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To: Jeffrey Rogers, P.E. County Administrator
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Thru: Omar DePablo, Development Services Director

From: Kay Griffith, Planning Manager

Subject: Notice of Intent to Issue Mining Operation Plan Approval (MOPA) for Florida Rock Industries- Brooksville Quarry

Date: March 27, 2025

Pursuant to Hernando County Mining Ordinance 93-13, Development Services has reviewed an application for Mining Operation Plan Approval (MOPA) from Florida Rock Industries, Inc. The application was reviewed and determined to be generally consistent with the Approved Master Plan, Master Mining Plan Approval, Comprehensive Plan and all other state and federal requirements.

Florida Rock Industries Brooksville Quarry is located at 14556 Ponce De Leon Boulevard, North of County Road 476, Northeast of US 98 and contains 350+ acres. The mine operation is currently operating under a Master Mining Plan Approval (MAMPA) #1382032 approved December 17, 2019. The five-year plan approved will consist of both hard rock and predominantly soft rock materials. The three mining pits (The Jones Pit, The Orange Grove Pit and The Bell Pit) are located within previous active mine areas. Dust suppression will be utilized by use of a water truck to reduce the potential of fugitive dust. Overburden and vegetation were removed from these areas prior to 1993. The acreage to be mined has been assessed for endangered wildlife and flora. The mine has been active for 50+ years, therefore, wildlife is not suitable and is not anticipated to be on the project. Invasive plant species *Impatiens cylindrica* (Cogongrass) has been identified. Florida Rock Industries will conduct annual inspections for *Impatiens cylindrica* and if identified will be treated. Florida Rock Industries has determined blasting will and is a permitted activity on this project. Blasting occurs on average every one-to-six months. Both hard rock and soft rock will be removed for use in the construction and agricultural industries.

No action is required of the Board of County Commissioners at this time; however, as provided for in Section 19-32 of the Mining Ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners is hereby notified that a legal notice will be posted in the Hernando County Courthouse of the Development Services' Department intent to issue approval of the MOPA application (#1494566).

The Board of County Commissioners, any affected person or agency has thirty (30) days to notify the Development Services Department in writing of any recommendations, comments, or objections for its review. The Department shall review such recommendations, comments, or objections and either approve or deny the pending application for the MOPA.

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