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MAY 10 2016

Charles E. Nagel III, President  
Burnett Oil Company, Inc.  
Burnett Plaza, Suite 1500  
801 Cherry Street-Unit Number 9  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-6681

Re: Conditional Approval of Burnett Oil Company, Inc. Nobles Grade 3-D Seismic Survey Plan of Operation, Big Cypress National Preserve, Florida

Dear Mr. Nagel:

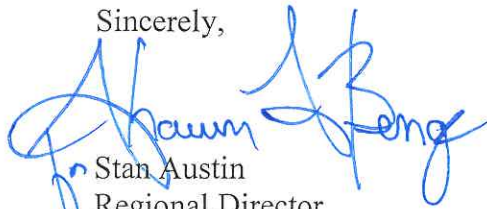
On May 6, 2016, I signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the Environmental Assessment prepared for the referenced plan, selecting Alternative 2, Seismic Survey Using Vibroseis Buggies, for implementation. As per 36 C.F. R. § 9.37(b)(2), I am approving the plan subject to Burnett Oil Company, Inc.'s (BOCI) acceptance of the follow conditions:

- All of the stipulations identified in the Minimization and Mitigation Measures described as part of the select alternative on pages 5-13 of the attached FONSI;
- The wetlands compensation mitigation requirements as outlined in the Wetland Statement of Findings attached to the FONSI. These mitigation requirements are to be performed prior to or at the time of implementing operations; and
- Monitors will be required to oversee geophysical field operations for the vibroseis seismic survey. BOCI will contract with independent project monitors as described in the minimization and mitigation measures to conduct monitoring during and after survey activities. BOCI will also reimburse the National Park Service (NPS) for any costs over and above normal costs (e.g., staff overtime) or unanticipated costs incurred by the NPS as part of monitoring and oversight for the project.

The conditionally-approved plan will serve as BOCI's permit to access the park and conduct the operations. This letter serves as BOCI's authorization to proceed to implement the conditionally-approved plan. Upon initiating operations, it will be denoted that BOCI thereby accepts the conditions listed above.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your representatives on this project. Coordination will be necessary to determine a start date for commencement of the survey. Please contact Tammy Whittington, Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve at 239-695-1101 or [tammy\\_whittington@nps.gov](mailto:tammy_whittington@nps.gov) to begin this coordination.

Sincerely,



Stan Austin  
Regional Director  
Southeast Region

Enclosure: Finding of No Significant Impact