and other affiliated researchers. It is important to understand that our database does not necessarily contain records of all listed species that may occur in a given area. Also, data on certain species, such as gopher tortoises, are not entered into our database on a site-specific basis. **Therefore, one should not assume that an absence of occurrences in our database indicates that species of significance do not occur in the area.**

The Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) maintains a separate database of listed plant and wildlife species, please contact FNAI directly for specific information on the location of element occurrences within the project area. Because FNAI is funded to provide information to public agencies only, you may be required to pay a fee for this information. County-wide listed species information can be located at their website (<http://www.fnai.org>).

Please credit the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in any publication or presentation of these data. If you have any questions or further requests, please contact me at (850) 488-0588 or gisrequests@myfwc.com.

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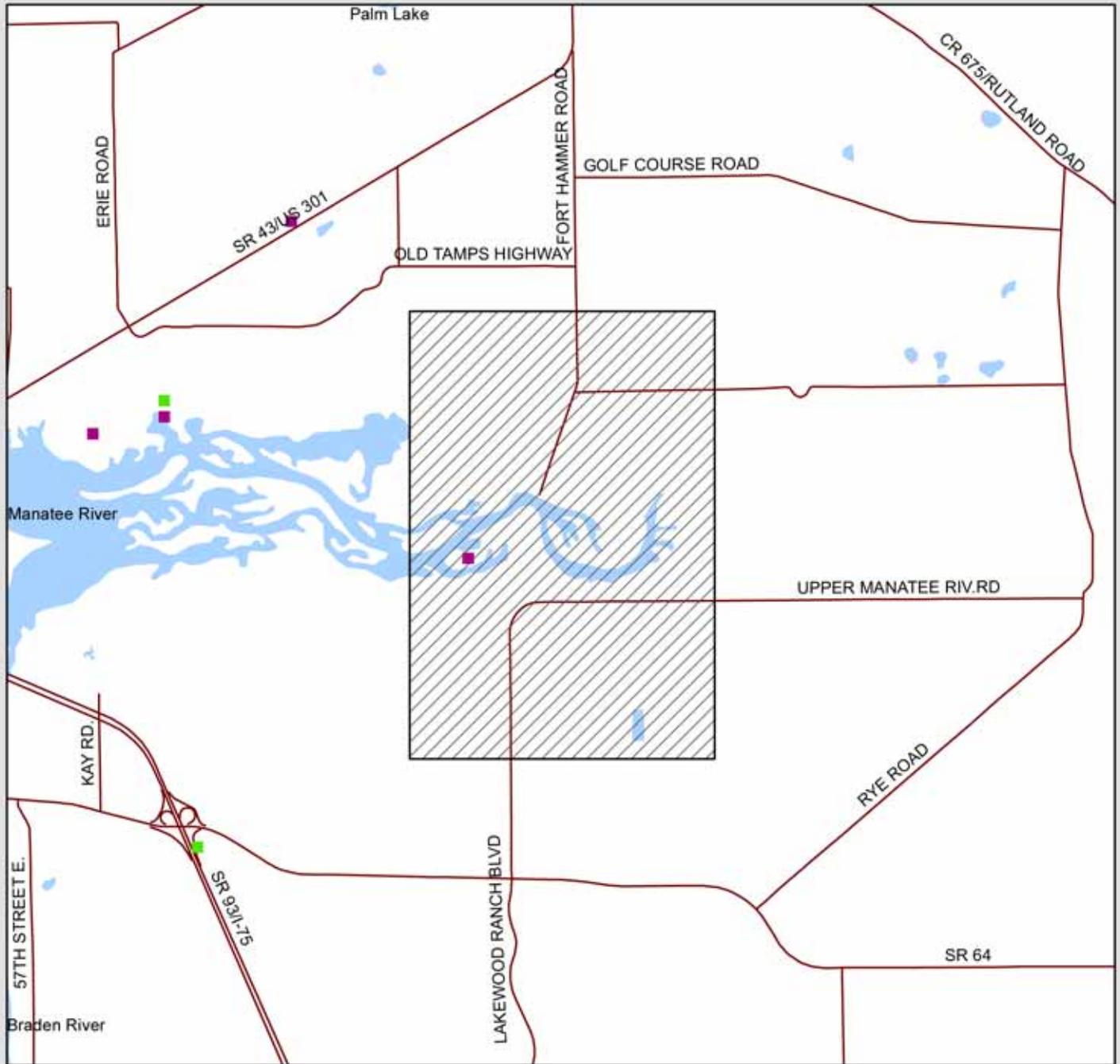
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Species Occurrence

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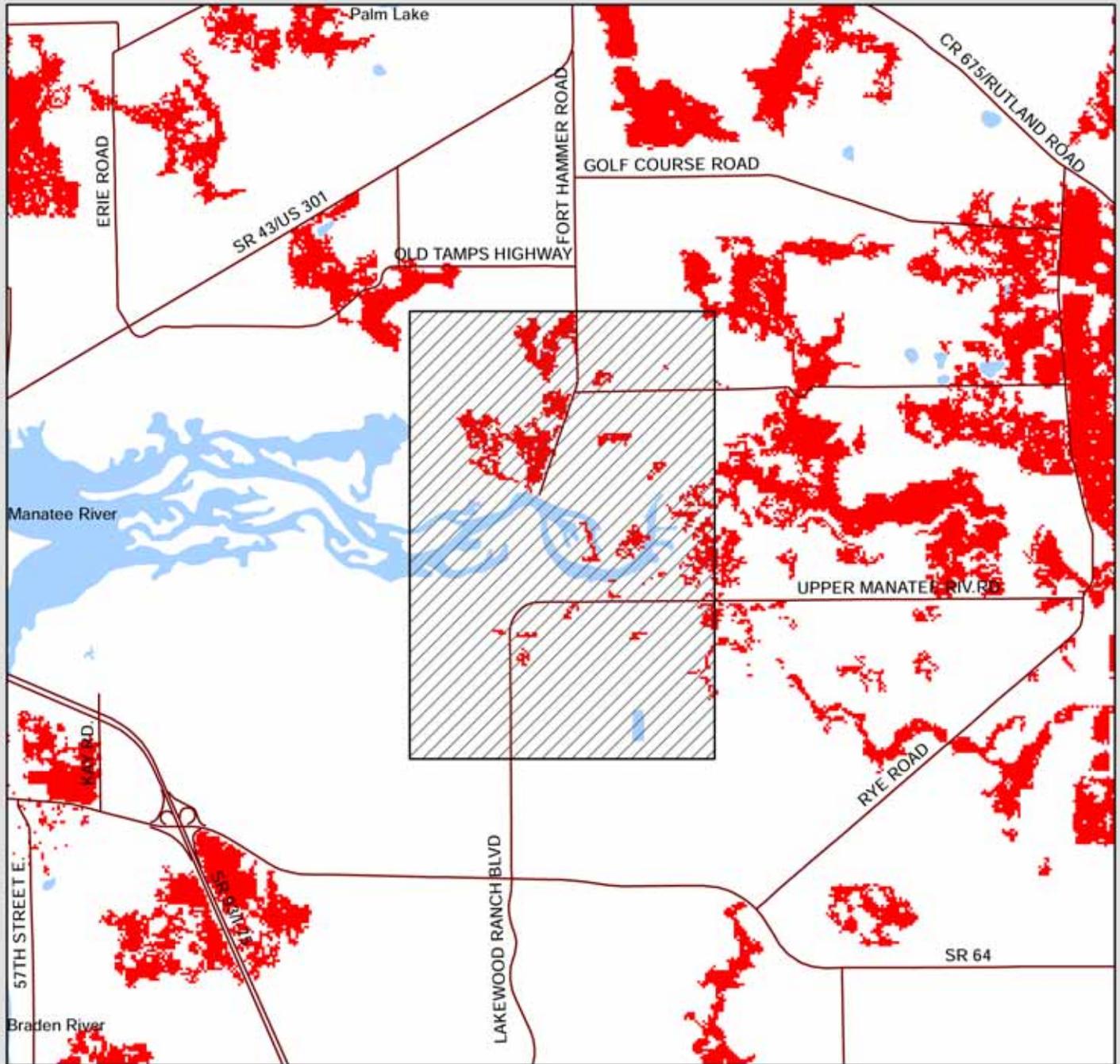
- Eagles Nests
- Florida Natural Inventory Areas
- County Boundary
- ▨ Project Site



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Strategic Habitat Conservation Areas

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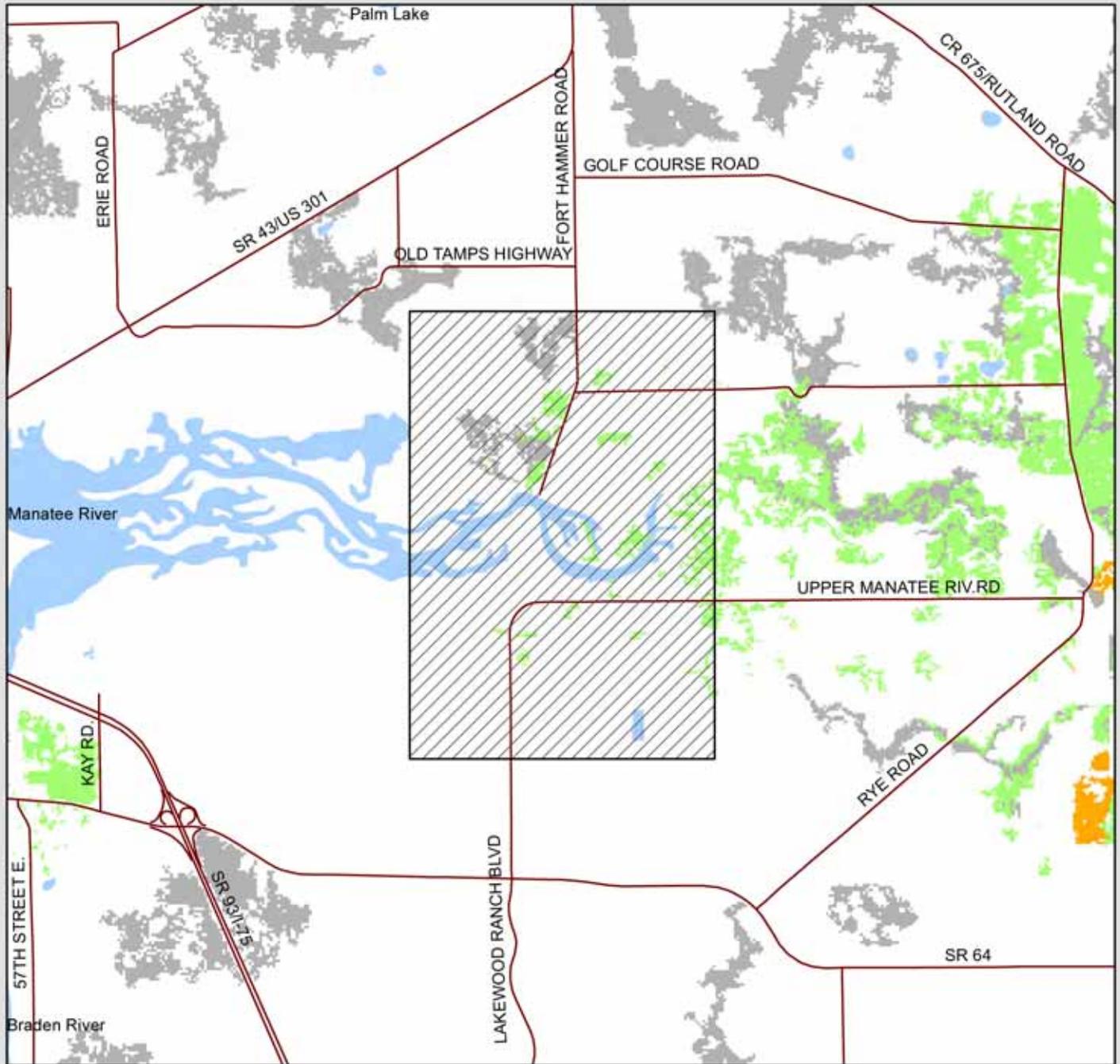
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Prioritized SHCA's

