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IN REPLY

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Doctor Roy E. Crabtree  
Regional Administrator  
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9721 Executive Center Drive, North  
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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Dear Dr. Crabtree:

Subject: Designation of a Non-Federal Representative to Conduct Informal  
Consultation Under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, requires Federal agencies to ensure that their actions are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a critical habitat of such species.

In implementing Section 7, 50 CFR 402.08 provides an opportunity for a Federal agency to designate a non-Federal representative to conduct informal consultation or prepare a biological assessment. Based on these provisions, we hereby designate the Florida Department of Transportation to conduct informal endangered species consultation on behalf of our office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. George Hadley at (850) 942-9650, extension 3011.

Sincerely,

/s/George B. Hadley  
For: James E. St. John  
Division Administrator

cc: Mr. Leroy Irwin, FDOT (MS-37)