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The service has reviewed the plans for this proposed project. Based on the information you provided, no further action is required under Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act. However, if new information or changes in the project involve federally listed species, further consultation with the Service will be required.

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Don Imm, Field Supervisor

Subject:

Sabal Trial Project

Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC

S3TRC1000 Workspace Reconfiguration

**USFWS Clearance Request** 

Dear Ms. Dziergowski:

During preconstruction civil surveys, Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC ("Sabal Trail") noticed that a perennial unnamed tributary of Hog Creek at approximate MP 205.6 near Plyme Rd in Colquitt County, Georgia was not showing in the Sabal Trail Project's environmental geodatabase that was used to generate figures, tables, and calculations. Given that other environmental features in the area, wetland W7TRC005 and waterbody WB7TRC004, were shown in the geodatabase, it is believed this was either due to an operator data entry error or equipment malfunction. Sabal Trail scientist's revisited the area in July 2016 and picked up the top of bank of both sides of the stream and it was given the ID of S3TRC1000.

Sabal Trail has modified the workspaces at the stream to meet the requirements of the Georgia Stream buffer exemption criteria. All modifications occur within the footprint of the area of disturbance that was previously proposed as part of the Issued for Construction ("IFC") workspaces and approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") on April 13, 2016. A figure is enclosed showing the approved IFC workspaces and the current workspaces. Additional figures are also enclosed showing the current workspaces as they relate to S3TRC1000. The current workspaces reduce the overall area of disturbance by 0.26 acres. These revisions have been discussed with Mr. Shannon Winsness (Georgia Environmental Protection Division) and Sabal Trail believes a stream buffer variance is not required.

Given that the reconfigured workspaces are within the area previously reviewed by the USFWS and no new disturbance area is proposed, Sabal Trail is not requesting a new review. Sabal Trail is requesting confirmation of receipt of the revised workspaces for this location.

Please contact me at 770.270.1192 x 119 or <u>jlancaster@trcsolutions.com</u> should you have any questions concerning this request.