

QUALIFICATION INTERVIEW

1. Does the proposed action require a permit (nationwide, general, or individual permits) from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers?
Yes
2. [Semantic] Is the action within 2,500 feet of an active wood stork nesting colony?
Automatically answered
No
3. Are you an employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers?
No
4. Has the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Georgia Field Office (FWS-GA) provided documentation stating project impacts to listed wood storks were likely to be minimal (FWS-GA signed letter or sticker, T&E survey where FWS-GA provided concurrence with negative findings, or similar documentation)?
No
5. Is there suitable wood stork foraging habitat (SFH) within the project area?

Note: SFH contains patches of relatively open (< 25%) aquatic vegetation, calm water, and a permanent or seasonal water depth between 2 and 15 inches. Examples of SFH include, but are not limited to, freshwater marshes, seasonally flooded roadside or agricultural ditches, narrow tidal creeks or shallow tidal pools, managed impoundments, and depressions in cypress heads and swamp sloughs.

Yes

6. Will the project affect suitable wood stork foraging habitat?
Yes
7. Will the project impact greater than 0.5 acres of suitable wood stork foraging habitat?
No

DETERMINATION KEY DESCRIPTION: WOOD STORK DECISION KEY

This key was last updated in IPaC on [Date, 2021]. Keys are subject to periodic revision. This key is for determining effects to the threatened wood stork resulting from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) permit applications. The purpose of this Key is to assist IPaC users in making appropriate effects determinations for threatened wood stork resulting from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) permit applications pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (87 Stat. 884; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) The Key is intended to streamline consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) when the proposed action can be walked through the Key and the appropriate conclusion is the proposed action will have no effect or may affect but not likely to adversely affect the wood stork. For projects where the Service believes that further evaluation of the proposed project is necessary, the Key recommends contacting the local field office and requesting consultation. The Service intends to develop decision keys in the future to provide technical assistance for section 7 consultation for other