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RE: DHR Project File No.: 2019-4593-L Received by DHR: April 26, 2021
Management Summary: Archaeological Site 8JE872, North Florida Resiliency Connection Transmission Line Project, Jefferson County, Florida

Management Summary: Archaeological Excavations at Site 8JE00881 North Florida Resiliency Connection Transmission Line Project, Jefferson County, Florida

Management Summary: Archaeological Excavations at Site 8JE00067 North Florida Resiliency Connection Transmission Line Project Jefferson County, Florida

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer reviewed the referenced management summaries of the results of additional archaeological testing for three archaeological sites (8JE00067, 8JE872, and 8JE00881) within the North Florida Resiliency Connection (NFRC) electrical line corridor. The sites were all subjected to additional testing in order to assess the potential for each site to contribute significant data to the understanding of Florida's history or prehistory. The review was conducted as part of our ongoing consultation with Gulf Power and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding the Gulf Power North Florida Resiliency Connection (NFRC) Transmission Line Project associated with USACE permit number SAJ-2019-02766. The project was reviewed for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the *National Register of Historic Places* (NRHP), and was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, as amended, and its implementing regulations in *36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties*.

SEARCH conducted Phase II testing at 8JE00881 and 8JE00067, while Janus tested site 8JE872. All three sites displayed disturbances, contained minimal diagnostic artifacts, and lacked features. While a deeply-buried scraper from 8JE00881 may suggest a Paleoindian component at that site, artifact yields from that depth were sparse and provided limited archaeological information. Sites 8JE00067, 8JE872, and 8JE00881, in the opinion of the SEARCH and Janus investigators, lack sufficient integrity and research potential for NRHP eligibility. No further work was recommended by SEARCH and Janus.

The Corps reviewed the report and finds it complete and the field work appropriate and sufficient in accordance with Federal regulation *36 CFR 800: Protection of Historic Properties*. The Corps concurred with the investigator's recommendations, and has determined that the proposed undertaking within these three site locations will have no adverse effect to historic properties.

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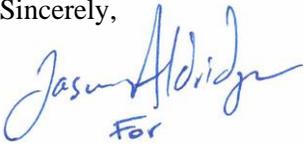


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Based on the information provided, our office concurs with the presented results and recommendations in the management summaries, and finds that the level of Phase II work is sufficient. We concur with the Corps determination that the proposed undertaking at these site locations will have no adverse effect to historic properties.

If I can be of any further help, or if you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact Clete Rooney at Cletus.Rooney@dos.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,



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