# APPENDIXA

# USACE JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATIONS



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SAVANNAH DISTRICT 100 W. OGLETHORPE AVENUE SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401-3604

15 OCT 2020

Regulatory Division SAS-2018-00554

Steven R. Ingle (<u>single@twinpinesminerals.com</u>) Twin Pines Minerals, LLC 2100 Southbridge Parkway, Birmingham, Alabama 35209

Dear Mr. Ingle:

I refer to a letter submitted on your behalf by TTL, requesting an Approved Jurisdictional Determination (JD) for your sites located West of the town of Saint George, and North of State Route 94, in Charlton County, Georgia (Latitude 30.525932, Longitude -82.124468). This project has been assigned number SAS-2018-00554 and it is important that you refer to this number in all communication concerning this matter.

We have completed an approved JD for the site. The wetlands were delineated in accordance with criteria contained in the 1987 "Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual," as amended by the most recent regional supplements to the manual. I have enclosed an "Approved JD Form," which details whether the aquatic resources within the review area are subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and how the Corps determined jurisdiction.

There are aquatic resources within the review area that are not waters of the United States and are therefore not subject to the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act. Specifically, wetlands WC, WD, WE, WF, WG, WH, WJ, WK, WA-2, WA-3, WA-4, WA-6, WA-7, WA-8, WA-9, and ditches D1, D2, D3, and D5 as identified on the enclosed exhibits entitled "Review Area 1", "Review Area 2", "Review Area 3", "Review Area 4", and "Review Area 5", approved by this office on October 14, 2020 are non-jurisdictional. The placement of dredged or fill material into these wetlands/other waters would not require prior Department of the Army authorization, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 United States Code § 1344). This approved JD will remain valid for a period of 5-years unless new information warrants revision prior to that date.

You may request an administrative appeal for any approved JD under the Corps regulations at 33 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 331. Enclosed you will find a Notification of Administrative Appeal Options and Process and Request for Appeal form.

If you intend to sell property that is part of a project that requires Department of the Army Authorization, it may be subject to the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act. The Property Report required by Housing and Urban Development Regulation must state whether, or not a permit for the development has been applied for, issued or denied by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Part 320.3(h) of Title 33 of the C.F.R.).

The delineation included herein has been conducted to identify the location and extent of the aquatic resource boundaries and/or the jurisdictional status of aquatic resources for purposes of the Clean Water Act for the particular sites identified in this request. This delineation and/or jurisdictional determination may not be valid for the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. If you or your tenant are USDA program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should discuss the applicability of a certified wetland determination with the local USDA service center, prior to starting work.

This communication does not convey any property rights, either in real estate or material, or any exclusive privileges. It does not authorize any injury to property, invasion of rights, or any infringement of federal, state or local laws, or regulations. It does not obviate your requirement to obtain state or local assent required by law for the development of this property. If the information you have submitted, and on which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has based its determination is later found to be in error, this decision may be revoked.

A copy of this letter is being provided to the following party: Cindy House-Pearson <u>chpearson@ttlusa.com</u>.

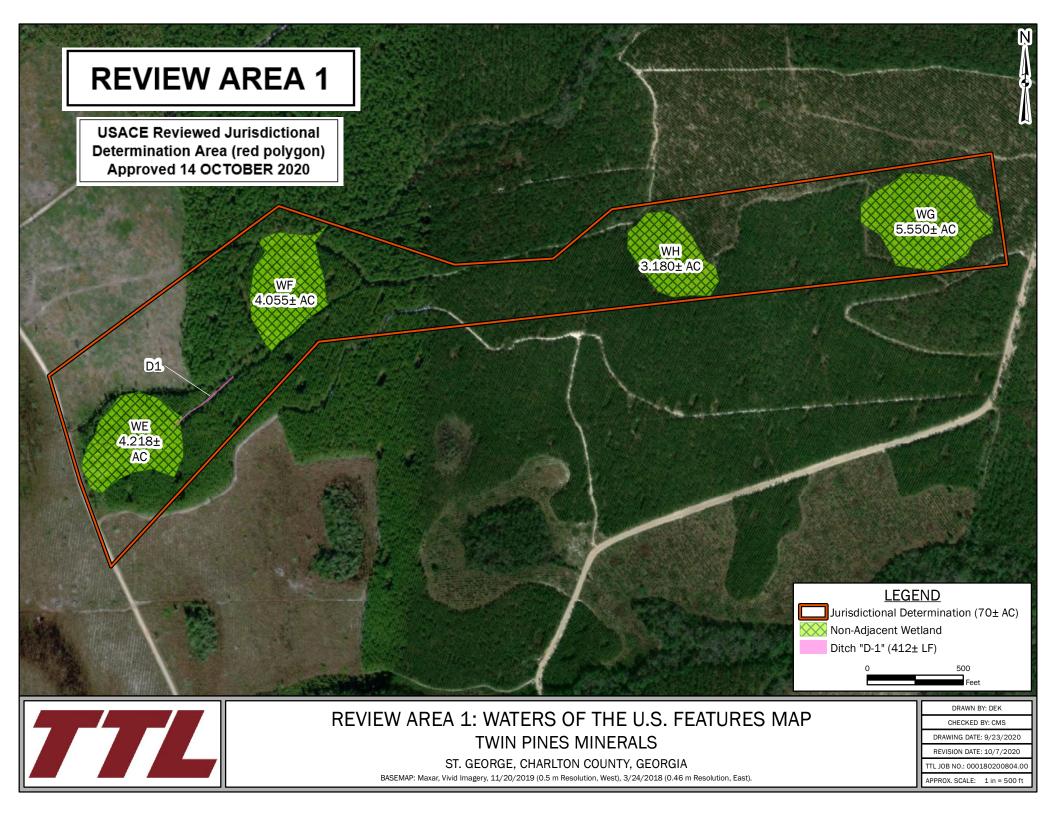
Thank you in advance for completing our on-line Customer Survey Form located at <u>http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm\_apex/f?p=regulatory\_survey</u>. We value your comments and appreciate your taking the time to complete a survey each time you have interaction with our office.