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Prioritized SHCA's	Priority 1	County Boundary
	Priority 2	Project Site
	Priority 3	
	Priority 4	
	Priority 5	

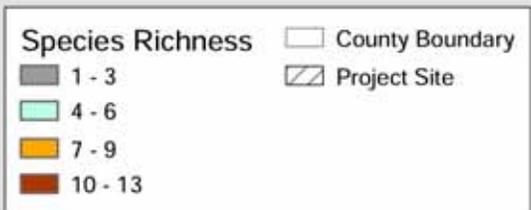
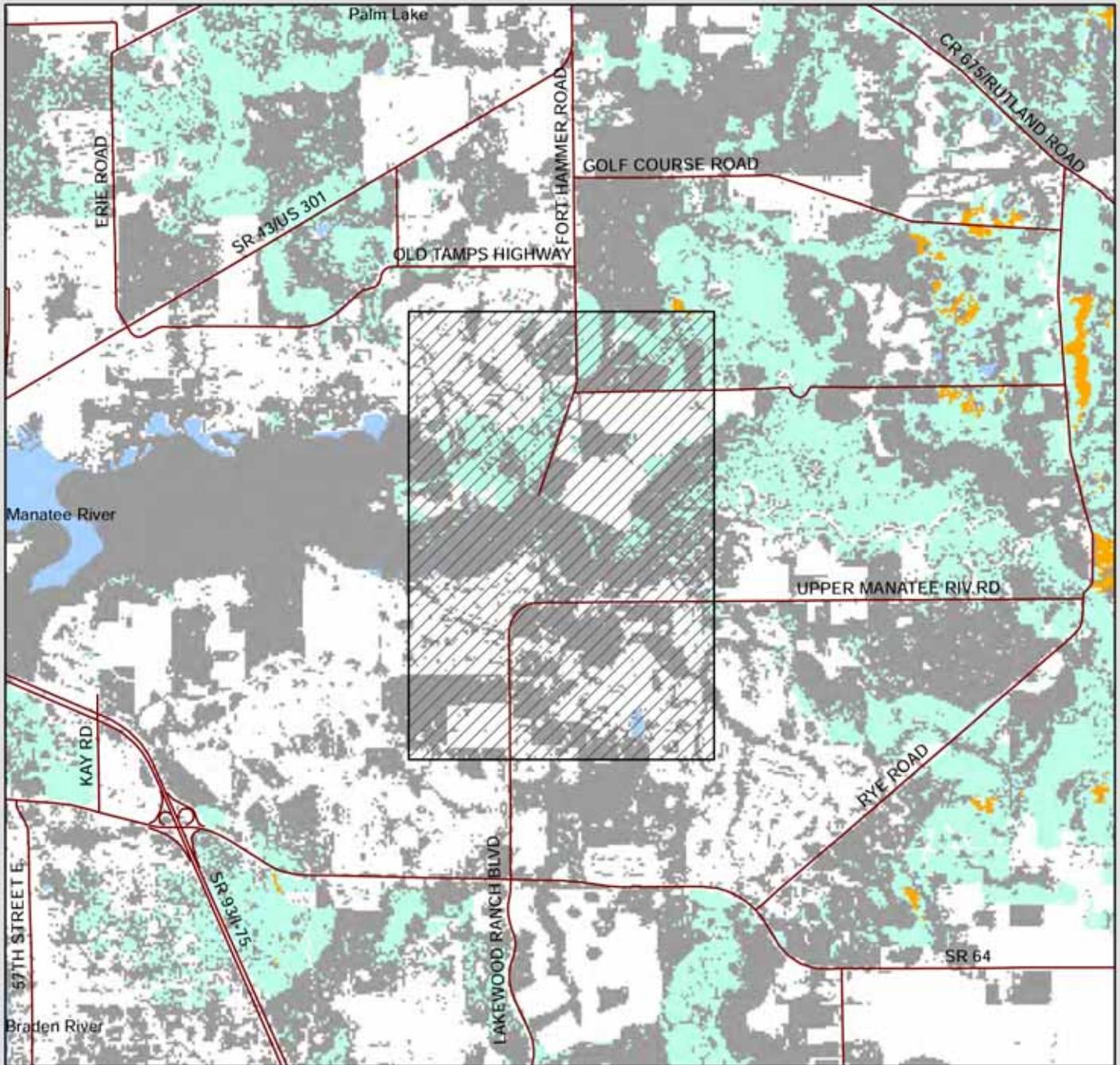


The prioritized SHCA map identifies 5 classes of SHCA based upon Heritage ranking criteria developed by The Nature Conservancy, the Natural Heritage Program Network, and the Florida Natural Areas Inventory. There are 2 possible ranks used to prioritize a species' SHCA: 1) the global rank based on a species worldwide status, and 2) the state rank based upon the species status in Florida. The state and global ranks are based upon many factors such as known occurrence locations, estimated abundance, range, amount of habitat currently protected, perceived levels of threats towards the species, and ecological fragility.

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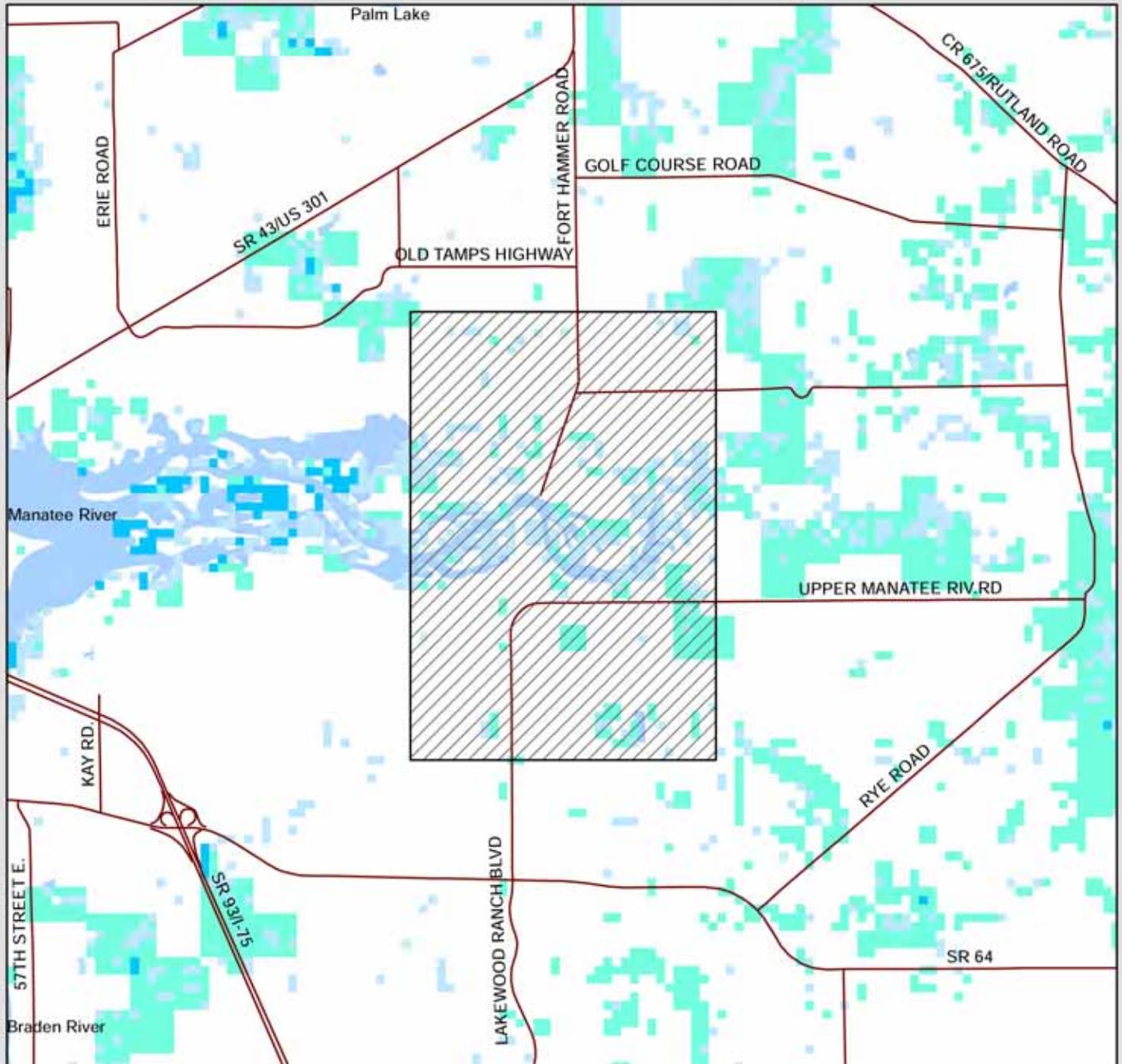
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Priority Wetlands

