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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF
Inland Environment Team
Planning and Environmental Division

Ms. Gail Carmody
Ecological Services
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1601 Balboa Avenue
Panama City, Florida 32405-3721

Dear Ms. Carmody:

We have received your letter dated February 28, 2007, which approved immediate implementation of the Concept 5 modifications to the Interim Operations Plan (IOP) at Jim Woodruff Dam in accordance with the provisions of Reasonable and Prudent Measure 3 (RPM3) of the Jim Woodruff Dam IOP Biological Opinion (BO) issued by your office on September 5, 2006.

We have implemented the modifications to the IOP in accordance with the terms and conditions of RPM3 and are hereby providing a copy of the revised IOP table for your ready reference.

If you have any additional questions, comments, or recommendations regarding our operations in support of endangered and threatened species in the Apalachicola River, please contact Ms. Joanne Brandt at (251) 690-3260, email joanne.u.brandt@sam.usace.army.mil; or Mr. Brian Zettle at (251) 690-2115, email brian.a.zettle@sam.usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Curtis M. Flakes
Chief, Planning and Environmental
Division

Enclosure

Minimum Releases

Months	Basin Inflow (BI) (cfs)	Releases from JWLD (cfs)
March - May	>= 35,800	not less than 25,000
	>= 18,000 and < 35,800	>= 70% BI; not less than 18,000
	< 18,000	>= BI; not less than 6,500 (Desired Flow)*
		>= BI; not less than 5,000 (Required Flow)
June - February	>= 23,000	not less than 16,000
	>=10,000 and < 23,000	>= 70% BI; not less than 10,000
	< 10,000	>= BI; not less than 6,500 (Desired Flow)*
		>= BI; not less than 5,000 (Required Flow)

*Drought Provision: When Composite Storage is within Zones 1 and 2, then the higher minimum Release of 6,500 cfs would be maintained. When Composite Storage falls below the top of Zone 3, then Release will be reduced to the 5,000 cfs minimum; when Composite Storage is restored to above the top of Zone 2 (i.e., within Zone 1), then the higher minimum Release of at least 6,500 cfs would again be maintained. Composite Storage is the combined storage of Lake Sidney Lanier, West Point Lake, and Walter F. George.

Down Ramping Rates

Release Range	Maximum Fall Rate (ft/day), measured at Chattahoochee gage
Flows greater than 30,000 cfs*	No ramping restriction**
Flows greater than 20,000 cfs but <= 30,000*	1.0 to 2.0 ft/day
Exceeds Powerhouse Capacity (~16,000 cfs) but <= 20,000 cfs*	0.5 to 1.0 ft/day
Within Powerhouse Capacity and > 8,000 cfs*	0.25 to 0.5 ft/day
Within Powerhouse Capacity and <=8,000 cfs*	0.25 ft/day or less

*Consistent with safety requirements, flood control purposes, equipment cababilities.
**For flows greater than 30,000 cfs, it is not reasonable or prudent to attempt to control down ramping rate, and no ramping rate is required.