



ABSTRACT

Between April 8 and May 15, 2019, TerraXplorations, Inc. (TerraX), of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, performed a Phase I cultural resources survey for proposed mining at the Twin Pines Minerals TIAA 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 1422.91-acre tract (575.83 hectares) located along Georgia State Road 94 approximately 5.45 miles (8.77 kilometers) west of St. George, Georgia. The Phase I investigation of this property led to the identification of three archaeological site (9CR208, 9CR209, and 9CR210) and one isolated find (TIAA-4). Two archaeological sites (9CR208 and 9CR209) and the single isolated find are precontact lithic scatters of indeterminable cultural association, as no diagnostic cultural materials were found. Though most of the assemblages of Sites 9CR208 and 9CR209 were found upon the surface, cultural materials were also recovered from subsurface contexts. The single isolated find was located along the surface of a road. Site 9CR210 consists of a surface scatter of early twentieth century materials. A review of historic topographic quadrangles indicated a cluster of structures named Olivers Mill in the area of Site 9CR210; however, no remnants of standing architecture or subsurface contexts were encountered at Site 9CR210. TerraX recommends that Sites 9CR208, 9CR209, and 9CR210 be considered ineligible for NRHP inclusion under Criterion D and isolated finds, by their nature, are not eligible for NRHP inclusion.