

# Okefenokee Swamp Park

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**Commander, US. Army Corps of Engineers,**

**Savannah District**

**Attn: Ms. Holly Ross, Project Manager**

**Twin Pines LLC Proposed Mining Project: SAS-2018-005544**

**Dear Commander:**

**I am a solo ophthalmologist, practicing in Waycross (near the proposed mining site), serve as Chair of the Okefenokee Swamp Park (OSP) Board of Trustees and offer the following comments on behalf of our Board. Feeling certain that you have already read in other comments about the uniqueness of the Okefenokee (and hoping you have visited recently), these comments will be more focused.**

**The OSP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit nature center situated at the northern entrance of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. Along with my board, I serve as a volunteer and have no personal financial conflict of interest in the Twin Pines Mineral proposed project.**

**Located south of Waycross, the OSP opened in 1946, as the most convenient point of access to the Okefenokee and has provided eco-educational information about the unique aspects of the swamp to millions of visitors from the US and the world since that time.**

**The northern-most entrance to the Okefenokee has the highest elevation. All of our waters drain south—into the Suwanee River to the Gulf and into**



*Headwaters of Suwannee River  
Land of the Trembling Earth*