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Washington, D.C. 20240



IN REPLY REFER TO:
FWS/FOIA

May 19, 2020

Via email: wwalswatershed@gmail.com

John S. Quarterman
Suwannee RIVERKEEPER®

REF: FWS-2020-00266

Dear Mr. Quarterman:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) FOIA office November 18, 2019, seeking a *"copy of a letter from Senator David Perdue to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) regarding the previous comments by FWS to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about a strip mine proposed near the Okefenokee Swamp, Application SAS-2018-00554 by Twin Pines Minerals LLC of Birmingham, Alabama."* Your request was assigned it tracking number FWS-2020-00266. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

RESPONSE

Enclosed you will find eighteen (18) pages responsive to your request, which is being released to you in its entirety.

Because the cost to process your request was less than \$50.00, there is no billable fee. +See [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#).

Mediation

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>

Telephone: 202-741-5770
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Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

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Contact information for the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, whom you may also seek dispute resolution services from, is available at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters>.

Conclusion

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

This is our only and final response and closes your request FWS-2020-00266. If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact Cathy Willis or Barbara Beckett, by email at fwhq_foia@fws.gov, or by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; ATTN: Barbara Beckett; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS: IRTM; Falls Church, VA 22041.

Sincerely,

Cathy Willis
FWS FOIA Officer

Enclosure