SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Florida Department of Agriculture & Community Services, Division of Forestry and the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners (Staff recommends approval).

REQUESTED ACTION: **Board Approval**

☐ Work Session (Report Only) **DATE OF MEETING:** 4/27/2010
☒ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

CONTRACT: ☐ N/A Vendor/Entity: Florida Department of Agriculture & Community Services, Division of Forestry

Effective Date: 4/27/2010 Termination Date: Continuous
Managing Division / Dept: Public Works / Road and Bridge

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A
☐ Annual **FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A
☐ Capital **EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** N/A
☒ N/A

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:
As a part of the C-468 Roadway Improvement Project, between SR 44 and the Florida Turnpike, wetlands to be eliminated by the construction project are required, by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), to be mitigated. It was concluded that rather than condemn property adjacent to the project for mitigation purposes, lands elsewhere to be utilized. To this end, the T.G. Lee Tract, within the Withlacoochee State Forest, was identified, which is under the ownership of the State of Florida, and managed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry (DOF). Attached for consideration and execution, is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) between the DOF and the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners.

Please note that the MOA has Mr. Gary Kuhl as the "Project Manager"; it should be noted, that since "Director" also appears this document it does not need to be amended and any individual(s) who succeed him will be the designee as project manager.

If the MOA is approved by the Board, Springstead Engineering Incorporated, which is the engineer of record for the C-468 project, will submit final construction plans to SWFWMD for permitting and the mitigation plan within this MOA will be implemented subsequent Board approval. It is anticipated that this mitigation plan for the T.G. Lee property will provide sufficient wetland mitigation credits for the above project, as well as, future needs including the C-470 corridor improvement.