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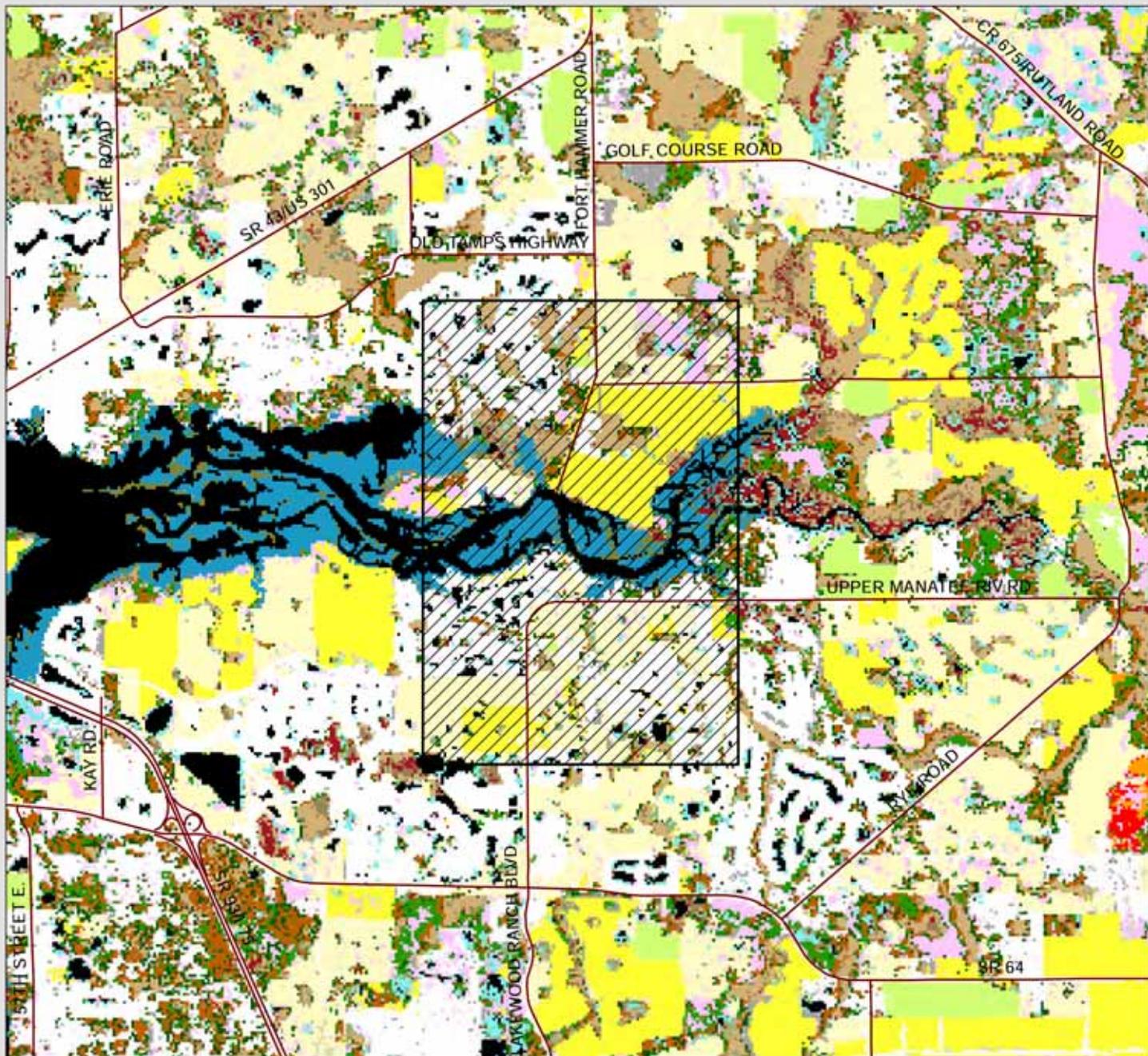
Priority Wetlands	County Boundary
1-3 species, upland habitat	Project Site
1-3 species, wetland habitat	
4-6 species, upland habitat	
4-6 species, wetland habitat	
7-9 species, wetland habitat	



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Florida Land Cover - 2003

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Project Site

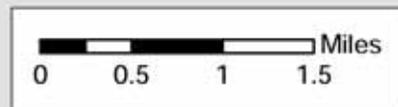
Major Roads

County Boundary

- Coastal Strand
- Sand/Beach
- Xeric Oak Scrub
- Sand Pine Scrub
- Sandhill
- Dry Prairie
- Mixed Pine-Hardwood Forest
- Hardwood Hammocks and Forest
- Pinelands
- Cabbage Palm-Live Oak Hammock
- Tropical Hardwood Hammock
- Freshwater Marsh and Wet Prairie
- Sawgrass Marsh

- Cattail Marsh
- Shrub Swamp
- Bay Swamp
- Cypress Swamp
- Cypress/Pine/Cabbage Palm
- Mixed Wetland Forest
- Hardwood Swamp
- Hydric Hammock
- Bottomland Hardwood Forest
- Salt Marsh
- Mangrove Swamp
- Scrub Mangrove

- Tidal Flat
- Open Water
- Shrub and Brushland
- Grassland
- Bare Soil/Clearcut
- Improved Pasture
- Unimproved Pasture
- Other Agriculture
- Citrus
- Exotic Plants
- High and Low Impact Urban
- Extractive



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Ms. Linda Walker, Deputy Field Supervisor
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Jacksonville, FL 32256-7517

Re: Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency on an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Fort Hamer Bridge across the Manatee River, Manatee County, Florida.

Dear Ms. Walker:

The United States Coast Guard (USCG), in conjunction with Manatee County (County), is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Fort Hamer Bridge across the Manatee River, Manatee County, Florida. In accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6, the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provision of the National Environmental Policy Act, we are requesting you be a Cooperating Agency on this environmental document. This request is based on your Protected Resources and Habitat Conservation Jurisdiction. Designation as a Cooperating Agency does not imply that your agency supports the proposed project.

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Your agency's involvement as a Cooperating Agency should entail those areas under its jurisdiction. Responsibilities of a Cooperating Agency include:

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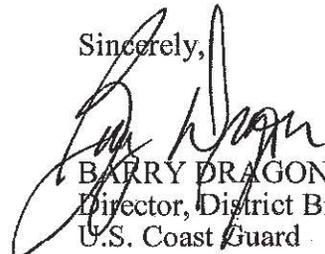
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Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this project.

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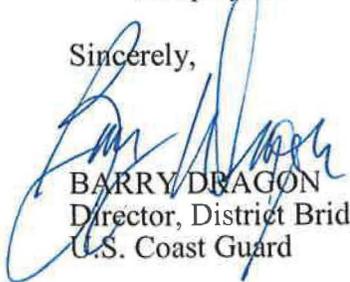
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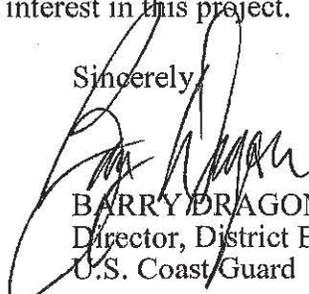
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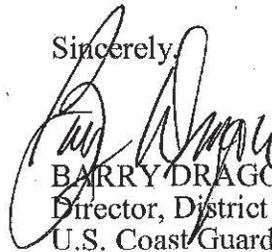
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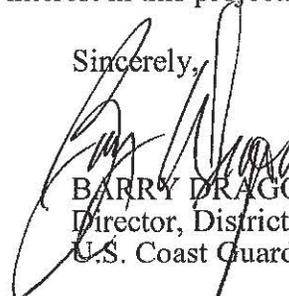
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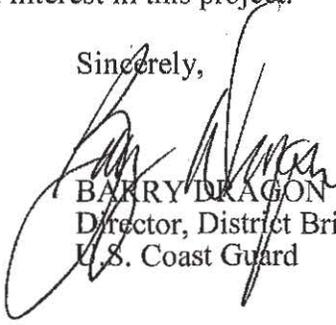
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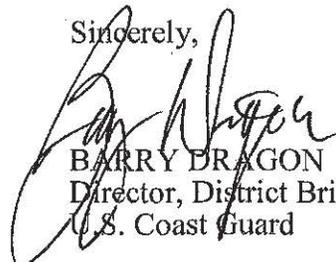
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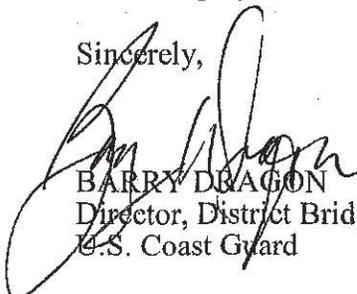
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West Palm Beach, FL 33401

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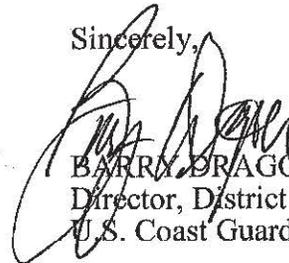
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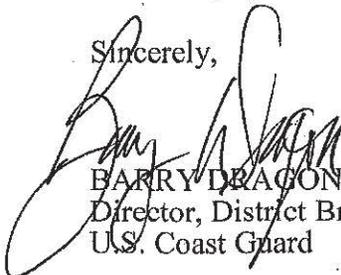
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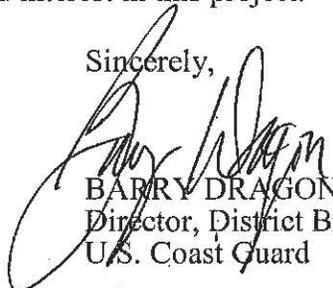
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Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this project.

Sincerely,



BARRY DRAGON
Director, District Bridge Program
U.S. Coast Guard

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July 20, 2010

Mr. George Hadley
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
545 John Knox Road
Room 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303-4117

Re: Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency on an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Fort Hamer Bridge across the Manatee River, Manatee County, Florida.

Dear Mr. Hadley:

The United States Coast Guard (USCG), in conjunction with Manatee County (County), is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Fort Hamer Bridge across the Manatee River, Manatee County, Florida. In accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6, the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provision of the National Environmental Policy Act, we are requesting you be a Cooperating Agency on this environmental document. This request is based on your Transportation Expertise. Designation as a Cooperating Agency does not imply that your agency supports the proposed project.

The proposed bridge crossing is a priority project in the Financially Feasible Plan of the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization's (SMMPO) 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. The project's Web site is <http://www.forthamerbridge.com>. According to the SMMPO, the proposed bridge is needed to provide an alternate north/south route to the east of Interstate Highway 75 (I-75) and enhance emergency service access to northeast Manatee County. Further, a new bridge will serve to improve the level of service to the existing network of north Manatee County roadways as development expands through the Parrish area and northward in Manatee County. The proposed location for the Fort Hamer Bridge is in northeast Manatee County adjacent to Fort Hamer Park and will connect Fort Hamer Road and Upper Manatee River Road. Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action; and (2) various build alternatives that satisfy the purpose and need. Build alternatives may include low, mid, and high-level fixed bridges, alternatives to the east, west and center of the project corridor, and other alternatives that may result from the scoping process. We are requesting your comments on environmental concerns that you may have related to a new bridge in northeast Manatee County. This includes suggesting analyses and methodologies for use in the EIS or possible sources of data or information we should consider.

July 20, 2010

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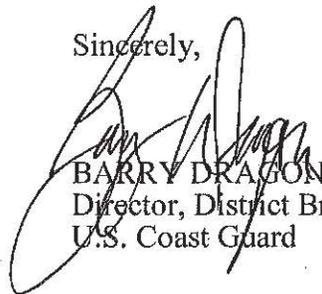
- Participation in the NEPA scoping and environmental review process at the earliest possible time.
- Providing comments on the project's purpose and need, goals and objectives, methodologies, and range of alternatives.
- Assisting in the development of a project coordination plan, including a project schedule.
- Providing (on request of the lead agency) information and assisting with the preparation of environmental analyses including portions of the NEPA documents relevant to your agencies jurisdiction or area of special expertise.
- Providing staff support at the lead agency's request to enhance the latter's interdisciplinary capability.
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July 20, 2010

Mr. G. Rob Elliott Team Manager
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
61 Forsyth Street, Suite 17T26
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency on an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Fort Hamer Bridge across the Manatee River, Manatee County, Florida.

