DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

FINAL NOTICE OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, the United States Department of the Navy (Navy) gives notice that the Navy has conducted an evaluation of a Proposed Action which involves construction in a floodplain to determine the potential effects that its activity in the floodplain would have on the human environment. The Navy identified that there are no practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and that the Proposed Action includes all practicable measures to minimize harm to the floodplain environment.

The proposed action is to perform maintenance and repairs of facilities at Bugg Spring (Okahumpka), FL. Because the action is to restore the existing system, not replace or move it to other areas of the installation, no other alternatives other than a "no action" alternative were considered. The project involves the repair of the hoist rail and supporting steel on the floating crane barge; replace four steel pontoons with poly pontoons on a floating walkway; Repair and de-water approximately 10 poly pontoons on the barge to correct the listing of the crane barge; Demolition of a loading dock structure, Building 41; Repair asphalt near loading ramp to eliminate a safety hazard; Repair a portion of the asphalt loading area. A more detailed description of the proposed action, including a map of the project's proposed location, is included in the attached Record of Categorical Exclusion.

Interested parties may submit written comments no later than 5:00 PM Eastern Time on FEB 21 2024 by email to erik.s.anderson22.civ@us.navy.mil or by mail postmarked no later than FEB 21 2024 to:

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Figure 1 – Bugg Spring

