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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Mr. Chris Bentley
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Gulf State Park
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Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Dear Mr. Bentley:

This letter responds to the plans provided to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) on October 3, 2014, relating to the installation of a 50 foot long by 10 foot wide concrete access ramp at the Gulf State Park pavilion which lies within the area covered by Service Incidental Take Permit #TE072831-3 (ITP). We have reviewed the information enclosed and are providing the following comments in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Threatened and Endangered Species

The photo submitted for the proposed concrete access ramp indicates the ramp will be located between the parking lot and the rear of the pavilion (attached). The location will be within the area of "take" specified by the permit for the Alabama beach mouse (ABM) (*Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*). Based on the submitted plans, we have determined that the project is in accordance with the conditions of the permit, and no further endangered species consultation is required for this project.

Recommendations

We recommend the ramp be designed so that ABM can cross under or through, so it does not constitute a "barrier" to ABM movement. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bill Lynn of my staff at (251) 441-5868.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature: Dan Everson]

Dan Everson
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Mr. Chris Bentley

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cc: Holly Herod, DOI Deepwater Horizon Coordinator, Atlanta, GA

Attachment:

Proposed ramp location photo