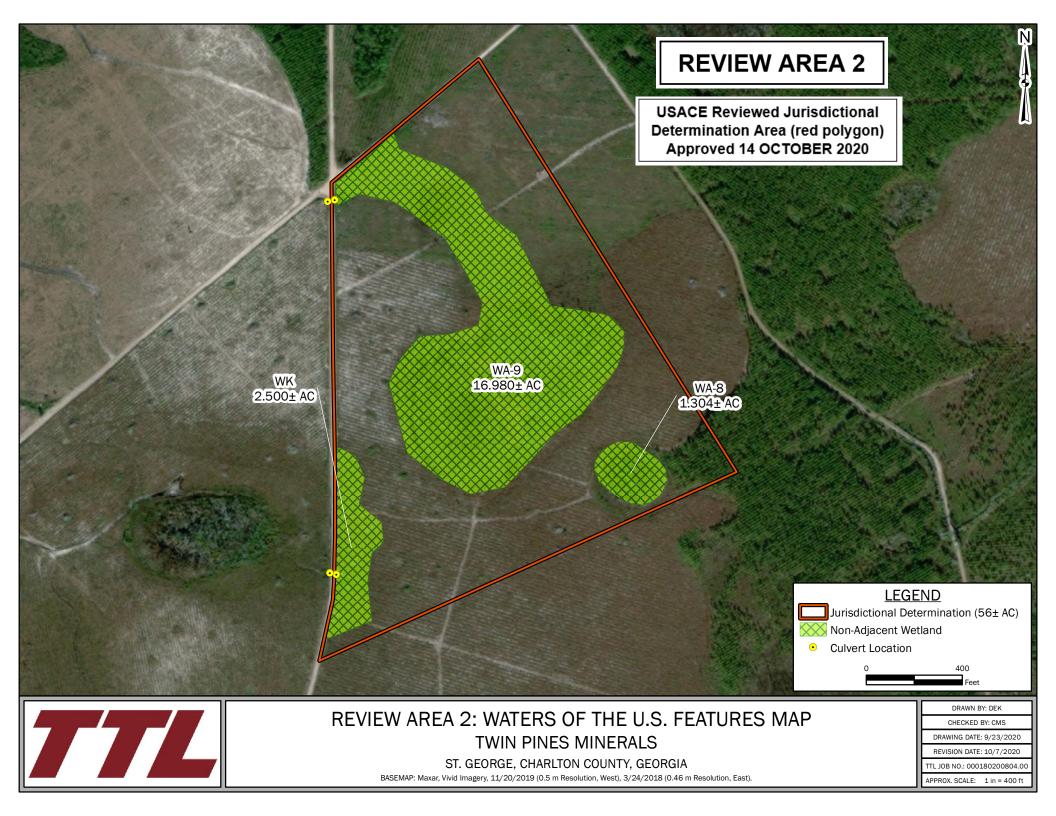
If you have any questions, please call Holly Ross, at (678) 422-2727.

