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Colonel Paul L. Grosskruger
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Service Federal Activity Code: 41420-2007-FA-1459
Service Consultation Code: 41420-2007-F-0836
Corps Application No.: SAJ-2005-10147 IP-JPF
Application Date: August 26, 2006
Formal Consultation Initiation Date: April 3, 2007
Applicant: Yeager Development Company
Project: Willowbrook Development
County: Polk

Dear Colonel Grosskruger:

This document transmits the Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) biological opinion for the proposed "Willowbrook Development" project site in Polk County, Florida, and its effects on the threatened bluetail mole skink (*Eumeces egregius lividus*) and the threatened sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*) in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (87 Stat. 884; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

This biological opinion is based on information provided by the applicant's consultant (Modica and Associates, Incorporated); electronic mail (e-mail) messages; telephone conversations; and other sources of information. A complete administrative record of this consultation is on file at the South Florida Ecological Services Office, Vero Beach, Florida.

Consultation History

On December 15, 2004, Modica and Associates, Incorporated submitted a request for site inspection for the Willowbrook project site to the Service. The letter documented the results of pedestrian surveys conducted by the consultant in May 2004.

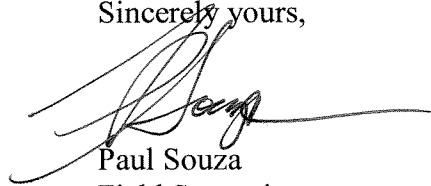
On January 6, 2005, Service biologists, accompanied by the consultant, conducted a site inspection of the Willowbrook project site.

On January 14, 2005, the consultant transmitted a map to the Service depicting the areas in which sand skink tracks had been observed during pedestrian surveys, and requested guidance from the Service regarding delineation of occupied sand skink habitat.



Thank you for your cooperation and effort in protecting fish and wildlife resources. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Al Begazo at 772-562-3909, extension 234.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Souza', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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