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June 8, 2017

Khoa Nguyen  
Director, Office of Technical Services  
Federal Highway Administration  
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office  
Section: 007  
Proposed Specification: **SP0070104-1 Legal Requirements and Responsibility to the Public – Compliance with Federal Endangered Species Act and other Wildlife Regulations.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Special Provision.

The changes are proposed by Katasha Cornwell of the Office of Environmental Management to expand the existing requirements when it is known that bear involvement exists within the project limits. This will also eliminate the need for modified special provisions.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to [dan.hurtado@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:dan.hurtado@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on File

Dan Hurtado, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

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