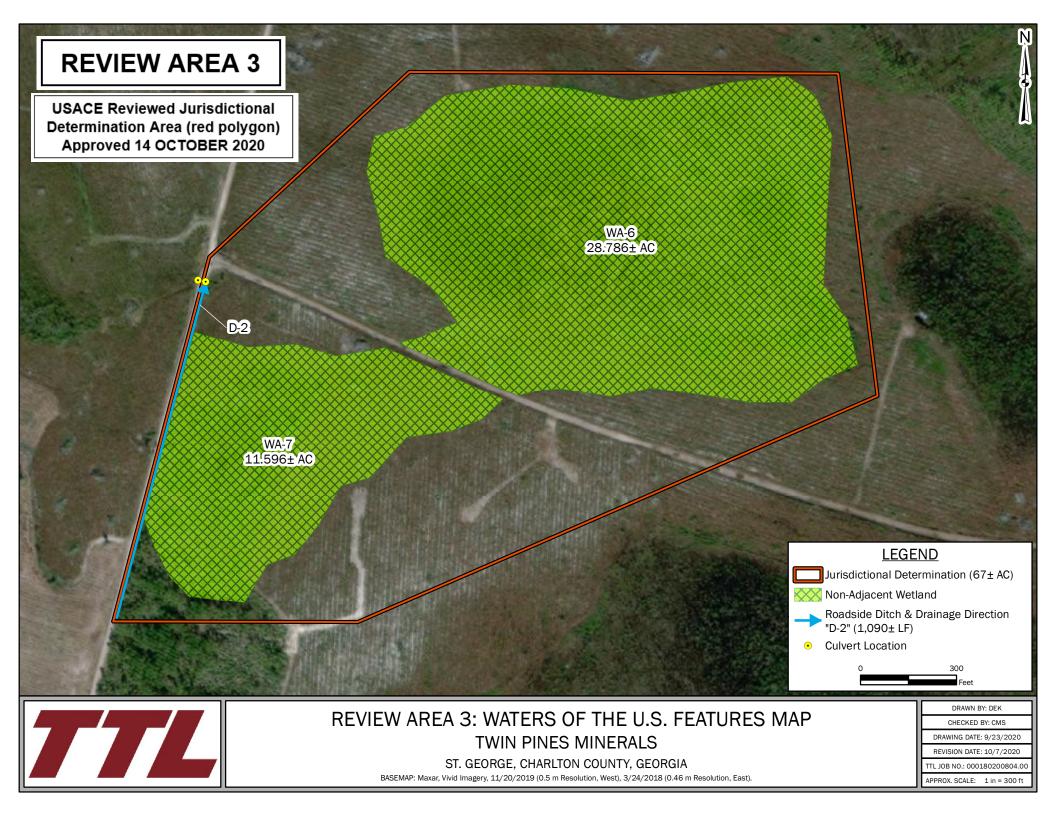
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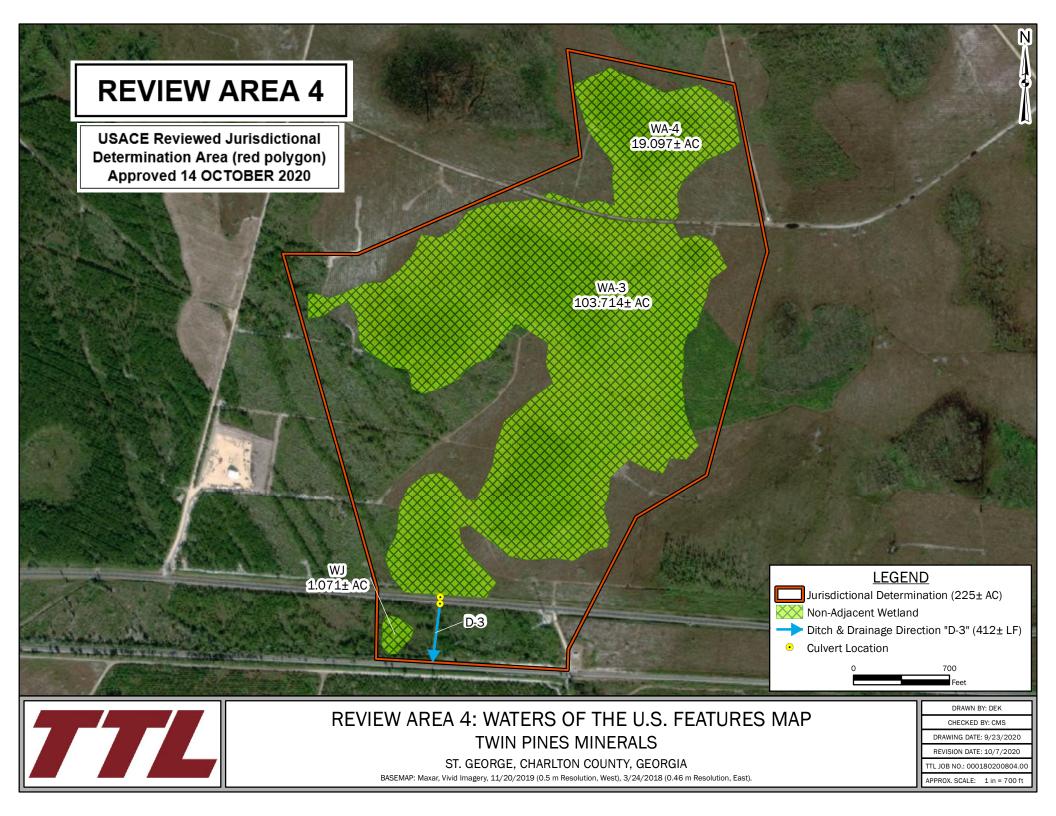
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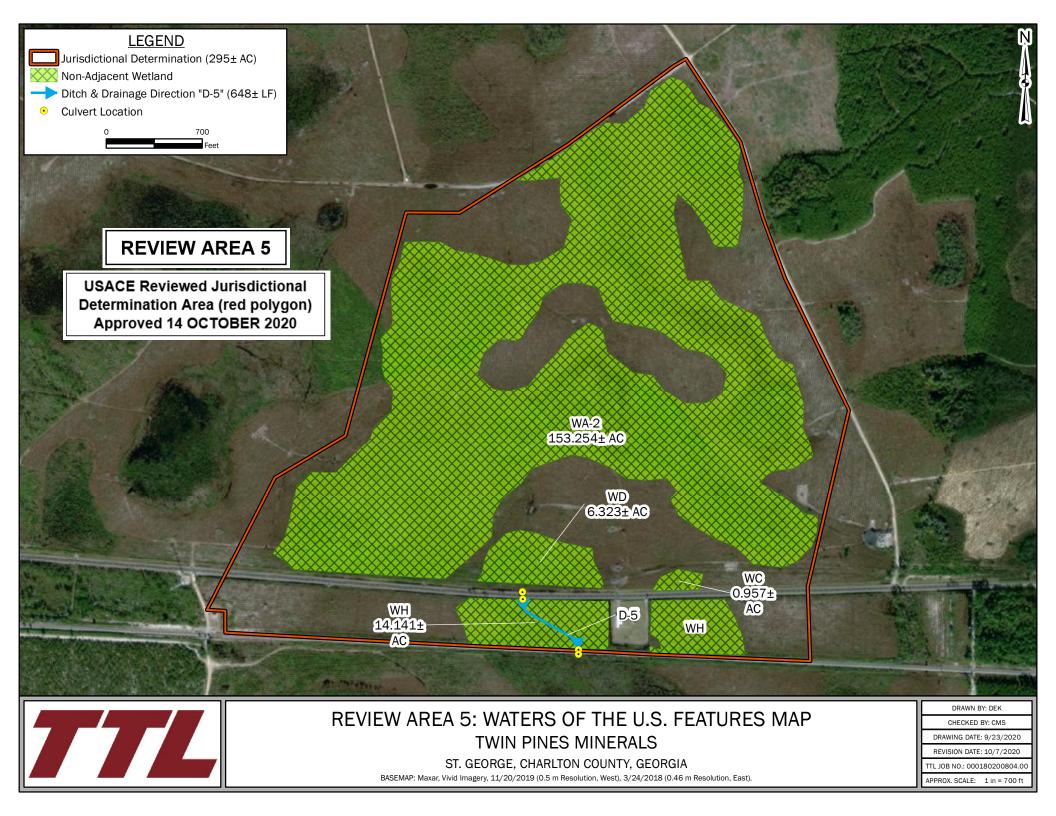
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#### NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

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Applicant: Stev	ant: Steven R. Ingle File Number: SAS-2018-00554		Date: October 15, 2020	
Attached is: See Section below				
INITIAL PRC	FFERED PERMIT (Standard Perr	mit or Letter of permission)	A	
PROFFERE	D PERMIT (Standard Permit or Le	tter of permission)	В	
PERMIT DENIAL			С	
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SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <u>http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/reg\_materials.aspx</u> or Corps regulations at 33 C.F.R. § Part 331.

A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to the permit.

ACCEPT: If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.

OBJECT: If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit.

ACCEPT: If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.

APPEAL: If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

C: PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.

ACCEPT: You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.

APPEAL: If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. The division engineer must receive this form within 60 days of the date of this notice.

E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

#### SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION: If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you appeal process you may contact: may also contact: Mr. Philip Shannin Hollv A. Ross US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District Administrative Appeal Review Officer 1104 North Westover Blvd, Suite 9 CESAS-PDS-O Albany, Georgia 31707 60 Forsyth Street Southwest, Floor M9 678-422-2727 Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8803 Phone: (404) 562-5136; Fax: (404) 562-5138 Email: Philip.a.shannin@usace.army.mil RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations. Telephone number: Date: Signature of appellant or agent.



