

10/16/2017 Email Communication between Jack Duich and Matt Worner, Environmental Scientist, at the Environmental Resource Permit Bureau

Regarding the impact of Saddlebag Creek Ranches' Bridle Trails on the Wetlands

From: Matt R. Worner
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Jack Duich
Subject: RE: Contact information for Saddlebag Creek Ranches

Correct, new trails can be created within the uplands by routing the existing trails around the wetlands, but all activity within the wetlands should cease and the areas be allowed to naturally revegetate.

From: Jack Duich
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Matt R. Worner
Subject: Re: Contact information for Saddlebag Creek Ranches

Thank you Matt - to be completely clear - Our association is NOT permitted to clear or utilize the equestrian trails that enter the wetlands area.

Please confirm my understanding.

thanks again - Jack Duich

From: Matt R. Worner
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 9:02 AM
To: Jack Duich
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Good Morning Jack,

Attached are two documents I pulled from the file of record and an aerial photo of the community with a wetlands overlay.

There were no authorized wetland impacts as shown in the Environmental Considerations table on page 3 of the permit. Also, Specific Condition No. 5 states "No owner of property within the subdivision may construct or maintain any building, residence, or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in the wetlands, wetland mitigation areas, buffer areas, upland

conservation areas and drainage easements described in the approved permit and recorded plat of the subdivision, unless prior approval is received from the Southwest Florida Water Management District Venice Regulation Department.”

The plans provide the extent of the on-site wetlands as surveyed at the time of permitting, while the aerial photograph also shows an overhead view of where the wetlands are located. Note the wetlands layer on the photo is less for precision and more for highlighting the general wetland areas.

Due to the rutting and soil disturbance caused by the horses and the necessity of vegetation clearing to keeping the trails accessible, all equestrian trails within the community should be solely in upland areas and avoid the on-site wetlands, especially Ogleby Creek.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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