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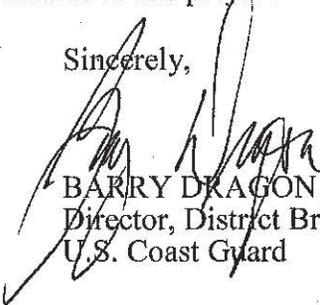
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Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this project.

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U.S. Coast Guard



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July 27, 2010 F/SER46:DR/mt

Barry Dragon
Director, District Bridge Program
United States Coast Guard
Seventh Coast Guard District
909 SE 1st Avenue, Suite 432
Miami, Florida 33131-3050

Dear Mr. Dragon:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has received your letter inviting NMFS to be a cooperating agency on the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Fort Hamer Bridge across the Manatee River in Manatee County, Florida. While NMFS thanks you for the invitation to be a cooperating agency, we must decline the offer due to manpower limitations. We will have to limit our project activities to participation in conference calls, attending occasional meetings, conducting on-site field investigations, and review of relevant project documents. Thank you again for the invitation. We look forward to coordinating with the Coast Guard on this project.

If you have questions regarding our response please contact me at the letterhead address or by calling (727) 824-5379.

Sincerely,

David Rydene
Fishery Biologist
Habitat Conservation Division

cc:
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F/SER46 - Rydene





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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TAMPA, FLORIDA 33610

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

July 29, 2010

Tampa Regulatory Office
SAJ-2010-02223 (EIS-JPF)

Mr. Barry Dragon
Director, District Bridge Program
United States Coast Guard
909 SE 1st Avenue (Suite 432)
Miami, Florida 33131-3050

Dear Mr. Dragon:

This letter is written in reference to your correspondence dated July 20, 2010, in which you requested the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to become a cooperating agency during the review and preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Fort Hamer Bridge across the Manatee River, Manatee County, Florida. The Corps agrees to become a cooperating agency with the United States Coast Guard.

The application has been assigned Corps file number SAJ-2010-02223, and the project has been assigned to John Fellows. Should you have any questions, please contact him at the letterhead address or by telephone (813) 769-7067, by fax (813) 769-7061 or by e-mail at John.P.Fellows@usace.army.mil.

The Corps' Jacksonville District Regulatory Division looks forward to working in tandem with your agency. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Stephen R. Sullivan
Chief, South Permits Branch

Copies furnished:

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File

Randall Overton, USCG

(Via electronic mail: randall.d.overton@uscg.mil)



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July 29, 2010

In Reply Refer To:
HPR-FL

Mr. Barry Dragon
Director, District Bridge Program
U.S. Coast Guard, Seventh Coast Guard District
909 SE 1st Ave Suite 432
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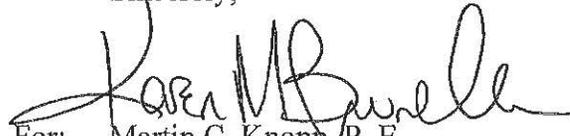
Subject: Fort Hamer Bridge Upper Manatee River Manatee County, Florida

Dear Mr. Dragon,

Thank you for your letter dated July 20, 2010, requesting the Florida Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to become a cooperating agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed new Fort Hamer Bridge across the Upper Manatee River. The letter points out that FHWA Florida Division is requested to become a cooperating agency due to our transportation expertise. It is unfortunate, but we must decline for several reasons with the primary reason being other program commitments that preclude our involvement with the proposed action.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. George Hadley at (850) 942-9650 x3011 or at email address george.hadley@dot.gov if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,


For: Martin C. Knopp, P. E.
Division Administrator

cc: Mr. Marlon Bizerra, FDOT District 1 Environmental Manager (MS 1-40)
Mr. Mark Schulz, FDOT District 1 Environmental Administrator (MS 1-40)



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909 SE 1st Avenue (RM 432)
Miami, FL 33187
Attn: Randall Overton

THPO#: 006490

August 4, 2010

Subject: Scoping Meeting for Fort Hammer Bridge, Manatee County, Florida

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in reference to the meeting notice received by the Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Historic Preservation Office (STOF-THPO). The STOF-THPO appreciates the invitation to this meeting but is unable to attend. We would request to be sent any final reports concerning this project and look forward to receiving updates as they become available. Please reference **THPO-006490** in any future correspondence associated with this project.

Sincerely,

Willard Steele,
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Seminole Tribe of Florida

Direct routine inquiries to:

Anne Mullins
Compliance Review Supervisor
annemullins@semtribe.com

JLP:am



United States Department of the Interior

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

FWS Log No. 41910-2010-R-0397

August 24, 2010

Barry Dragon
Director, District Bridge Program
U.S. Coast Guard
909 SE 1st Avenue (RM 432)
Miami, FL 33187

Dear Mr. Dragon,

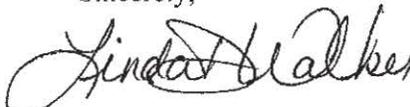
On July 20, 2010 our office received a request from the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance to conduct an environmental review on the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Fort Hamer Bridge over the Manatee River located in Manatee County, Florida.

To our knowledge, our office has not commented on this proposal through FDOT's Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) system online or in accordance with the section 7 consultation process under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Based on a cursory review of the study area we expect to have comments as this proposal progresses. Our environmental concerns are likely to include potential impacts to submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) in the Manatee River as a result of the construction activities, the shading effects and the project footprint from a new bridge; impacts to Florida manatees during construction; impacts to unique freshwater marshes in the area; increased turbidity, sedimentation and nutrient loading in the Manatee River which is designated as an Outstanding Florida Waterway (OFW); contaminants entering the waterway from road run off; increased road kill; increased residential development and further fragmentation of wildlife habitat in a rural area; new connector roads, and/or road widening and hardening as an indirect result of a new bridge providing access to undeveloped areas.

We look forward to the opportunity to review the draft EIS as well as provide comments through the consultation process. Thank you for allowing us to comment early in the consultation process. We regret that we are unable to participate in the development of the EIS as a cooperating agency.

Sincerely,



David L. Hankla
Jr. Field Supervisor



September 20, 2010

Ms. MaryAnn Poole
Director of the Office of Policy and Stakeholder Coordination
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
2574 Seagate Drive, Suite 250
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Fort Hamer Bridge, Manatee County, Florida
URS Project No.: 12009385
Protected Species Information Request
Township 34 South, Range 19 East, Sections 5, 8, 17, 19, 20, 29, and 30

Dear Ms. Poole:

URS Corporation Southern has been contracted by Manatee County to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed bridge across the Manatee River at Fort Hamer Road. The study area extends along the Upper Manatee River Road on the south side of the river to Fort Hamer Road on the north side of the river, in Manatee County, Florida (see attached location map).

In 1999, this project was being proposed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), who prepared a Draft EIS for the project. During the EIS process, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission provided a letter, dated August 26, 1999, that indicated the Manatee River is a suspected birthing area for the West Indian manatee. A copy of the letter is attached to this letter for reference. In order to better assess potential impacts associated with the proposed project, we are asking for any pertinent and/or updated information on the Florida manatee and documented birthing/calves in the Manatee River within one mile of the project area shown on the attached map.

We appreciate your assistance with this request. If you have any questions, need additional information, or would like to discuss this request, please call me at (813) 675-6631 or email me at Terry_Cartwright@URSCorp.com.

Sincerely,

URS Corporation Southern

Terry Cartwright

Enclosure

cc: Daren Carriere, URS

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Tampa, FL 33607-1462
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From: [Richards, Anne](#)
To: Terry_Cartwright@urscorp.com
Subject: Fort Hammer Bridge information request
Date: 09/24/2010 02:06 PM

Hi Terry,

We received your request regarding information about manatee use of the Manatee River. Below are links to FWRI's website where data and other information pertaining to manatees is available:

<http://research.myfwc.com/features/default.asp?id=1001>

<http://research.myfwc.com/manatees/>

Please contact us if you have additional questions.

Anne

Anne Richards

Environmental Specialist
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From: [Richards, Anne](#)
To: Terry_Cartwright@URSCorp.com
Subject: RE: Fort Hammer Bridge information request
Date: 09/24/2010 03:40 PM
Attachments: [Westcoast Telemetry Request form.pdf](#)

We get that kind of information from a number of sources, such as observations logged during aerial surveys, telemetry data that tracks the movements of parts of the population and mortality data. Telemetry data is available by request and I've attached a form for that. Mortality data is available at the links I supplied. I will forward the most recent aerial survey data for area in another email.

From: Terry_Cartwright@URSCorp.com [mailto:Terry_Cartwright@URSCorp.com]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 2:39 PM
To: Richards, Anne
Subject: Re: Fort Hammer Bridge information request

Good afternoon Anne -

Thanks for FWRI links. I added them to my favorites for future use. Do you have any other specific data regarding the Manatee River being used as a manatee nursery? The FWC comments from 1999 indicated that the Manatee River may be a birthing area. We are trying to get all of the available information FWC may have on this issue so we don't miss anything in our review.

Thanks.

Terry Cartwright
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To "Terry_Cartwright@urscorp.com"
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cc
Subject Fort Hammer Bridge information request

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anne.richards@myfwc.com

From: [Richards, Anne](#)
To: Terry_Cartwright@URSCorp.com
Subject: FW: Manatee County aerial survey data 1985-86
Date: 09/24/2010 03:54 PM
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[WR_MMR_Manatee_DistributionSurvey_NManatee.htm](#)

Terry,

This is earlier GIS data for Manatee County aerial surveys. The shapefile is attached, along with the flight path. This survey was from May 1985-Dec 1986 and had 40 flights. **Metadata** for this data set is also attached as: [WR_MMR_Manatee_DistributionSurvey_NManatee.htm](#)

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From: Richards, Anne
To: Terry_Cartwright@URSCorp.com
Subject: FW: Manatee County Aerial Survey Data 2005-2008
Date: 09/24/2010 03:44 PM
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[ManateeAerialSurvey_Mote_Manatee2005to2008_Metadata.pdf](#)

Terry,

The Manatee County aerial survey data attached is in GIS format. A shapefile is attached, along with the flight path. This survey was conducted from July 2005-Sept 2008 and had 62 flights. **Metadata** for this data set is also attached.

Anne

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From: [Richards, Anne](#)
To: Terry_Cartwright@URSCorp.com
Subject: FW: Tampa Bay area aerial survey data 1987-1994
Date: 09/24/2010 04:02 PM
Attachments: [TampaBay_Path_1987_1994_FWC.shx](#)
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[WR_MMR_Manatee_DistributionSurvey_TampaBay.htm](#)

The Manatee County aerial survey data shapefile is attached, along with the flight path.

