



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Protection

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July 28, 2025

Southwest Florida Water Management District
Attn. Jennette Seachrist
2379 Broad Street
Brooksville, Florida 34604

RE: LOA No. 100063 (SWFWMD – Sumter County)
TIITF – PID No. S18-007 (FDACS – Lease No. 3316)
Applicant: Southwest Florida Water Management District

Dear Ms. Seachrist:

This letter will serve as authorization for Southwest Florida Water Management District, its officers, employees, agents, and contractors to enter the property described above for the temporary construction staging area for the maintenance and repair of the water holdback structure in the Big Grant Canal, see attached Exhibit "A". This authorization does not waive the authority and/or jurisdiction of any governmental entity, nor does it disclaim any title interest that the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (Board of Trustees) may have in this property. This authorization is effective as of the date of this letter and is valid for one year.

Southwest Florida Water Management District agrees to indemnify, protect, defend, save and hold harmless Board of Trustees and the State of Florida, its officers, agents and employees from any and all damages, claims, costs, expense, including attorney's fees, demands, lawsuits, causes of action or liability of any kind or nature arising out of all personal injury or damages attributable to the acts or omissions of Southwest Florida Water Management District and its agents, employees or independent contractors. Southwest Florida Water Management District shall contact GRANTOR regarding the legal action deemed appropriate to remedy such damage or claims. The Southwest Florida Water Management District shall maintain a program of insurance covering its liabilities as prescribed by Section 768.28, F.S. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity enjoyed by any party hereto, as provided in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, or any other law providing limitations on claims. In the event Southwest Florida Water Management District subcontracts any part or all of the work performed in the property described above, the Southwest Florida Water Management District shall require each and every subcontractor to identify the GRANTOR

as an additional insured on all insurance policies required by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Any contract awarded by the Southwest Florida Water Management District for work in the property described above shall include a provision whereby the Southwest Florida Water Management District's subcontractor agrees to indemnify, pay on behalf, and hold the GRANTOR harmless for all injuries and damages arising in connection with the Southwest Florida Water Management District's subcontract.

For this authorization to be valid, an authorized representative of Southwest Florida Water Management District must sign below and return this letter to the attention of Karen Lee Reecy at the letterhead address (directed to Mail Station 130) or by email Karen.L.Reecy@FloridaDEP.gov.


Sincerely,

Michele Stevens

Michele Stevens, CGB, CPM
Bureau of Public Land Administration,
Division of State Lands, State of Florida
Department of Environmental Protection,
as agent for and on behalf of the Board of
Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust
Fund of the State of Florida.

MS/klr
cc: Alan Davis, FDACS/FFS
Enclosure

_____, on behalf of Southwest Florida Water Management District,
acknowledges receipt of the above authorization letter and agrees to the terms and
conditions set forth herein.

By: 

Signature

Brian S. Starford, P.G.

