

ENDANGERED SPECIES:

The project area has suitable habitat for the eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*) and the wood stork (*Mycteria americana*). The applicant states that there are no gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) burrows or xeric habitat (scrub, sandhill or scrubby flatwoods) within the project area. The Corps considers it likely that there are holes, cavities or other refugia onsite. The applicant has committed to accepting and implementing the Standard Protection Measures for the Eastern Indigo Snake. Based on information obtained from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) North Florida Ecological Services Office website (<https://www.fws.gov/northflorida/WoodStorks/wood-storks.htm>), the site is not within the core foraging areas of any wood stork colonies. The proposed project impacts 0.12 acre of wood stork suitable foraging habitat.

Using the January 25, 2010 effect determination key for the eastern indigo snake, as updated August 13, 2013 (A-B-C-D-E), the Corps has programmatic concurrence that the proposal may affect but is not likely to adversely affect the eastern indigo snake; no further consultation is necessary.

Using the September 2008 effect determination key for the wood stork in central and north peninsular Florida (A-B-C), the Corps has determined the proposed project may affect but is not likely to adversely affect the wood stork; no further coordination is necessary.

As stated above, the applicant states that there are no gopher tortoise burrows within the project area. The project is not within the consultation area for the red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*). The Corps has determined that the project will have no effect on the gopher tortoise or the red-cockaded woodpecker; no further consultation is necessary.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT (EFH): This notice initiates consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service on EFH as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act 1996. The proposal would impact inland freshwater wetlands. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or Federally managed fisheries. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified or evaluated to ensure compliance with laws and regulation governing the regulatory program. Corps personnel have not verified the jurisdictional line.