This survey was from Nov 1987 – May 1994 and had 88 flights.

Metadata for this data set is also attached as:

[WR_MMR_Manatee_DistributionSurvey_TampaBay.htm](#)

From: [Richards, Anne](#)
To: Terry_Cartwright@URSCorp.com
Subject: FW: Tampa Bay area aerial survey data 1995-97
Date: 09/24/2010 04:02 PM
Attachments: [WR_MMR_Manatee_DistributionSurvey_TampaBay#2.htm](#)
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The Manatee County aerial survey data shapefile is attached.
This survey was from Jan 1995 – June 1997 and had 33 flights.

Metadata for this data set is also attached as:
[WR_MMR_Manatee_DistributionSurvey_TampaBay#2.htm](#)



Date: JANUARY 14, 2011

To: Marion Almy, ACI
Willard Steele, Seminole Tribe of Florida, THPO

From: Marty Peate, URS

Attendees: Marty Peate, URS
Marion Almy, ACI
Willard Steele, Seminole Tribe of Florida, THPO
Paul Backhouse, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Deputy THPO
Julie Labate, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Tribal Archaeologist

RE: Fort Hamer Bridge EIS
Reintroduction Meeting
January 7, 2011

A Reintroduction Meeting was held on January 7, 2011 at the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in Big Cypress.

This Reintroduction Meeting was held to re-engage the Seminole Tribe of Florida (STOF) on behalf of Manatee County due to the changes in the project (i.e. lead federal agency change from FHWA to USCG).

Marty Peate, URS, provided an overview of the history from the being of the project in 1999 under FHWA through the cancellation of the project at the request of Manatee County in 2006 and Manatee County restarting the project under USCG in 2009. It was discussed that the previous project consisted of a 4-lane bridge and 4-lane roadway project and the current project had been reduced to a 2-lane bridge and approach connections to the existing roadway system.

Marty Peate noted that the previous project (under FHWA and FDOT) had discussed the potential utilization of a retaining wall on the north side of the river, near Fort Hamer Park as a mural depicting the events that occurred in association with Fort Hamer. Mr. Peate stated that the current project (under USCG and Manatee County) would not have the ability to create the mural but Manatee County was willing to erect a plaque/marker at the Bridge to commemorate the events at Fort Hamer.

Marion Almy, ACI, noted that in May of 2004, George Hadley of FHWA had communicated that a "plaque or marker" would be appropriate in this situation.

Willard Steele, STOF, thanked the group for coming back to the STOF and updating them on the project. Mr. Steele remembered coordinating with George Hadley on this issue and was comfortable with a plaque or marker as long as the STOF was consulted in the development of the language used and information portrayed.

Marty Peate added that this was a commitment that Manatee County was willing to follow through with and that as the project evolved the County would engage the STOF in the development of the plaque or marker.

RICHARD D. HERR
VICE ADMIRAL, U. S. COAST GUARD (RETIRED)
12103 Creole Court
Parrish, Florida 34219
(941) 721 – 6966

26 October 2011

Dear Ms. Smart,

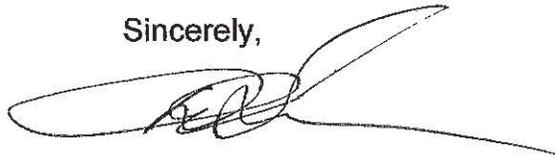
I am writing to express my concern with regard to the proposed Fort Hamer Bridge in Manatee County, Florida. I am a resident of the River Wilderness Community on the north side of the river which will be directly affected by this project. I am asking you to give serious consideration to not approving this project.

I find it difficult to believe that we (the U.S. Coast Guard) would give serious consideration to another impediment to navigation on this river by a bridge that is not required to serve the needs of the citizens of the County. There are three multilane bridges to the west of this proposed span and a brand new bridge (the Rye Road bridge) to the east which can more than adequately handle current traffic needs and those in the foreseeable future.

This proposed bridge is being pushed by developers in the area and will adversely affect thousands of people who have bought homes and settled in this area to enjoy the peace and tranquility it has afforded up until now. In addition, there are grave safety concerns about the projected traffic volume, and size of vehicles on Fort Hamer road. These concerns have been brought to the attention of the County several times and the County refuses to make improvements to the road or provide sidewalks or bike paths which would address these dangers. Simply said, if this project goes forward as proposed, many people – including children who attend the school located on Fort Hamer road – will be endangered - mishaps will occur - and lives may well be lost. All this for a bridge that is not needed.

Bottom line, I request that you not approve the requests of Manatee County to go forward with the proposed Fort Hamer Bridge. Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely,



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Cc: Captain Richard M. Kenin, USCG

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Serial #: 2083
October 31, 2011

Richard D. Herr
Vice Admiral, USCG (Ret)
12103 Creole Court
Parrish, Florida 34219

Dear Admiral Herr:

We have received your letter dated October 26, 2011 regarding the proposed Fort Hamer Road Bridge project across the Manatee River, mile 8.4 at Fort Hamer, Manatee County, Florida.

The Coast Guard is the lead federal agency for the proposed Fort Hamer Road Project. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) we are currently reviewing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed project. Your comments will be incorporated into the case file and issues raised will be addressed in the DEIS. Upon completion of the DEIS, the Coast Guard will conduct a public meeting and the DEIS will be made available for public review (at public libraries, community centers, etc...). We will inform the public via Public Notice as to when and where the public meeting will be held. Your comments will be considered in our decision making process.

Thank you for your comments. If you have any other questions regarding the proposed project, feel free to call me at (305) 415-6989 or e-mail me at the address noted above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evelyn Smart".

EVELYN SMART
Environmental Protection Specialist
Bridge Administration Branch
Seventh Coast Guard District
By direction of the District Commander

Smart, Evelyn

From: wsteele@semtribe.com on behalf of Willard Steele [wsteele@semtribe.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 3:15 PM
To: Overton, Randall
Subject: Re: Ft. Hamer

Thank you very much. I enjoyed talking to you today. I look forward to working with the Coast Guard on this. Excuse the informal nature of this but I'm on my blackberry which is both good and bad. Not driving at least. Just in a swamp. Thanks again- Bill

----- Original Message -----

From: Overton, Randall [<mailto:Randall.D.Overton@uscg.mil>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 02:10 PM
To: [Martin Peate@urscorp.com](mailto:Martin.Peate@urscorp.com) <Martin.Peate@urscorp.com>; [Tom Pride@urscorp.com](mailto:Tom.Pride@urscorp.com) <Tom.Pride@urscorp.com>
Cc: Dragon, Barry <Barry.Dragon@uscg.mil>; Sugarman, Shelly <Shelly.H.Sugarman@uscg.mil>; Willard Steele
Subject: Ft. Hamer

Good afternoon,
I just got off the phone with Mr. Willard (Bill) Steele, the Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO or STOFTHPO). Mr. Steele stated that he had come to an agreement with the FHWA, during the previous PD&E study, to have a commemorative park area in the vicinity of a storm water pond on the north side of the river; I'm not sure of the exact details. Please ensure that Mr. Smith is contacted during the development EIS / CRAS process to ensure his concerns are properly addressed. I have including Mr. Steele in this correspondence.

Thank you,

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MEMORANDUM



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To: Vincent Canna, Project Manager
Public Works Department

From: Ronald J. Koper, Jr., EMS Chief

Date: January 13, 2011

Subject: Fort Hamer Bridge Project

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Fort Hamer Bridge project. Manatee County Public Safety Department and Emergency Medical Services Division believe that the key to providing effective and efficient public safety service is rapid response to any emergency. We have an ambulance located north of the river at US301/Colony Drive and another located south of the river at SR 64/Dam Road. In the event of a catastrophic event near I-75 or Rye Bridge, our ability to access the eastern areas of the county (north and south of the river) would be significantly impacted.

East Manatee Fire Rescue, Parrish Fire Control, and North River Fire Districts currently have three (3) fire/rescue stations proximate to the Fort Hamer Bridge project: Parrish Fire Control District station # 1 is located north of the river on US 301; North River Fire Station # 4 is located north of the river on US301; and East Manatee Fire Central Station #1 is located on Lakewood Ranch Blvd at SR64. Each of these stations could provide reasonable response times for areas proximate to the other stations and respective geographic areas north and south of the river; however, in the event of a catastrophe and/or multiple events requiring support from stations from the other side of the river, response times are critically increased.

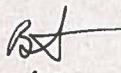
Therefore, it is the position of the Manatee County Public Safety Department and EMS Division, that an additional crossing connecting the existing Upper Manatee River Road and Fort Hamer Road would improve public safety through decreased emergency response times and more efficient geographic coverage of areas proximate to the river.

Cc: William Hutchison, Public Safety Director
Byron Teates, EMFR Chief
Mike Johnson, Parrish FD Chief
John McGinnis, NRRFD Chief

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To: Vincent Canna, Project Manager
Public Works Department

From: Byron J. Teates, Fire Chief 
East Manatee Fire Rescue District

Date: 3-7-12

Ref: Fort Hamer Bridge

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed Fort Hamer bridge construction. As Fire Chief, I believe that a new bridge crossing the Manatee River in the area of Fort Hamer would substantially reduce fire service mutual-aid response times in certain areas of the East Manatee Fire Rescue District as well as those to Parrish and North River Fire Districts.

The construction of the new bridge would also provide an alternate means of travel north or south due to either the I-75 Bridge or Rye Bridge being closed due to flooding, fire, or other emergency. This has occurred on several occasions, sometimes for days, weeks and even months. When this has occurred, emergency response times have been extended due to congestion and further travel distances in order to cross the river.

Currently, there are only three bridges in our district that cross the Manatee River: I-75, Rye, and 675 Bridges. If the proposed bridge were constructed it would provide quicker access to all Manatee emergency responders as well as providing another means to cross the River.

EMFR

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MEMORANDUM

From: Barry Dragon 
CGD SEVEN (dpp)

Reply to D7(dpp)
Attn of: Evelyn Smart
305-415-6989

To: CG-5512 Permits

Subj: TRANSMITTAL OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGHWAY BRIDGE ACROSS THE
MANATEE RIVER, MILE 15.0, AT PARRISH, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

1. We are forwarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the subject bridge action.
2. We have enclosed a hard copy of the DEIS and ten (10) copies of the DEIS on CDs as requested for CG-5512 and DHS review.

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Encl: (1) USCG DEIS – hard copy
(2) USCG DEIS – 10 CD copies

Smart, Evelyn

From: bradleymueller@semtribe.com on behalf of Bradley Mueller [bradleymueller@semtribe.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 12:46 PM
To: Smart, Evelyn
Cc: Paul Backhouse; Anne Mullins; Elliott York; Alison Swing
Subject: Fort Hamer Bridge Project, Manatee County, Florida
Attachments: USCG_Fort Hammer_Initial_Consult Ltr.docx; Review-Consultation Required Documents.docx



Dear MS. Smart,

It was good to talk with you on the phone yesterday. I have attached two documents to this email for your files. The first is an "initiation of consultation" letter which you requested and the second is a list of documents required by the Seminole Tribe of Florida – Tribal Historic Preservation Office in order to conduct the review process for the Coast Guards Fort Hamer undertaking. Please let us know if we may be of any further assistance.