## I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 14-OCT-2020 ORM Number: SAS-2018-00554 Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: GA City: County/Parish/Borough: Charlton County Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 30.525932 Longitude -82.124468

### II. FINDINGS

- **A. Summary:** Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.
  - The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A or describe rationale.
  - There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in section II.B).
  - There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in section II.C).
  - There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in section II.D).

#### B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)<sup>2</sup>

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size	§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters)<sup>3</sup>

(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):

(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size	(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):

Γ	(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size	(a)(3	) Criteria	Ratio	onale for (a)(3) Determination
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#### Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):

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	(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Map(s)/Figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

<sup>2</sup> If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

<sup>3</sup> A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where independent upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD form. <sup>4</sup> Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps Districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.



# D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters  $((b)(1) - (b)(12))^4$ :

Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Review Area 1 D1	412 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	This feature appears to be a man-dug ditch that was constructed to drain depressional wetland areas. This feature was dug through wetland WE, a non-adjacent wetland, and continues east through upland areas. This ditch does not appear to modify or relocate a natural channel, nor was it constructed through an adjacent wetland. Further, this ditch did not meet the flow requirements to be considered a tributary under the NWPR. Based on this, the ditch is best defined as a paragraph (b)(5) non-jurisdictional water under the NWPR
Review Area 1 WE	4.22 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters
Review Area 1 WF	4.05 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters
Review Area 1 WG	5.55 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters
Review Area 1 WH	3.18 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters
Review Area 2 WA-8	1.3 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters
Review Area 2 WA-9	16.98 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters

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Review Area 2 WK	2.5 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters. This wetland feature is connected via culvert to an off-site b(1) wetland which also does not meet any of the adjacency criteria.
Review Area 3 D2	1090 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	This feature appears to be road-side ditch that was constructed adjacent to the road. The road was constructed prior to 1970 and thus prior to Clean Water Act regulation. This feature follows along the north- south road and beside wetland WA-7, a non-adjacent wetland, and continues north through upland areas to a culvert. This ditch does not appear to modify or relocate a natural channel, nor was it constructed through an adjacent wetland. Further, this ditch did not meet the flow requirements to be considered a tributary under the NWPR. Based on this, the ditch is best defined as a paragraph (b)(5) non-jurisdictional water under the NWPR
Review Area 3 WA-6	28.79 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters. This wetland feature is disconnected from downstream waters via an artificial structure (road) that does not allow direct hydrologic surface connection through or over in a typical year. The road was constructed prior to 1970 and thus prior to Clean Water Act regulation.
Review Area 3 WA-7	11.6 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters. This wetland feature is disconnected from downstream waters via an artificial structure (road) that does not allow for a direct hydrologic surface connection through or over in a typical year. Water discharged from the wetland flows north through a road-side ditch that does not meet the flow requirements to be considered a tributary under the NWPR, nor would this ditch be considered an adjacent wetland under the NWPR. The ditch crosses under the road several hundred feet north of WA-7 and traverses another 200 feet before intersecting with potentially adjacent wetlands west of WA-7. The road was constructed prior to 1970 and thus prior to Clean Water Act regulation.
Review Area 4	412 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or	This feature appears to be a man-dug ditch constructed

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<sup>4</sup> Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps Districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.



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D3		(a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	in uplands. Overland flow from wetland WA-3 drains through a culvert under Georgia Highway 94 and into this ditch This ditch does not appear to modify or relocate a natural channel, nor was it constructed through an adjacent wetland. Further, this ditch did not meet the flow requirements to be considered a tributary under the NWPR. Based on this, the ditch is best defined as a paragraph (b)(5) non-jurisdictional water under the NWPR
Review Area 4 WA-3	103.71 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters. Water discharged from the wetland flows south through a culvert and an excluded b(5) ditch, constructed in uplands, that does not meet the definition of an $a(1) - a(4)$ water.
Review Area 4 WA-4	19.1 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters. This wetland feature is disconnected from downstream waters via an artificial structure (road) that does not allow direct hydrologic surface connection through or over in a typical year. The road was constructed prior to 1970 and thus prior to Clean Water Act regulation. Wetland WA-4 is upgradient of WA-3 and therefore non-adjacent regardless of the artificial separation, due to WA-3's exclusion.
Review Area 4 WJ	1.07 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters
Review Area 5 D5	648 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	This feature appears to be a man-dug ditch that was constructed to drain depressional wetland areas. This feature was dug through wetland WH, a non-adjacent wetland. The ditch starts at a culvert under Georgia Highways 94, continues southeast, ends at a culvert under the railroad tracks which drains to the south to an off-site property. This ditch does not appear to modify or relocate a natural channel, nor was it constructed through an adjacent wetland. Further, this ditch did not meet the flow requirements to be considered a tributary under the NWPR. Based on this, the ditch is best defined as a paragraph (b)(5) non-jurisdictional water under the NWPR
Review Area 5	153.25 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters

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WA-2			as defined by the NIM/DD. This wetlend does not also
VVA-2			as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters. This wetland feature is disconnected from adjacent waters to the north via an artificial structure (road) that does not allow direct hydrologic surface connection through or over in a typical year. The road was constructed prior to 1970 and thus prior to Clean Water Act regulation.
Review Area 5 WC	0.96 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, It appears that wetland WC was historically connected to wetland WH, but a road was constructed through this wetland separating the two wetlands. There is no evidence of a direct hydrologic surface connection between WC and WH through or over the road. A roadside ditch does expand from WC to WD and to a culvert under the road to wetland WH, but this roadside ditch does not meet the flow requirements to be considered a tributary under the NWPR. Further, it does not appear to have been created in an adjacent wetland nor is there evidence to suggest that the ditch modified or relocated a natural channel.
			This ditch drains south through culverts to an off-site property that was inaccessible for field review. A review of aerial imagery and USGS topography maps indicate that there are potential wetlands directly south of wetlands WC, WD, and WH. However, these wetland areas south of the road appear to be situated on top of a flat ridge and surrounded by upland areas based on the aerial imagery and USGS Topo Maps. Based on this, Wetlands WC, WD and WH would not meet the definition of an adjacent wetland under the NWPR and are best defined as a (b)(1) non-adjacent wetland.
Review Area 5 WD	6.3 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters. It appears that wetland WC was historically connected to wetland WH, but a road was constructed through this wetland separating the two wetlands. There is no evidence of a direct hydrologic surface connection between WC and WH through or over the road. A roadside ditch does expand from WC to WD and to a culvert under the road to wetland WH, but this roadside ditch does not meet

