



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAVANNAH DISTRICT
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401-3604

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Regulatory Division
SAS-2018-00554

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
Savannah District/State of Georgia

The Savannah District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C § 1344), as follows:

Application Number: SAS-2018-00554

Applicant: Steven R. Ingle, Twin Pines Minerals, LLC, 2100 Southbridge Parkway, Birmingham, Alabama 35209

Agent: Cindy House-Pearson, TTL, Incorporated, 2743-B Gunter Park Drive West, Montgomery, Alabama 36109

Location of Proposed Work: The 1,042 acre site is located North of Georgia Highway 94, West of Georgia Highway 23, and East of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Saint George, Charlton County, Georgia (Latitude 30.524446, Longitude -82.11909).

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:
The applicant proposes to construct a demonstration mining project on 1,042 acres that will mine heavy mineral sands on 898 acres over 6 years. The proposed demonstration project will be used to validate a previously completed groundwater model. Impacts to aquatic resources will occur in yearly phases as shown on the enclosed table. Compensatory mitigation was calculated according to the Savannah District 2018 Mitigation SOP, and the applicant is proposing to purchase credits for the permanent impacts to streams and wetland as shown in the enclosed table. The enclosures attached to this Public Notice include a selection of 13 pages of figures, tables, and information from the full application. The full application and appendices are available for public download as separate documents. Please refer to the Savannah District Public Notice page for links to download the full application and appendices.
<https://www.sas.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Public-Notices/Year/2020/>

BACKGROUND

The proposal to mine along Trail Ridge was originally presented at the Savannah District Interagency Review Team (IRT) meeting on August 7, 2018 as a pre-application