Regards,
Bradley M. Mueller, M.A., Supervisor

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U.S. Coast Guard, 7th District
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THPO #: 011112

November 20, 2012

Subject: Fort Hamer Bridge Project, Manatee County, Florida

Dear Ms. Smart,

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Seminole Tribe of Florida (STOF-THPO) thanks you for initiating National Register of Historic Places, Section 106, government-to-government consultation with the tribe concerning the proposed Fort Hamer Bridge Project. If at any time the U.S. Coast Guard feels that a face-to-face meeting is needed we will be happy to arrange one.

As I understand the situation, based on our telephone conversation of 11/19/2012, a final version of a Cultural Resource Assessment Survey report is currently being prepared and will be sent to the STOF-THPO for review and comments. Also, you will be sending us a copy of the DEIS at the appropriate time. As requested by you, I will be searching our records for any reference to a request made by Mr. Willard Steele while he was serving as the STOF-Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for a "plaque" to be placed in the Fort Hamer area.

The STOF-THPO looks forward to consulting with the U.S. Coast Guard on this project. Feel free to contact us at any time with any questions you may have and please reference THPO # 011112 in any future communications.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bradley M. Mueller'.

Bradley M. Mueller, M.A., Supervisor
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cc: Dr. Paul Backhouse, THPO
Anne Mullins, Deputy THPO



The Seminole Tribe of Florida – Tribal Historic Preservation Office Required Documents for Consultation:

1. A physical address of the property where the undertaking will occur,
2. A narrative description of the undertaking with special regard for ground disturbing activities (i.e. renovation, demolition, new construction, etc.),
3. A map depicting the subject property or properties (aerial image is preferred) with the Area of Potential Effect (APE) delineated, and
4. Photographs of the subject property as it stands now, if available.

After the above listed documents have been received, the THPO can then begin the review process required by your agency. Additional documents may be requested once the review process has commenced. If you have any questions regarding our consultation protocol please don't hesitate to contact the THPO via email or at the telephone number listed below.

Best Regards,
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16591/3823
2 January 2013

Mr. Robert Bendus
Director, Florida Division of Historical Resources
State Historic Preservation Officer
R. A. Gray Building – 4th Floor
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Mr. Bendus:

The United States Coast Guard (USCG), in cooperation with Manatee County, is conducting an environmental study to document potential impacts resulting from proposed improvements to north/south traffic movements in eastern Manatee County, Florida. The widening and linking of Upper Manatee River Road with Fort Hamer Road, via construction of a new bridge across the Manatee River, will result in improved traffic flow, improved emergency response time and coverage, improved hurricane evacuation flow, and provide an alternative to I-75 for north/south travelers. Bicycle lanes and sidewalks will be provided along the corridor and across the river on the bridge to accommodate those forms of transportation. The proposed action is expected to provide some relief to the existing congestion on I-75, particularly between SR 64 and US 301, until such time that separate planned improvements to I-75 can be made. The new bridge will provide county residents an additional emergency evacuation route to the north. At the request of the Coast Guard and Manatee County, ACI in cooperation with URS Corporation South, conducted a Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) for the proposed project.

This assessment was designed and implemented to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, as implemented by 36 CFR 800 (Protection of Historic Properties) and Chapter 267 of the Florida Statutes.

This project is comprised of two distinct areas of potential effects (APE): the Fort Hamer Bridge APE and the Rye Road APE. The limits of the Fort Hamer Bridge APE extend from approximately 600 feet (ft) north of Waterlefe Boulevard on Upper Manatee River Road to 2,500 ft south of Mulholland Road on Fort Hamer Road. The limits of the Rye Road APE extend from SR 64 along Rye Road to Golf Course Road, Golf Course Road from Rye Road to Upper Manatee River Road, and Upper Manatee River Road from Golf Course Road to US 301. It should be noted that the Florida SHPO has reviewed six previous CRAS reports which included portions of this undertaking's APE and concurred with the results of each. The Florida SHPO letters are included in Appendix D of the CRAS report.

Archaeological background research, including a review of the Florida Master Site File (FMSF), the NRHP and previous surveys indicated that four (8MA315, 8MA715, 8MA1343, 8MA1344) archaeological sites were recorded within and immediately adjacent to the respective APE. One of these sites, the Fort Hamer Site (8MA315), is a potentially NRHP-eligible resource recorded

partially within the Fort Hamer Bridge APE. Three of the FMSF forms have been prepared/updated within the last five years and no additional updates were necessary. In addition, the FMSF forms were previously submitted when the FHWA was the lead agency but copies of the three forms are included in Appendix B of the CRAS.

- 8MA315, The Fort Hamer Site - This site was originally recorded based on informant information and several surveys have been conducted in the general site area. Most recent testing in 2010 yielded negative results. This site is a potentially NRHP-eligible resource. An updated FMSF form is included in Appendix A of the CRAS.
- 8MA715, the Rye Bridge Mound - This mound site was recorded based on inspection of a private collection and catalogue. Subsequent field surveys found the site to be no longer extant and based on the negative evidence, the SHPO concurred. A copy of the 2006 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1343, The Mitchellville Cemetery - This cemetery, located west of Rye Road, was recorded based on the observance of one grave marker but testing yielded negative evidence. The SHPO determined this site not eligible for listing in the NRHP. However, this site may extend into the Rye Road APE. Thus, the SHPO recommended that if construction activities occur within 20 meters of the legal boundaries of 8MA1343, a professional archaeologist should monitor the construction activities. A copy of the 2007 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1344, The Waters Edge Historic Scatter - This historic scatter, located north of the Manatee River, was discovered on the surface; shovel tests excavated in the site vicinity failed to produce subsurface artifacts or features. The SHPO determined this site not eligible for listing in the NRHP. A copy of the 2006 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.

Historical background research revealed no NRHP-listed or eligible resources. However, fifteen historic resources are recorded within the Rye Road APE and none within the Ft. Hamer Road APE. The SHPO determined that 10 of these are not eligible for listing in the NRHP; and five other structures have not been reviewed by the SHPO, but based on the professional opinion of the recorders, none is considered eligible for the NRHP. Since the FMSF forms have been prepared/updated within the last five years, no additional updates were necessary. In addition, the FMSF forms were previously submitted when the FHWA was the lead agency but copies of the 15 forms are included in Appendix B of the CRAS.

- 8MA1216, Residence at 5432 Fort Hamer Road - was determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP by the SHPO. A copy of the 2008 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1217, Residence at 5909 Fort Hamer Road - was determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP by the SHPO. A copy of the 2008 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.

- 8MA1218, Residence at 5925 Fort Hamer Road - has been demolished. A letter indicating this structure is no longer extant is included in appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1220, Residence at 12116 60th Street East - was determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP by the SHPO. A copy of the 2008 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1222, Residence at 6104 Fort Hamer Road - was determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP by the SHPO. A copy of the 2008 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1223, Residence at 6108 Fort Hamer Road - was determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP by the SHPO. A copy of the 2008 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1224, Residence at 6112 Fort Hamer Road - was determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP by the SHPO. A copy of the 2008 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1225, Residence at 6204 Fort Hamer Road - was determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP by the SHPO. A copy of the 2008 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1226, Residence at 12129 US 301 - was determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP by the SHPO. A copy of the 2008 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1472, The Palmetto Pines Golf Course Resource Group - does not appear eligible for listing in the NRHP. A copy of the 2006 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1474, Residence ca. 1956 at 14355 Golf Course Road – does not appear eligible for listing in the NRHP. A copy of the 2006 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1475, Residence at 15450 Golf Course Road - does not appear eligible for listing in the NRHP. A copy of the 2006 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1476, Residence at 3250 Rye Road - does not appear eligible for listing in the NRHP. A copy of the 2006 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.
- 8MA1477, Bridge number 134022 - was recorded in 2006 and did not appear eligible for listing in the NRH; it was replaced in 2008 and its new number is 134114. The FMSF form for the historic bridge recorded in 2006 is included in Appendix B.

- 8MA1524, Residence at 12125 US 301 North - was determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP by the SHPO. A copy of the 2008 FMSF form is included in Appendix B of the CRAS.

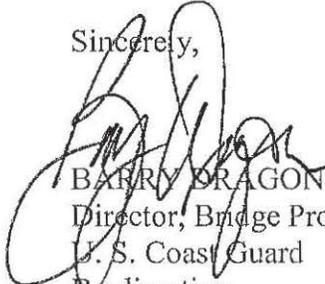
Pursuant to 36 CFR 800, we request your opinion and concurrence with the above stated findings of significance.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, further coordination with your office will take place, and an analysis of the effects the alternatives may have on the significant resources will be prepared and submitted to the SHPO.

The Coast Guard has extended an invitation to the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and Seminole Tribe of Florida to participate in this dialogue as consulting agents to accurately record the cultural significance of the Second Seminole War and sites like Fort Hamer. The previous Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), Willard Steele, opened a dialogue with FHWA and requested additional archival research to document the deportation process and, to the extent possible, identify individual Seminoles who were deported from Fort Hamer (established November 28, 1849, abandoned November 24, 1850). There was a tentative agreement with the previous THPO to use this information to develop a historic marker and/or exhibit to educate Florida citizens and school children about Seminole heritage and culture. The Coast Guard will continue coordination with the Seminole Tribe regarding this agreement.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Miss Evelyn Smart at (305) 415-6989.

Sincerely,



BARRY DRAGON
Director, Bridge Program
U. S. Coast Guard
By direction

- Encl: (1) Final Cultural Resource Assessment Survey
(2) Florida Master Site File
(3) Survey Log
(4) CD FMSF form and Survey Log
(5) Seminole Tribe of Florida correspondence to the Coast Guard

Copy: Marion Almy, ACI, Seffner, Florida
Martin Peate, P.E., URS Corporation South

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Serial # 2238:
2 January 2013

Mr. Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
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Wewoka, OK 74884

Dear Mr. Harjo:

The United States Coast Guard (USCG), in conjunction with Manatee County, is transmitting this letter to inform the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma of the status of the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Manatee County, in conjunction with the USCG, is developing an environmental study to document potential impacts resulting from proposed improvements to north/south traffic movements in eastern Manatee County, Florida. The widening and linking of Upper Manatee River Road with Fort Hamer Road, via construction of a new bridge across the Manatee River, will result in improved traffic flow, improved emergency response time and coverage, improved hurricane evacuation flow, and provide an alternative to I-75 for north/south travelers. Bicycle lanes and sidewalks will be provided along the corridor and across the river on the bridge to accommodate those forms of transportation. The proposed action is expected to provide some relief to the existing congestion on I-75, particularly between SR 64 and US 301, until such time that separate planned improvements to I-75 can be made. The new bridge will provide county residents an additional emergency evacuation route to the north. At the request of the Coast Guard and Manatee County, Archaeological Consultants, Incorporated in cooperation with URS Corporation South, conducted a Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) for the proposed project.

