



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Protection

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June 9, 2020

Gulf Power Company  
c/o Michael Harrington, Senior Consultant  
Golder Associates, Inc.  
9428 Baymeadows Road, Suite 400  
Jacksonville, Florida 32256

Dear Mr. Harrington:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's, Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP), is issuing a managing agency review letter based on completion of the review of Gulf Power Company's request to utilize a certain portion of Torreya State Park (Park), Lease No. 3645, to conduct geotechnical boring activities prior to receiving an easement from the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to install electric lines along the route.

After extensive review of the request, DRP finds that Gulf Power Company has provided sufficient plans that should help to minimize any adverse impacts this activity will have on the resources of the Park. DRP's approval is subject to Gulf Power Company agreeing to employ best management practices, including complying with the following special conditions:

1. Gulf Power Company shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources (DHR), at (850) 245-6333 to determine if a certified archaeological monitor is required to be on-site during any ground-disturbing activities. Further, Gulf Power Company shall provide written confirmation to the Park Manager that the aforementioned determination of DHR has been obtained. Should such a monitor be required to be on site, Gulf Power Company shall provide one at their sole cost and expense.
2. Gulf Power Company shall stay within their requested 15-foot wide corridor while conducting all work associated with their geotechnical boring activities.
3. Gulf Power Company shall pay maintenance, repair, and/or replacement costs for any adverse impacts the proposed activities may have on the park resources, facilities, infrastructure or other improvements should DRP determine such impacts are a result of Gulf Power Company's actions pertaining to their geotechnical boring activities.

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4. Gulf Power Company shall not impact any Listed or Federally Endangered Plant or Animal species, including the *Torreya taxifolia* trees, with specific emphasis on application of herbicides used to prevent re-growth along proposed route.
5. Gulf Power Company shall minimize any impacts caused by their drilling rig traversing proposed all-weather roads and will repair any damaged areas to a condition acceptable to the Park Manager.
6. Gulf Power Company shall coordinate all scheduled activities with the Park Manager, or his/her designees, and obtain his/her prior approval. At the discretion of the Park Manager, or his/her designees, such coordination may require an on-site meeting. In the event of any emergency event, Gulf Power Company shall inform the Park Manager, or his/her designees, of such emergency within an hour of addressing the emergency.
7. Gulf Power Company shall acknowledge that prescribed burning is a land management practice used by the Division of Recreation and Parks to effectively manage natural resources at the Park. Prescribed burning may result in fire or smoke within or surrounding the area.

If you have any additional questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at 850.245.3084.

Sincerely,



Steven A. Cutshaw, Chief  
Office of Park Planning

SAC/dm

cc: Diane Martin  
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Gulf Power Company hereby agrees to assume any and all liability for its employees and/or contractors during the geotechnical boring activities within Torreya State Park. Additionally, Gulf Power Company hereby acknowledges this letter and agrees to the conditions referenced herein by signing below and returning this letter to:

[OPP.Applications@floridadep.net](mailto:OPP.Applications@floridadep.net)

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Authorized Representative  
Gulf Power Company

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Date

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Title of Authorized Representative