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			the flow requirements to be considered a tributary under the NWPR. Further, it does not appear to have been created in an adjacent wetland nor is there evidence to suggest that the ditch modified or relocated a natural channel. This ditch drains south through culverts to an off-site property that was inaccessible for field review. A review of aerial imagery and USGS topography maps indicate that there are potential wetlands directly south of wetlands WC, WD, and WH. However, these wetland areas south of the road appear to be situated on top of a flat ridge and surrounded by upland areas based on the aerial imagery and USGS Topo Maps. Based on this, Wetlands WC, WD and WH would not meet the definition of an adjacent wetland under the NWPR and are best defined as a (b)(1) non-adjacent wetland.
Review Area 5 WH	14.14 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is not inundated or have a direct surface water connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year. This wetland is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters. It appears that wetland WC was historically connected to wetland WH, but a road was constructed through this wetland separating the two wetlands. There is no evidence of a direct hydrologic surface connection between WC and WH through or over the road. A roadside ditch does expand from WC to WD and to a culvert under the road to wetland WH, but this roadside ditch does not meet the flow requirements to be considered a tributary under the NWPR. Further, it does not appear to have been created in an adjacent wetland nor is there evidence to suggest that the ditch modified or relocated a natural channel.
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# III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**A. Select/enter all resources** that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

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- **\_X** Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: WOTUS Delineation Report, September 28, 2018 and WOTUS Connectivity Screening, September 2020. This information *is* sufficient for purposes of this AJD. Data sheets prepared by the Corps: *Title(s)* and/or date(s).
- \_\_\_\_\_\_ Data sheets prepared by the corps. *Thie(3) and/or date(3)*.
   \_\_\_\_\_\_ Photographs: (aerial and other) USGS Earth Explorer 03/18/1963, 01/21/1970; USGS EROS NHAP, 02/14/1984; USGS EROS NAPP 02/18/1993; USGS Express Aerials Imagery 02/01/2006; Google Earth, 03/06/2018; Vivid 03/06/2018 & 11/20/2019; Twin Pines Orthoimagery 09/2018. Site photographs provided in September 28, 2018 delineation report
- **X** Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: *November 2018 and September 16, 2020.*
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
- X\_ Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.
- **X** USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Web Soil Survey map provided for the areas in the September Delineation Report.
- **\_X\_** USFWS NWI maps: *NWI Mapping provided in the September Delineation Report.* 
  - USGS topographic maps: Moniac, Florida and Saint George, GA USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Maps, 2017 provided in Approved Jurisdictional Request submission; Moniac, Florida and Saint George, GA USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Maps, 1994 provided in September 28, 2018 delineation report.

## Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information			
USGS Sources	N/A.			
USDA Sources	N/A.			
NOAA Sources	N/A.			
USACE Sources	N/A.			
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.			
Other Sources	N/A.			

- **B. Typical year assessment(s):** APT was run for the review areas for September 16, 2020 (date of most recent Corps site visit). APT output indicated normal conditions and the Drought Index (PDSI) indicated "Incipient Wetness". The site is in a typical year and experiencing conditions that are within the normal ranges for a typical year.
- C. Additional comments to support AJD: The five review areas contain non-adjacent wetlands and ditches. The wetlands are not adjacent to any a(1), a(2), or a(3) waters, and are not inundated by any a(1), a(2), or a(3) water in a typical year. None of the ditches meet the criteria to be considered an (a)(2) water and are excluded (b)(5) waters.

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MARCH 24, 2021

Regulatory Division SAS-2018-00554-ACM

Mr. Steven R. Ingle (<u>single@twinpinesminerals.com</u>) Twin Pines Minerals, LLC 2100 Southbridge Parkway Birmingham, Alabama 35209

Dear Mr. Ingle:

I refer to your letter submitted on your behalf by TTL, requesting an Approved Jurisdictional Determination (JD) for your sites located West of the town of Saint George and North of State Route 94, in Charlton County (Latitude 30.525932, Longitude -82.124468). This project has been assigned number SAS-2018-00554-ACM and it is important that you refer to this number in all communication concerning this matter.

We have completed an approved JD for the site. The wetlands were delineated in accordance with criteria contained in the 1987 "Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual," as amended by the most recent regional supplements to the manual. I have enclosed an "Approved JD Form," which details whether streams, wetlands and/or other waters present on the site are subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and how the Corps determined jurisdiction.

There are aquatic resources within the review area that are not waters of the United States and are therefore not within the jurisdiction of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 United States Code § 1344). Specifically, ditches "6Ditch-6 NWPR, 6Ditch-2 NWPR, 7Ditch-1 NWPR, 7Ditch NWPR, 7Ditch-KEY NWPR, 7Ditch-ADK NWPR," and the wetlands labeled "Non-Adjacent Wetland" as identified on the enclosed exhibits entitled "Review Area 6" and "Review Area 7" dated November 16, 2020. The placement of dredged or fill material into these wetlands/other waters would not require prior Department of the Army authorization pursuant to Section 404.

This approved JD will remain valid for a period of 5-years unless new information warrants revision prior to that date. You may request an administrative appeal for any approved JD under the Corps regulations at 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 331. Enclosed you will find a Notification of Administrative Appeal Options and Process and Request for Appeal form.

If you intend to sell property that is part of a project that requires Department of the Army Authorization, it may be subject to the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act. The Property Report required by Housing and Urban Development Regulation must state whether, or not a permit for the development has been applied for, issued or denied by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Part 320.3(h) of Title 33 of the CFR).