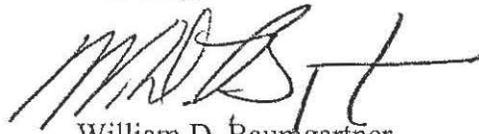
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We look forward to hearing from you and working with you on this project. If you have any questions related to this project or would like to have more information, please feel free to call Miss Evelyn Smart at (305) 415-6989.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.D. Baumgartner', written in a cursive style.

William D. Baumgartner
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard

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Dr. Paul Backhouse, THPO
On behalf of Mr. James E. Billie
Seminole Tribe of Florida
30290 Josie Billie Hwy, PMB 1004
Clewiston, FL 33440

Dear Dr. Backhouse:

The United States Coast Guard (USCG), in conjunction with Manatee County, is transmitting this letter to inform the Seminole Tribe of Florida of the status of the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Manatee County, in conjunction with the USCG, is developing an environmental study to document potential impacts resulting from proposed improvements to north/south traffic movements in eastern Manatee County, Florida. The widening and linking of Upper Manatee River Road with Fort Hamer Road, via construction of a new bridge across the Manatee River, will result in improved traffic flow, improved emergency response time and coverage, improved hurricane evacuation flow, and provide an alternative to I-75 for north/south travelers. Bicycle lanes and sidewalks will be provided along the corridor and across the river on the bridge to accommodate those forms of transportation. The proposed action is expected to provide some relief to the existing congestion on I-75, particularly between SR 64 and US 301, until such time that separate planned improvements to I-75 can be made. The new bridge will provide county residents an additional emergency evacuation route to the north. At the request of the Coast Guard and Manatee County, Archaeological Consultants, Incorporated in cooperation with URS Corporation South, conducted a Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) for the proposed project.

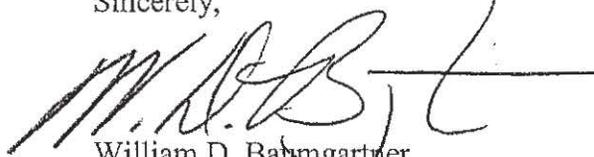
This assessment was designed and implemented to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, as implemented by 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 800 (Protection of Historic Properties) and Chapter 267 of the Florida Statutes.

This project is comprised of two distinct areas of potential effects (APE): the Fort Hamer Bridge APE and the Rye Road APE. The limits of the Fort Hamer Bridge APE extend from approximately 600 feet (ft) north of Waterlefe Boulevard on Upper Manatee River Road to 2,500 ft south of Mulholland Road on Fort Hamer Road. The limits of the Rye Road APE extend from SR 64 along Rye Road to Golf Course Road, Golf Course Road from Rye Road to Upper Manatee River Road, and Upper Manatee River Road from Golf Course Road to US 301. It should be noted that the Florida SHPO has reviewed six previous CRAS reports, which included portions of this undertaking's APE, and concurred with the results of each. The Florida SHPO letters are included in Appendix D of the CRAS report.

The Coast Guard would like to extend the Seminole Tribe of Florida an invitation to participate in this dialogue as consulting agents to accurately record the cultural significance of the Second Seminole War and sites like Fort Hamer. The previous Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), Willard Steele, opened a dialogue with Federal Highway Administration when they were acting as lead federal agency for the proposed project and requested additional archival research to document the deportation process and, to the extent possible, identify individual Seminoles who were deported from Fort Hamer (established November 28, 1849, abandoned November 24, 1850). There were discussions with the previous THPO to use this information to develop a historic marker and/or exhibit to educate Florida citizens and school children about Seminole heritage and culture. The Coast Guard, as lead federal agency, will continue coordination with the Seminole Tribe regarding these efforts.

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you on this project. If you have any questions related to this project or would like to have more information, please feel free to call Miss Evelyn Smart at (305) 415-6989.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.D. Baumgartner', written over a horizontal line.

William D. Baumgartner

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard

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Marion Almy, ACI, Seffner, Florida

Martin Peate, P.E., URS Corporation South



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February 6, 2013

Re: DHR Project File No.: 2013-00188 / Received by DHR: January 10, 2013
Draft: *Cultural Resource Assessment Survey, Fort Hamer Bridge EIS, Manatee County, Florida*

Dear Mr. Dragon:

Our office received and reviewed the above referenced survey report in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966* (Public Law 89-665), as amended in 1992, and *36 C.F.R., Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties*, and Chapter 267, *Florida Statutes*, for assessment of possible adverse impact to cultural resources (any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object) listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

In 2010 and 2011, Archaeological Consultants, Inc. (ACI) conducted an archaeological and historical survey of the proposed Fort Hamer Bridge project areas on behalf of URS Corporation Southern, Manatee County, and Bradenton. ACI identified three previously recorded archaeological sites (8MA315, 8MA715, and 8MA1344) within or in close proximity to the project area during the investigation. No evidence of the sites, or of the previously recorded Mitchellville Cemetery (8MA1343). ACI determined that the twelve historic buildings adjacent to the project corridor (8MA1216, 8MA1217, 8MA1220, 8MA1222 – 8MA1226, 8MA1474 – 8MA1476, and 8MA1524) do not appear to be eligible for listing in the NRHP. The historic golf course (8MA1472) is also ineligible for listing in the NRHP. The historic bridge (8MA1477) and one historic building (8MA1218) are no longer extant.

Based on the information provided, our office finds the report complete and sufficient in accordance with Chapter 1A-46, *Florida Administrative Code*.

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Mr. Dragon
February 6, 2013
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However, we note that the historic portion of the golf course (8MA1472) is misplotted on the Florida Master Site File form based on historic aerial photographs. Also, we note that monitoring may be appropriate in the vicinity of the historic cemetery. Finally, our office would appreciate that copies of any additional archival research on Fort Hamer or the Seminole deportation process also be provided to our agency.

We note that the US Coast Guard will continue to coordinate with our agency regarding project impacts; we look forward to receipt of the final report and continued consultation.

For any questions concerning our comments, please contact Rudy Westerman, Historic Preservationist, by electronic mail at Rudy.Westerman@DOS.MyFlorida.com, or by phone at 850.245.6333. We appreciate your continued interest in protecting Florida's historic properties.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Parsons, DSHPO for

Robert F. Bendus, Director
Division of Historical Resources
and State Historic Preservation Officer

Archaeological Consultants, Inc.

From: Marion Almy [aci.malmy@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 10:55 AM
To: 'Bradley Mueller'
Cc: 'Evelyn.Smart@uscg.mil'; 'Peate, Martin'
Attachments: SHPO RESPONSE TO CRAS FEB 2013.pdf

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	'Bradley Mueller'	Read: 3/5/2013 11:07 AM
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	'Peate, Martin'	

Dear Bradley:

Good afternoon.

I am contacting you, in your capacity as the Supervisor of the Compliance Section of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Seminole Tribe of Florida on behalf of the United States Coast Guard, and at the request of Ms. Evelyn Smart, Environmental Protection Specialists, U.S. Coast Guard 7th District.

We are inquiring about the status of the following two items:

1. Have you been able to locate any files or correspondence concerning former THPO Willard Steele and a proposed plaque/marker focusing on the events that occurred at and in association with Fort Hamer on the Manatee River? As you may know, the FHWA, URS Corporation, ACI, and Mr. Steele explored this avenue as an appropriate means of educating the public and identifying the Seminole presence at the fort as part of the Fort Hamer FHWA commitments in the Section 106 Process. At that time, discussions also focused on possibly placing the plaque/marker on the north side of the Manatee River at Manatee County's Fort Hamer Park so as to attract and educate motorists and boaters using the park. The US Coast Guard would like to document this FHWA/THPO coordination as part of their current efforts as the lead Federal agency for the proposed bridge, which is now a Manatee County project; FHWA is no longer involved. Perhaps the plaque/marker remains a viable opportunity.
2. Has your office completed its review of the Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) report by ACI prepared for the Department of Homeland Security U.S. Coast Guard as Appendix C of the Draft Environmental Impact statement? Ms. Smart forwarded a copy of this document in December 2012. We received SHPO concurrence on February 6, 2013 (see attachment) and await your review so we can move forward.

Thank you for taking time to help us, and please let me know if you have questions and/or need additional information.

Best regards,

Marion

Marion M. Almy, RPA
President

Smart, Evelyn CIV

From: bradleymueller@semtribe.com on behalf of Bradley Mueller [bradleymueller@semtribe.com]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:47 AM
To: Smart, Evelyn CIV
Subject: Fort Hamer Project



Good Morning Evelyn,

I have reviewed our Fort Hamer file and discussed the matter with Dr. Paul Backhouse (THPO), Anne Mullins (Deputy THPO), and others here. The previous THPO, Mr. Bill Steele, was concerned that the role that Fort Hamer played in Seminole history might be forgotten so he proposed that a memorial plaque be installed in the general area of the Fort. It is still the desire of the Seminole Tribe of Florida (STOF) to have such a plaque. The STOF would be happy to discuss this matter with the U.S Coast Guard and to provide you text for the sign. Feel free to email or call me to discuss this further. Meanwhile, I am reviewing the Draft EIS and will provide you comments later today. Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Bradley M. Mueller, M.A., Supervisor

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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:56 AM
To: martin.peate@urs.com; tom.pride@urs.com; aci.malmy@comcast.net
Cc: Sugarman, Shelly H CIV; Dragon, Barry CIV; Mullen, Kevin P CTR
Subject: FW: Fort Hamer Project

Here is the latest from the STOF/THPO: It is still the desire of the Seminole Tribe of Florida (STOF) to have a memorial plaque installed in the general area of the Fort.

EVELYN SMART
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Tel: (305) 415-6989

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RE: DHR Project File No.: 2013-00188; *Cultural Resource Assessment Survey, Fort Hamer Bridge EIS, Manatee County, Florida*

Dear Mr. Bendus:

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) received your concurrence letter, dated February 6, 2013, for the Fort Hamer Bridge EIS and your request for additional information. Page 2 of your letter notes the following:

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We are attaching a copy of your concurrence letter for your convenience. If any additional information is needed or you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Evelyn Smart at (305) 415-6989.

Sincerely,

Barry Dragon
Director, Bridge Program
U.S. Coast Guard

Encl: (1) Page 3c and 4 for FMSF 8MA1472
(2) Documentation Concerning Second Seminole War
(3) CD Fort Hamer Archival Research
(4) SHPO Concurrence Letter February 6, 2013

Copy: Marion Almy, RPA, ACI, Sarasota, Florida
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25 March 2013

Mr. Robert Bendus
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Dear Mr. Bendus:

We have received your concurrence letter, dated February 6, 2013, on the Cultural Resource Assessment Survey findings for the proposed construction of a highway bridge across the Manatee River, at Parrish, Manatee County, Florida and your request for additional information. Page 2 of your letter notes the following:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn Smart".

