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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

January 6, 2023

Mr. Andy Sanderson
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District
4155 Clay Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

Re: Wildlife Mississippi
Upper Pearl Mitigation Bank
Leake County
COE No. MVK202100867
WQC No. WQC2022067

The Department of Environmental Quality is a signatory agency for Wildlife Mississippi's Upper Pearl Mitigation Bank (UPMB). This mitigation bank will be comprised of approximately 696.40 acres located within the following 12-digit Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUC): Johnson Creek-Jones Creek 080602030205, Holcomb Creek-The Pearl River 080602030207, Thompson Creek-Brushy Creek 080602030203 and King Creek-The Pearl River 080602030204. Wildlife Mississippi will enhance 261.04 acres and preserve 104.79 acres of bottomland hardwood wetlands and will enhance 158.33 acres of riparian habitat in accordance with the provisions of the Mitigation Banking Instrument and the UPMB Restoration Plan. The Sponsor shall then maintain the mitigation bank in such condition in accordance with the Mitigation Bank Closure Plan after all credits are sold. The mitigation bank shall consist of a total of approximately 696.40 acres which includes 365.83 acres of wetland habitat, 158.33 acres of riparian buffer habitat, 32,761.67 linear feet (35.29 acres) of stream channels, and 113.44 acres of upland habitat. Non-mitigation areas include 10.06 acres of interior access roads, 7.36 acres of highway right-of-way, 6.09 acres of electrical right-of-way. This site is located in one contiguous tract of land that is positioned along both banks of the Pearl River and is located within the Pearl River floodplain within portions of Leake County, Mississippi.

Enclosed is the signature page for the above referenced mitigation bank. Through signature of this mitigation banking instrument, the Department authorizes use of this mitigation bank for purposes as outlined in the mitigation banking instrument.

Please be aware that this agreement does not alleviate the applicant's responsibility to obtain any other permits and/or approvals from the Department, including coverage under the State of Mississippi's Construction Stormwater General Permit for construction activities. Should you

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have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (601) 961- 5249.

Sincerely,



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Manager, 401/Stormwater Branch
MDEQ - Environmental Permits Division

cc: James Cummins, Wildlife Mississippi
Josh Brown, Headwaters, Inc.
David Felder, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Bill Ainslie, Environmental Protection Agency