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PRESIDENT  
Bart Gobeil\*

RE: Request for Public Hearing  
Permit Application No. SAS-2018-00554  
Twin Pines Site, Charlton County, Georgia

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Dear Ms. Ross,

Georgia Conservancy respectfully requests that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provide the opportunity for a public hearing for permit application number SAS-2018-00554.

The Georgia Conservancy is a statewide conservation organization that works to develop solutions to protect Georgia's natural resources through advocacy, engagement and collaboration on conservation issues.

The conservation, protection and enjoyment of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge for the people of Georgia has been a top priority for the Georgia Conservancy throughout its entire 52 year history.

Reasons for considering a public hearing include:

- The Okefenokee has unique aquatic resources at stake, and given the size of the proposed project, the public should be given a chance provide comments on the proposed mining activities and their impact on the swamp and other resources on Trail Ridge.
- The Okefenokee is important to the economy of Charlton County and nearby communities. The citizens of the area should have a chance to learn more and discuss impacts.

Thank you for extending the comment period for this application.

We look forward to working with the Corps on the review of this project. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any information.

Sincerely,



Charles H. McMillan, III  
Natural Resource Director, The Georgia Conservancy, Inc.

cc: Bart Gobeil, President, Georgia Conservancy