This communication does not convey any property rights, either in real estate or material, or any exclusive privileges. It does not authorize any injury to property, invasion of rights, or any infringement of federal, state or local laws, or regulations. It does not obviate your requirement to obtain state or local assent required by law for the development of this property. If the information you have submitted, and on which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has based its determination is later found to be in error, this decision may be revoked.

Thank you in advance for completing our on-line Customer Survey Form located at <u>http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm\_apex/f?p=regulatory\_survey</u>. We value your comments and appreciate your taking the time to complete a survey each time you have interaction with our office.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Allison C. Murphy, Project Manager, Coastal Branch, via telephone at 912-652-5133 or email at Allison.c.murphy@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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William M. Rutlin Chief, Coastal Branch

Copies Furnished: Cindy House-Pearson (chpearson@ttlusa.com) TTL

Enclosures

#### NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

A	Applicant: Steven R. Ingle File Number: SAS-2018-00554 Date: March 24, 2021				
At	Attached is: See Section below				
	INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard F	Permit or Letter of permission)	A		
	PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or	Letter of permission)	В		
	PERMITDENIAL		С		
х	APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMIN	D			
	PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETER	MINATION	E		

SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <u>http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/reg\_materials.aspx</u> or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to the permit.

ACCEPT: If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.

OBJECT: If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit.

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APPEAL: If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

C: PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.

ACCEPT: You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.

APPEAL: If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. The division engineer must receive this form within 60 days of the date of this notice.

E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the		garding the appeal process you
appeal process you may contact:	may also contact:	
ALLISON C. MURPHY	Mr. Philip Shannin, Administra	ative Appeal Review Officer
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAVANNAH	CESAS-PDS-O	
DISTRICT	60 Forsyth Street Southwest,	Floor M9
100 W. OGLETHORPE AVENUE, SAVANNAH,	Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8803	
GEORGIA 31401	_	
	Phone: (404) 562-5136; Fax:	(404) 562-5138
PHONE: (912) 652-5133	Email: Philip.a.shannin@usa	<u>ce.army.mil</u> -8801
EMAIL: ALLISON.C.MURPHY@USACE.ARMY.MIL		
RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the righ	t of entry to Corps of Engineers	personnel, and any government
consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site d		
day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opp	ortunity to participate in all site i	nvestigations.
	Date:	Telephone number:
Signature of appellant or agent.		



## I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 24-MAR-2021 ORM Number: SAS-2018-00554-ACM Associated JDs: SAS-2018-00554 Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: GA City: County/Parish/Borough: Charlton County Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 30.525932 Longitude -82.124468

## II. FINDINGS

- **A. Summary:** Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.
  - The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A or describe rationale.
  - There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in section II.B).
  - There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in section II.C).
  - There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in section II.D).

#### B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)<sup>2</sup>

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size	§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters)<sup>3</sup>

(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):

(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size	(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):

I	(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size	(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):

/ lajaconte motie					
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

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# D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters  $((b)(1) - (b)(12))^4$ :

Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
6Ditch-6 NWPR	1,088 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	Ditch does not alter or relocate a naturally occurring surface water channel. Further, no evidence was observed to indicate that this feature was dug in an (a)(4) adjacent wetland. This feature appears to be primarily constructed in uplands as well as a (b)(1) wetland. This feature did not exhibit intermittent or perennial flow on numerous dates of observation throughout 2018-2020 and appeared to pond water and briefly flow during, and after, precipitation events.
6Ditch-2 NWPR	2,045 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	These roadside ditches do not alter or relocate a naturally occurring surface water channel. Further, no evidence was observed to indicate that these features were dug in an (a)(4) adjacent wetland. These features appear to be primarily constructed in uplands as well as (b)(1) wetlands. These features did not exhibit intermittent or perennial flow on numerous dates of observation throughout 2018-2020 and appeared to pond water and briefly flow during, and after, precipitation events.
6WB NWPR	2.194 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This feature is not adjacent to any $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ waters, is not inundated by any $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ waters, is physically separated from all $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ waters

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			and does not have a direct hydrologic surface connection to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters in a typical year.
6WC NWPR	2.523 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This feature is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is not inundated by any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters and does not have a direct hydrologic surface connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year.
6WF NWPR	0.704 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This feature is not adjacent to any $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ waters, is not inundated by any $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ waters, is physically separated from all $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ waters and does not have a direct hydrologic surface connection to any $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ waters in a typical year.
6WG NWPR	5.97 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This feature is not adjacent to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters, is not inundated by any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters, is physically separated from all $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters and does not have a direct hydrologic surface connection to any $(a)(1)-(a)(3)$ waters in a typical year.
7 Ditch NWPR	1,268 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	Ditch does not alter or relocate a naturally occurring surface water channel. Further, no evidence was observed to indicate that this feature was dug in an (a)(4) adjacent wetland.

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			This feature appears to be primarily constructed in a (b)(1) wetland with the downstream, eastern portion being constructed in upland. This feature did not exhibit intermittent or perennial flow on numerous dates of observation throughout 2018-2020 and appeared to pond water and briefly flow during, and after, precipitation events.
7 Ditch-KEY NWPR	297 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	Ditch does not alter or relocate a naturally occurring surface water channel. Further, no evidence was observed to indicate that this feature was dug in an (a)(4) adjacent wetland. This feature is primarily constructed in an uplands. This feature did not exhibit intermittent or perennial flow on numerous dates of observation throughout 2018-2020 and appeared to pond water and briefly flow during, and after, precipitation events.
7 Ditch-ADK NWPR	199 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	Ditch does not alter or relocate a naturally occurring surface water channel. Further, no evidence was observed to indicate that this feature was dug in an (a)(4) adjacent wetland. This feature is primarily constructed in an uplands. This feature did not exhibit intermittent or perennial flow on numerous dates of observation throughout 2018-2020 and appeared to pond water and briefly flow during, and after, precipitation events.
7 Ditch-1 NWPR	5,267 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an $(a)(1)$ or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an $(a)(4)$ water that do not satisfy the conditions of	These roadside ditches do not alter or relocate a naturally occurring surface water channel. Further, no evidence

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# III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- A. Select/enter all resources that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.
  - <u>x</u> Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: WOTUS Delineation Reports 09/28/2018 and 07/03/2019 This information *is* sufficient for purposes of this AJD. Rationale: N/A or describe rationale for

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- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: *Title(s) and/or date(s)*.
- Photographs: (NA, aerial, other, aerial and other) Title(s) and/or date(s).
- x Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: November 27-28, 2018 & October 21-25, 2019
- x Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): SAS-2018-00554
- x Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.
- <u>x</u> USDA NRCS Soil Survey:
  - <u>Review Area 6</u>
  - FIGURE 4: NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) SOILS MAP; Maxar, Vivid Imagery, 11/20/2019 (0.5 m Resolution, West), 3/24/2018 (0.46 m Resolution, East).