(MISS) EVELYN SMART
Environmental Protection Specialist
U. S. Coast Guard
By direction

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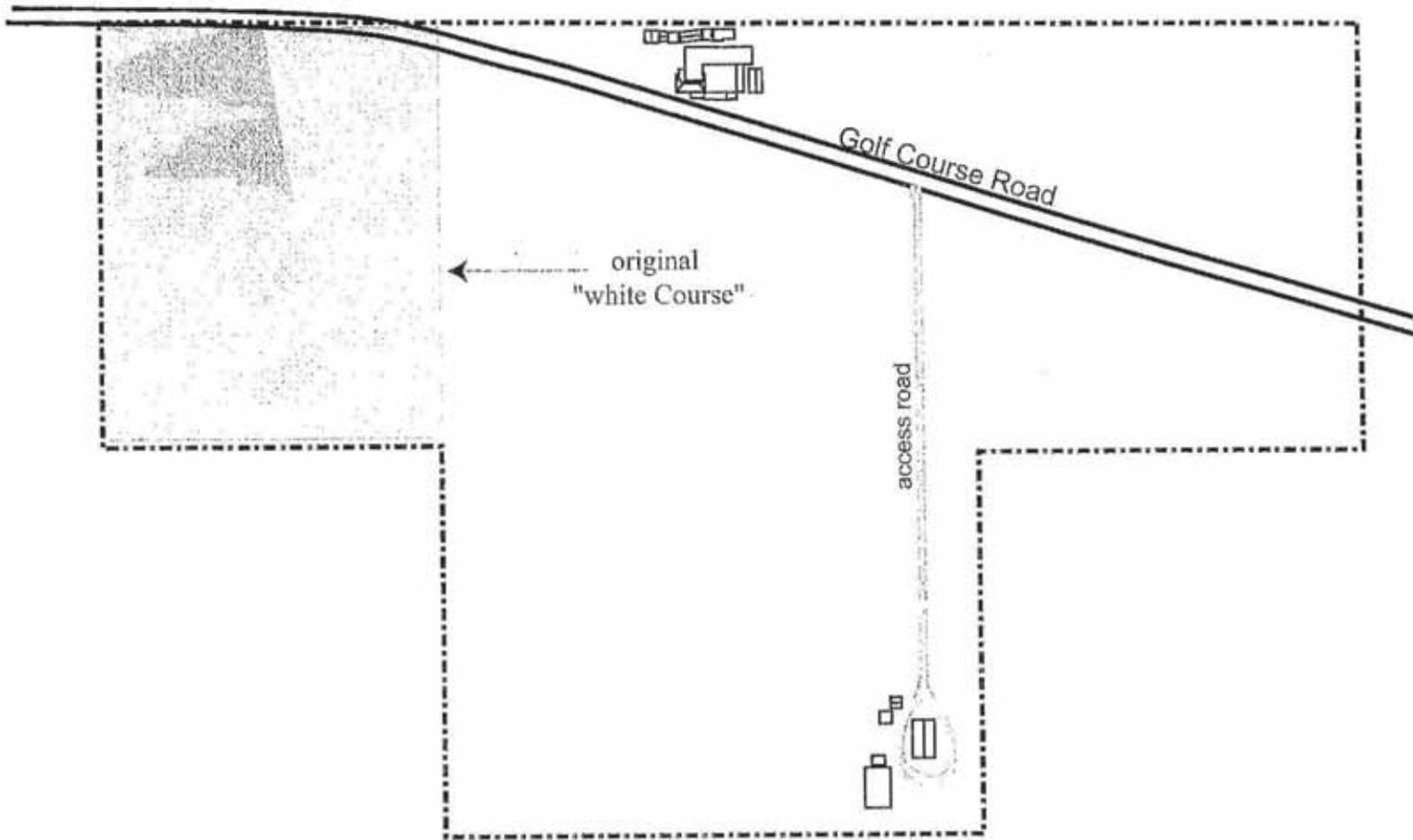
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Cultural Resource Assessment Survey, Fort Hamer Bridge EIS, Manatee County, Florida

The SHPO requested the two attached pages; they are page corrections for 8MA1472

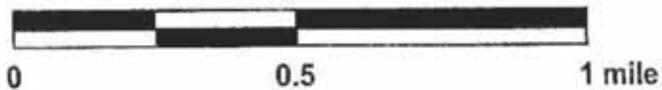
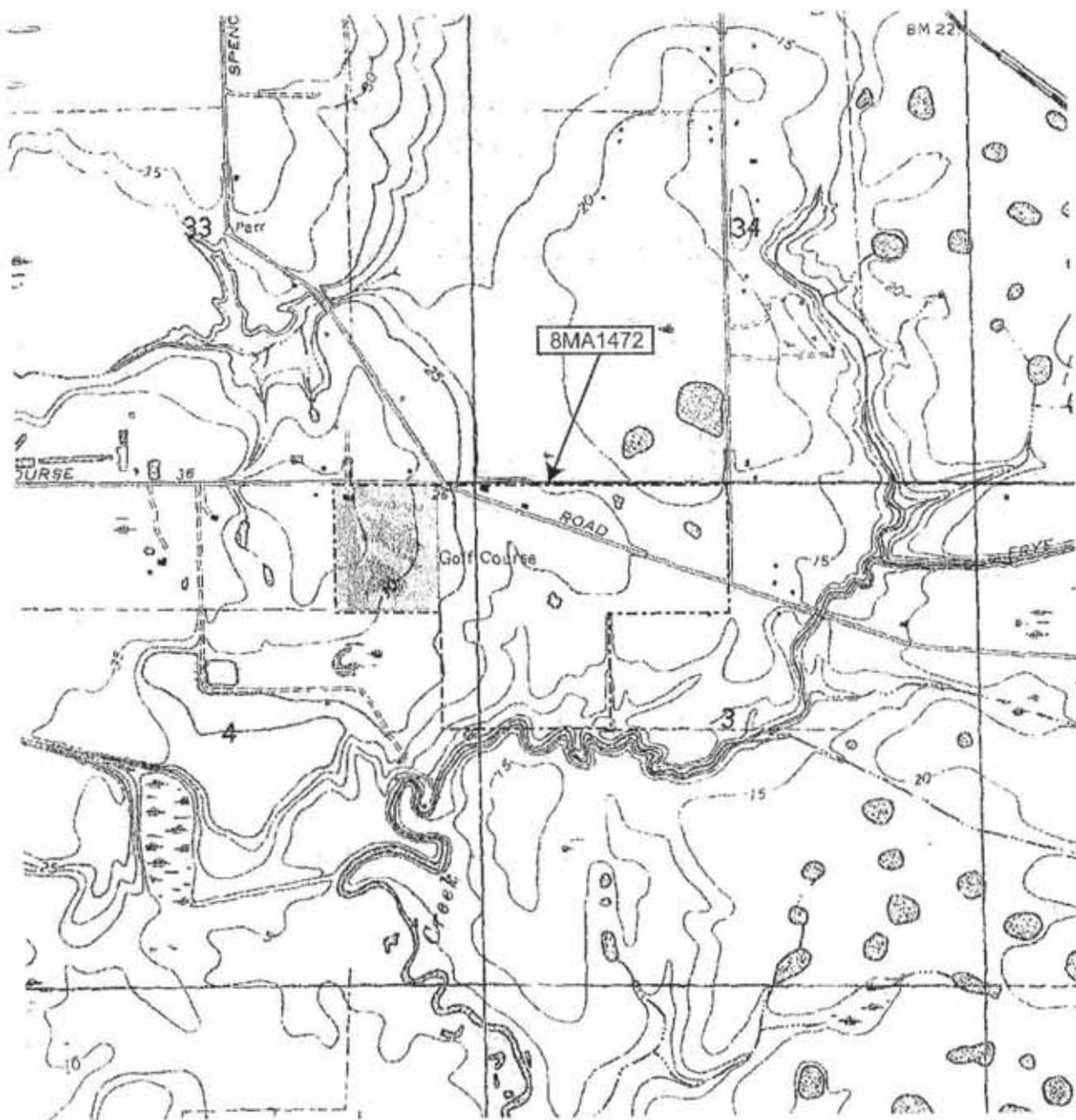
STREET OR PLAT MAP

14355 Golf Course Road
(Palmetto Pines Golf Course)



USGS MAP

Township 34 South, Range 19 East, Sections 3 and 4
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April 17, 2013

Re: DHR Project File No.: 2013-01370 / Received by DHR: April 1, 2013
*Documentation Concerning Second Seminole War Fort Hamer and the Seminole
Deportation, Manatee County, Florida (1849-1850)*

Dear Ms. Smart:

Our office received and reviewed the above referenced historical documentation in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966* (Public Law 89-665), as amended in 1992, and *36 C.F.R., Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties*, and Chapter 267, *Florida Statutes*, for assessment of possible adverse impact to cultural resources (any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object) listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Our office would like to thank you and Archaeological Consultants, Inc. (ACI) for forwarding us the Fort Hamer and Seminole Deportation historical documentation that was completed at the request of the Seminole Tribe of Florida during consultation regarding the proposed Fort Hamer Bridge. We have also received the corrected location map for the historic portion of the golf course (8MA1472) recorded during another survey for the bridge project.

For any questions concerning our comments, please contact Rudy Westerman, Historic Preservationist, by electronic mail at Rudy.Westerman@DOS.MyFlorida.com, or by phone at 850.245.6333. We appreciate your continued interest in protecting Florida's historic properties.

Sincerely,

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MR. SIA MOLLANAZAR, P.E.
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Mr. Mollanazar:

This letter is to document an Advance Approval determination which was made in 2005 for a bridge built across the Manatee River, mile 21.5, a tributary of the Gulf of Mexico, on Rye Road, Manatee County, Florida.

Based on a determination in 2005, the bridge project across Manatee River did not require a Coast Guard bridge permit and qualified for Advance Approval. In such cases, the clearances provided for high water stages are considered adequate to meet the reasonable needs of navigation (33 CFR 115.70). Although this project did not require a bridge permit other areas of Coast Guard jurisdiction did apply and were complied with; to wit:

- a. A waiver for navigational lighting was granted in accordance with 33 CFR 118.
- b. "As built" drawings (8 1/2 X 11") showing clearances through the bridge and sufficient data to allow this office to prepare a completion report were submitted to the Coast Guard. Also a photo of the completed bridge was provided for our bridge file and database.
- c. The lowest portion of the superstructure of the bridge across the waterway did clear the 100-year flood height elevation.

This exemption does not necessarily apply to future modifications of this bridge or the construction of other bridges along this waterway since waterway usage may change over time.

Increased activity along this waterway could remove the bridge from the Advance Approval category. Please resubmit an updated "Bridge Project Questionnaire" if modification to this bridge is proposed.

Please contact me at 305-415-6736 if you have any questions about this determination.

Sincerely,



RANDALL D OVERTON
Federal Permitting Agent
Bridge Management Specialist
U. S. Coast Guard