Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service

<u>Land Management Plan Amendment</u> <u>to the</u> Goethe State Forest Ten-Year Land Management Plan

December 2019

The Florida Forest Service (FFS) is requesting ARC approval of a Land Management Plan Amendment to the Goethe State Forest (GSF) Ten-Year Land Management Plan to install an Operation Outdoor Freedom (OOF) hunt camp on the Sportsmen's Tract of GSF. The FFS-managed GSF is an approximately 54,000-acre, multiple-use state forest, located in Alachua and Levy Counties. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (BOT) holds title to the state forest.

The proposed OOF hunt camp will be located on the Sportsmen's Tract of GSF and established on a previously disturbed site where a managed slash pine plantation exists on mesic flatwoods. The development plan has two (2) defined areas: 1) low impact development area; 2) camp footprint. The low impact development area is approximately 6 acres and contains only the road infrastructure used to access the camp. This road will be approximately 1,400 feet by 13 feet and will utilize an existing logging road. The camp footprint area is approximately 2 acres. The proposed developments within the camp footprint include: one (1) 1,800 square foot bunk house, an enclosed 1,300 square foot pole barn with bathrooms and a kitchen facility, and a 30 foot by 32 foot concrete handicap parking area. Accessory improvements included in this proposal will be a septic tank, a well for potable water, electricity, and an approximately 200-foot-long sidewalk between the structures and parking area. Access will be achieved via connection with existing roads on the forest.

FFS staff and a certified archaeological resource monitor (ARM) surveyed the proposed site for threatened or endangered species and possible historical and/or archaeological evidence. No known archeological sites occur in the project area, and no evidence of threatened or endangered species were observed at the project site vicinity.

FFS additionally consulted with the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI), the Division of Historic Resources (DHR) and the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) regarding the proposed activities. Consulting agency (FNAI, DHR, SRWMD) response letters are included with this request, as are photos, applicable maps, and building designs of the proposed sites.



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To: Todd Knapp

From: Dan, Hipes, Director, FNAI

Date: August 29, 2019

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RE: Proposed Operation Outdoor Freedom Camp at Goethe State Forest

We have reviewed the materials for the proposed Operation Outdoor Freedom Camp at Goethe State Forest. We do not have any species recorded in the FNAI database within the specific footprint of the project or the vicinity. The plan appears to take all the appropriate steps to minimize effects on the resources at the site by making use of previously altered areas and maintaining a small footprint. We see no conflicts with any resources of concern.

Thank you for the review request. Best of luck with this important project.



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Mr. Mark Larson Goethe State Forest 9110 SE CR 337 Dunnellon, Florida 34431 September 17, 2019

RE: DHR Project File No.: 2019-5049 Project: Operation Outdoor Freedom Program (OOF) Hunt Camp Construction for Goethe State Forest's Sportsman Tract Levy County

Dear Mr. Larson:

Our office reviewed the referenced project in accordance with Chapter 267, *Florida Statutes*, and implementing state regulations, for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value.

It is the opinion of this agency that ground disturbing activities be monitored by someone who has completed our Archaeological Resource Management (ARM) training program. Once a project is complete, the monitor should submit the appropriate monitoring forms to this agency. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, *Florida Statutes*.

For questions please contact Robin Jackson, Historic Preservationist, Compliance and Review by electronic mail at <u>robin.jackson@dos.myflorida.com</u>, or at 850.245.6496, or 800.847.7278.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Parsons, Ph.D. Director, Division of Historical Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer







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November 8, 2019

Mark Larson Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 9110 SE County Road 337 Dunnellon, FL,34431

Subject: Environmental Resource No Permit Required, ERP-075-235616-1, Goethe State Forest Operation Outdoor Freedom

Dear Mr. Larson,

The above referenced proposed project does not require a permit from the Suwannee River Water Management District (District). This decision was based on the application package submitted by Mark Larson, of The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, on or before October 17, 2019. The development consists of the construction of two buildings with associated sidewalks and a total impervious area of approximately 4,000 square feet. The development also includes the construction of a concrete handicapped parking space with associated sidewalks and a total impervious area subject to vehicular traffic of approximately 960 square feet. The application package provides reasonable assurance that the project does not exceed the thresholds in subsection 62-330.020(2) of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) and Section 3.1.4 of Environmental Resource Permit Applicant's Handbook Volume I. The proposed project shall be constructed in compliance with the application package and subsection 62-330.020(2) F.A.C.

Please ensure that turbidity, sedimentation, and erosion are controlled during and after construction of the exempt activity to prevent violations of state water quality standards, including any antidegradation provisions of paragraphs 62-4.242(1)(a) and (b), subsections 62-4.242(2) and (3) and Rule 62-302.300, F.A.C., and any special standards for Outstanding Florida Waters and Outstanding National Resource Waters. Erosion and sediment control best management practices shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the guidelines and specifications described in the *State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual* (Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Transportation, June 2007) (https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02530), and the *Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual* (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2008) (https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02531).

In addition, construction, alteration, and operation shall not:

- Occur within 25 feet of a wetland or other surface water.
- Exceed any of the thresholds as found in 62-330.020(2), F.A.C.
- Cause adverse secondary or cumulative impacts to the water resources by itself, or in combination with activities that existed before October 1, 2013.

- Adversely impound or obstruct existing water flow, cause adverse impacts to existing surface water storage and conveyance capabilities, or otherwise cause adverse water quantity or flooding impacts to receiving water and adjacent lands;
- Cause adverse flooding to on-site or off-site property.
- Cause an adverse impact to the minimum flows and levels established pursuant to Section 373.042, F.S.
- Cause adverse impacts to a Work of the District established pursuant to Section 373.086, F.S.;
- Adversely impede navigation or create a navigational hazard; or
- Cause or contribute to a violation of state water quality standards.

This authorization does not exempt you from obtaining permits from any other regulatory agency. Any modifications to the authorized plans shall require reconsideration by the District prior to commencement of construction.

If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Resource Management at 386.362.1001.

Sincerely,

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Mary Diaz, E.I. Resource Management

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Photos below are from photo point located at building site.



Appendix - Photos



Photo – Power and existing forest road access located 300' southeast from development