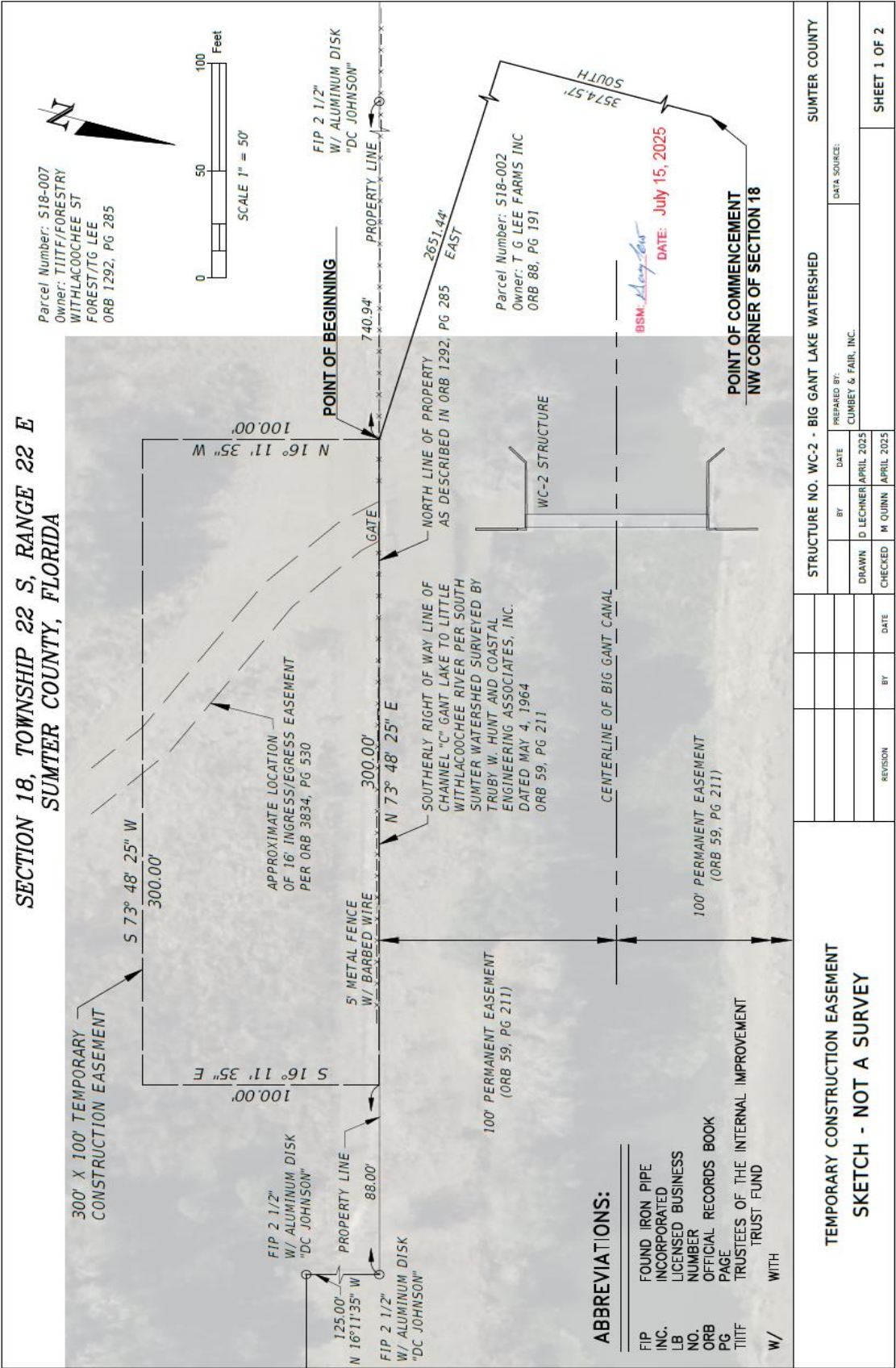
Type or Print Name

Division Director, Operations, Lands & Res. Monitoring
Title

9/16/2025

Date

EXHIBIT "A"



A PORTION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LYING WITHIN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 3574.57 FEET; THENCE EAST A DISTANCE OF 2651.44 FEET TO A POINT ALONG THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1292, PAGE 285 IN THE SUMTER COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 73°48'25" E ALONG SAID PROPERTY LINE; LINE ALSO BEING THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHANNEL C, CUMBEY & FAIR, INC. GANT LAKE TO LITTLE WITHLACOCHEE RIVER PER SOUTH SUMTER WATERSHED SURVEYED BY RUBEN W. HUNT AND COASTAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. DATED MAY 4, 1964 AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 39, PAGE 211 FOR A DISTANCE OF 300.00 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID LINE S 16°11'35" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE S 73°48'25" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 300.00 FEET; THENCE N 16°11'35" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 0.689 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

BSM *Along Gant*
DATE: July 15, 2025

PREPARED BY

David T
Lechner

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David T Lechner
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DAVID T. LECHNER, PSM
STATE OF FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL
SURVEYOR AND MAPPER NO. 7080

SURVEYOR'S NOTES

1. BASIS OF BEARING BEING THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1292, PAGE 285 IN THE SUMTER COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS BEING S 73°48'25" W.
2. PROPERTY LINES SHOWN HEREON WERE PREVIOUSLY SURVEYED BY CUMBEY & FAIR, INC. ON 02/08/2025.
3. PROPOSED TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT LIMITS PROVIDED BY CLIENT.
4. SKETCH WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE SEARCH.



ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS BY OTHER THAN THE PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR IN RESPONSIBLE CHARGE IS PROHIBITED.

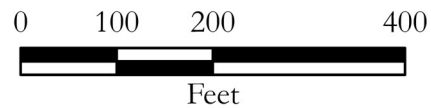
TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT SKETCH - NOT A SURVEY										STRUCTURE NO. WC-2 - BIG GANT LAKE WATERSHED				SUMTER COUNTY							
														PREPARED BY:		DATA SOURCE:					
														BY		DATE		CUMBNEY & FAIR, INC.			
														DRAWN		D LECHNER		APRIL 2025			
														CHECKED		M QUINN		APRIL 2025			
										REVISION		BY		DATE							



Subject Parcel



FL-SOLARIS/LITS State Owned Lands



Easement 33675

Sumter County, Florida