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  - FIGURE 1D: SITE LOCATION & TOPOGRAPHIC MAP (1980); Okefenokee Swamp, Georgia USGS Quadrangle Map 1980
  - FIGURE 1E: SITE LOCATION & TOPOGRAPHIC MAP (1981); Saint George, Georgia USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map, 1981
  - FIGURE 1F: SITE LOCATION & TOPOGRAPHIC MAP (1994); Moniac (W) & Saint George (E), Georgia USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map, 1994
  - FIGURE 1G: SITE LOCATION & TOPOGRAPHIC MAP (2017); Moniac (W) & Saint George (E), Georgia USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map, 2017
  - FIGURE 1H: SITE LOCATION & TOPOGRAPHIC MAP (2020); Moniac (W) & Saint George (E), Georgia USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map, 2020

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Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	Agent provided WOTUS connectivity screening Review Area 7.

# Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

## B. Typical year assessment(s):

APT was ran for the center of the review area for August 20-31, 2018 (dates of site visit). The APT output indicated "normal", and the Drought Index (PDSI) indicated "Normal".

APT was ran for the center of the review area for March 8-22, 2019 (dates of site visit). The APT output indicated "wet season", and the Drought Index (PDSI) indicated "Mid drought".

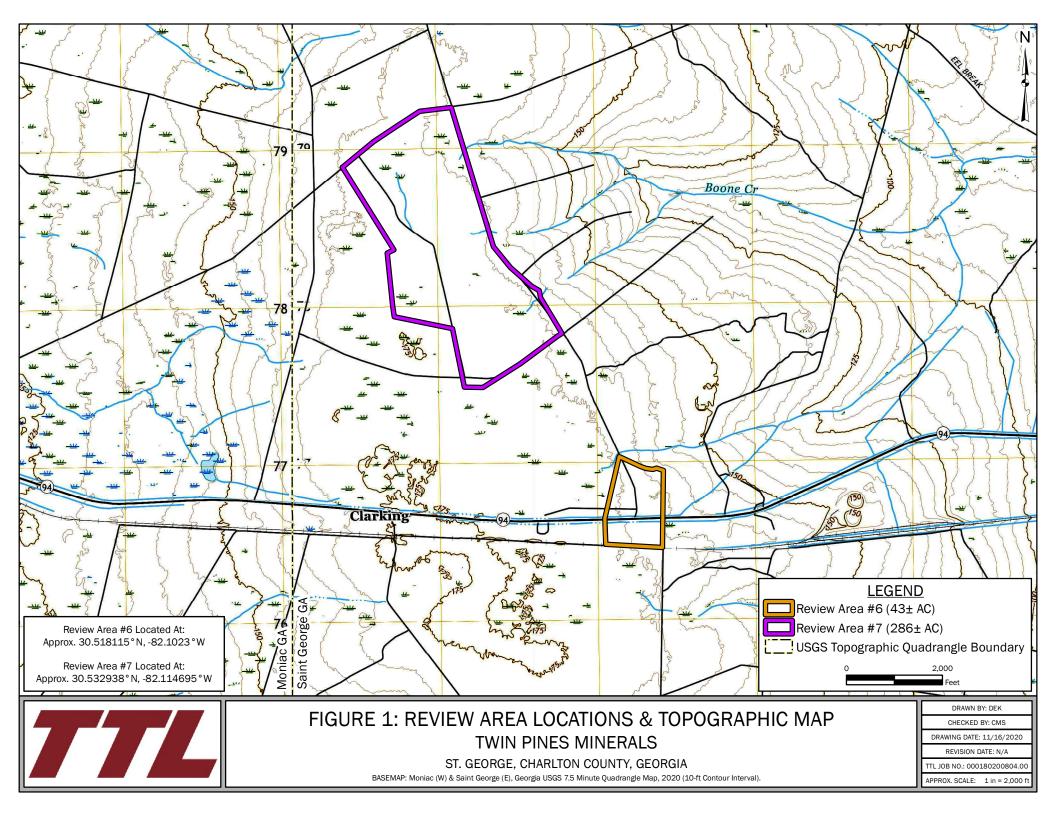
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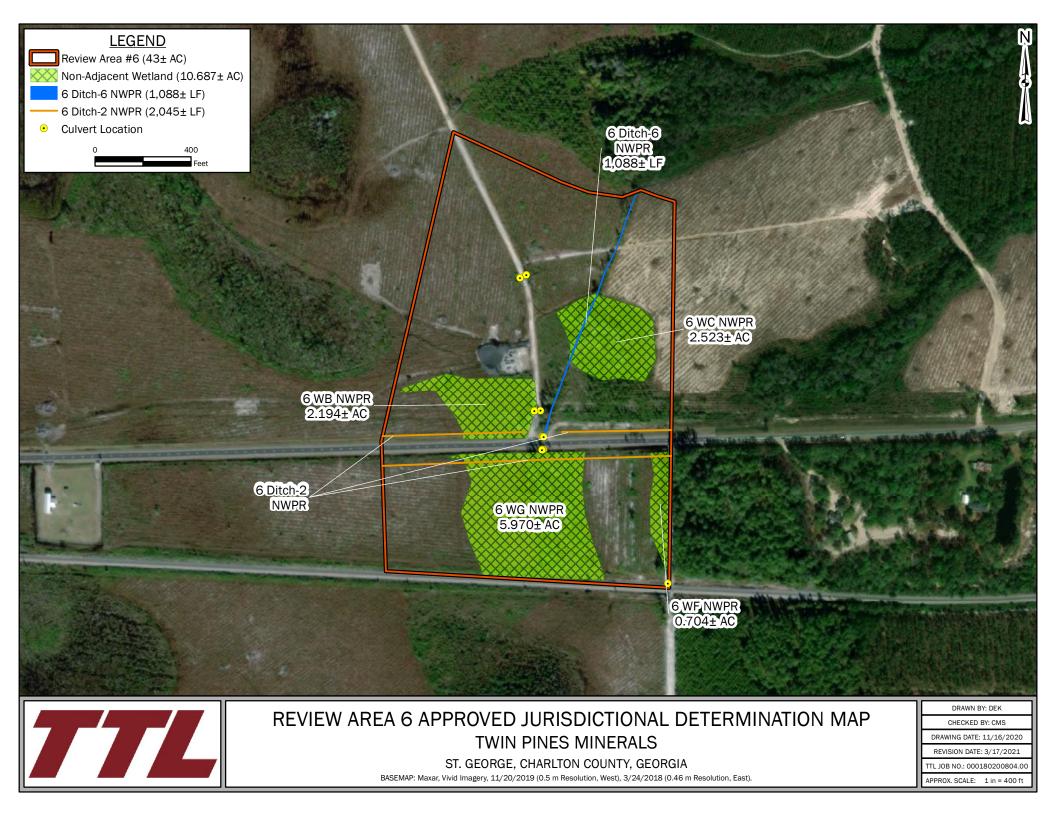
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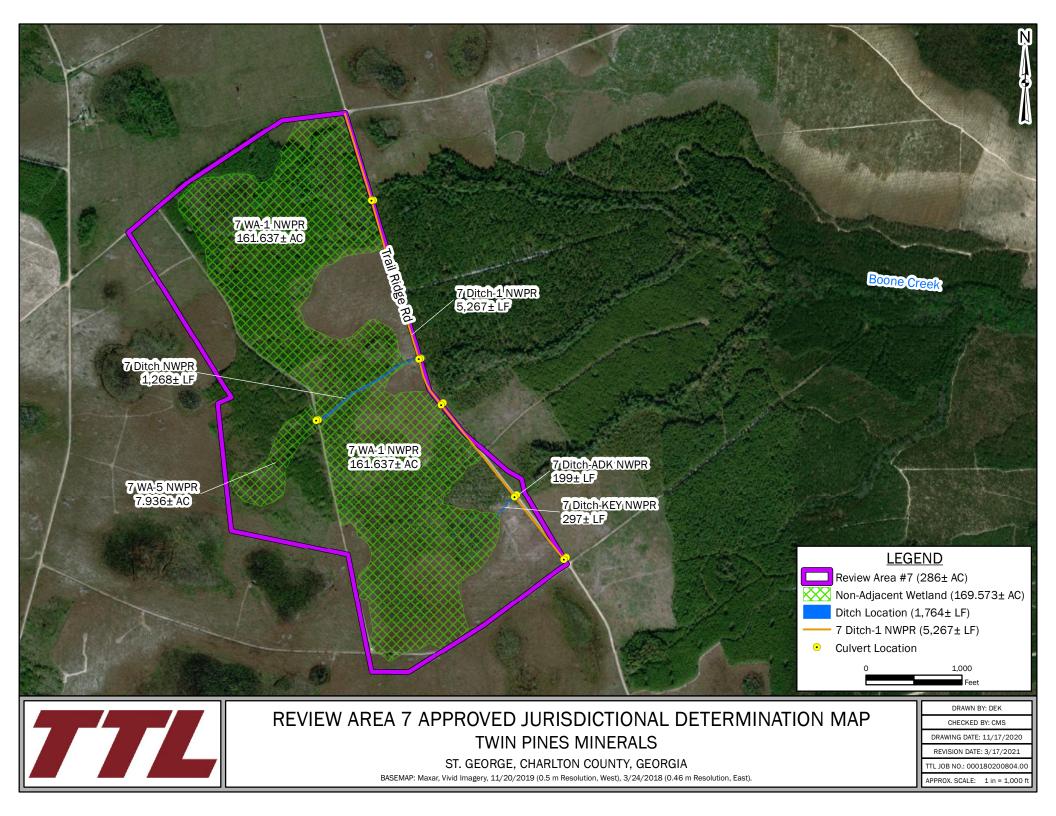
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# August 22, 2022

