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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District and Broward County, led by Port Everglades, are updating and revising the analysis conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Port Everglades Navigation Improvements Project, Broward County, Florida. The Corps is gathering information to define issues and concerns that will be analyzed in the new NEPA document.

As part of this scoping effort, we are inviting agencies, interest groups, and the public to provide input on topics for analysis that should be included in the revised NEPA document. Issues already identified include concern for nearshore hardbottom communities, water quality/sedimentation, threatened and endangered species and new construction techniques including dredging means and methods. Your comments will be incorporated during the preparation of the revised NEPA document, used as vital insight into the Port Everglades Navigation Improvements Project, and retained for assistance in shaping the scope of future studies in similar ecosystems.

The Corps will host two public scoping meetings on February 22, 2017 at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm at the Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33316. Formal presentations are scheduled for 2:30 pm and 6:30 pm to provide the project background, recognize those items already under consideration and identify future actions requiring evaluation. The presentations will be followed by a question and comment period.

The Corps welcomes your participation and believes the process will benefit significantly from your involvement. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Terri Jordan-Sellers at phone number (904) 232-1817, or email at Terri.Jordan-Sellers@usace.army.mil. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,



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