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Sir,

The Twin Pines update we discussed this morning, in case it got overwhelmed in your inbox.

Thanks!

Steve

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Sir,

Just a short note to bring you up to speed on Twin Pines. At the meeting yesterday, the applicant was adamant that doing the EIS right now was unacceptable for his business, but did not necessarily dispute the fact that one was likely necessary at some point. Instead, they offered the option of reducing the project such that it would be 2-3 year "demonstration project" which would allow some work to commence and to collect data in support of the larger overall project. This was actually a concept that had been discussed with RD in previous years when this project first crossed our horizon. We indicated that the ultimate decision was yours, but that we would discuss internally and come up with a recommendation for you. We did not say yay or nay at the meeting.

The applicant also brought their hydrogeologist who gave a brief presentation on the proposed operation and likely impacts of the mine on the groundwater. His conclusion was that the proposed operation would have a virtually unmeasurable impact (0.0004 feet if memory serves) to the water table at the border of the Okefenokee. The proposed operation is significantly different in execution than what we saw at Mission Mine. The pits are open only for a few days and the active work area (excavated pits) is relatively small.

The meeting was attended by the applicant, their counsel, consultants, and Ms. Brooke Childers from Rep. Carter's office. Everyone left on good terms as far as I could see. I believe (b)(5) (b)(5).

I've chatted with (b)(6) from HQUSACE Reg, and (b)(5) (b)(6) (b)(6) and I. (b)(5)

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Please let me know if you have questions or would like anything further. They still plan to come in and chat with you on the 27th.

Finally, just so you're tracking, January 29th will be my last day in the office before I head back to the frozen north.

Thanks!

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