Regulatory Division SAS-2018-00554

Mr. Steven R. Ingle (single@twinpinesminerals.com) Twin Pines Minerals, LLC 2100 Southbridge Parkway Birmingham, Alabama 35209

Dear Mr. Ingle:

In accordance with the settlement agreement in the matter of *Twin Pines Minerals, LLC v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, et al*, Civil Action No. CV 5:22-cv-00036, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, I am writing to inform you that my letter of June 8, 2022, relating to those certain Approved Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs) issued on October 15, 2020 (SAS-2018-00554), and March 24, 2021 (SAS-2018-00554-ACM), is hereby withdrawn.

The aforesaid AJDs are: (a) final agency actions, in that each action "mark[s] the consummation of the agency's decisionmaking process" and is "one by which rights or obligations have been determined, or from which legal consequences will flow," *U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs v. Hawkes Co.*, 578 U.S. 590, 597 (2016) (quoting *Bennett v. Spear*, 520 U.S. 154, 177-78 (1997)); (b) "binding on the Government" within the meaning of the 1989 Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of the Army concerning the determination of the geographic jurisdictional scope of "waters of the United States" for purposes of Clean Water Act section 404, available at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/memorandum-agreement-determination-geographic-jurisdiction-section-404-program-and">https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/memorandum-agreement-determination-geographic-jurisdiction-section-404-program-and</a>; (c) "valid for a period of five years" within the meaning of Regulatory Guidance Letter 05-02; and (d) subject to revision within the five-year period based on "new information" under Regulatory Guidance Letter 05-02.

For purposes of calculating the expiration date for the aforesaid AJDs, the period starting on June 3, 2022, and ending on the Effective Date of this Agreement, August 22, 2022, shall be tolled (81 days). The October 15, 2020, AJD shall expire on January 4, 2026, and the March 24, 2021, AJD shall expire on June 13, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. William Rutlin, Coastal Branch Chief, at 912-652-5893.

Sincerely,

//Jason D. O'Kane Chief, Regulatory Division