

ABSTRACT

Between March 11 and April 5, 2019, TerraXplorations, Inc. (TerraX), of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, performed a Phase I cultural resources survey for proposed mining at the Twin Pines Minerals Adirondack Property in Charlton County, Georgia. The Phase I survey was performed by Field Directors Matt Lyons and Wes White and Field Technicians Richard Lahan, Brian Loomis, Stephen Holt, Alexis Russell, Mary Kate Roberts, and John Michael Wolter under the direction of Paul D. Jackson, Principle Investigator. The purpose of this study was to determine if any prehistoric or historic properties exist within the limits of the project area, and if so, to document and assess each based on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) criteria. The lead federal agency for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District.

The study area, consists of a 548.79-acre tract (222.05 hectares) located along Georgia State Road 94 approximately 3.5 miles (5.63 kilometers) west of St. George, Georgia. The Phase I investigation of this property led to the identification of one archaeological site (9CR207) and two isolated finds (TPA-2 and TPA-3). The single archaeological site and both isolated finds date to the early-to-middle twentieth century. Neither the single archaeological site nor the isolated finds are recommended as eligible for NRHP inclusion under Criterion D. An architectural survey identified six resources within view of the proposed project area. Of these six, only one (HS3), is recommended as potentially eligible for NRHP inclusion under Criterion C. HS3 is a mid-century ranch home constructed in 1950. Though currently abandoned, the integrity of the structure is intact and its architecture is significant as a representative example of a mid-twentieth century ranch house. TerraX recommends avoidance of this property, and notes that it may suffer adverse visual and audible effects as a result of the proposed mining operations.