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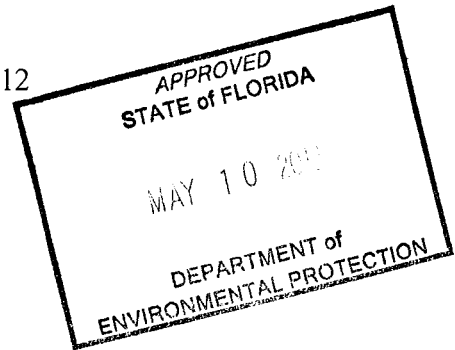
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Ms. Nwankaku Onwunli
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Southwest District
13105 N. Telecom Parkway
Temple Terrace, Florida 33637

Re: DHR No.: 2012-0901/ Received by DHR: February 28, 2012
Application No.: 60-0309661-001
Applicant: Charlie Dean
Project: Withlacoochee River Spring Restoration
County: Sumter



Dear Ms. Onwunli,

Our office received and reviewed the referenced project in accordance with Chapters 267 and 373, *Florida Statutes*, Florida's Coastal Management Program, and implementing state regulations, for possible impact to historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value. The State Historic Preservation Officer is to advise and assist state and federal agencies when identifying historic properties, assessing effects upon them, and considering alternatives to avoid or minimize adverse effects.

Our review of the Florida Master Site File indicates that the potentially eligible Springs II prehistoric habitation (8SM540) is located within close proximity to the project area. See enclosed map. Furthermore, the staging area for the proposed project area is located within the boundaries of the site. Because this site could be adversely impacted by project associated activities, it is the opinion of this agency that, in addition to the standard permitting conditions, this permit, if issued, should include the following special conditions regarding unexpected discoveries during ground disturbing activities on the property:

- The Springs II archaeological site (8SM540) must be avoided by any construction or other ground disturbing activities, including ground clearing and material and equipment staging. In the event that the site cannot be avoided, the Division of Historical Resources must be contacted for further consultation and recommendations.

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