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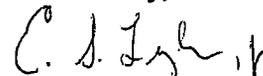
Dear Mr. Muncher,

A red-cockaded woodpecker and bald eagle survey has been made on the area to be permitted for Mine No. 2 at your request. This mine is located in Walker County, Alabama in T 15 S, R 6 W and sections 10,14 and 15 (see attached map).

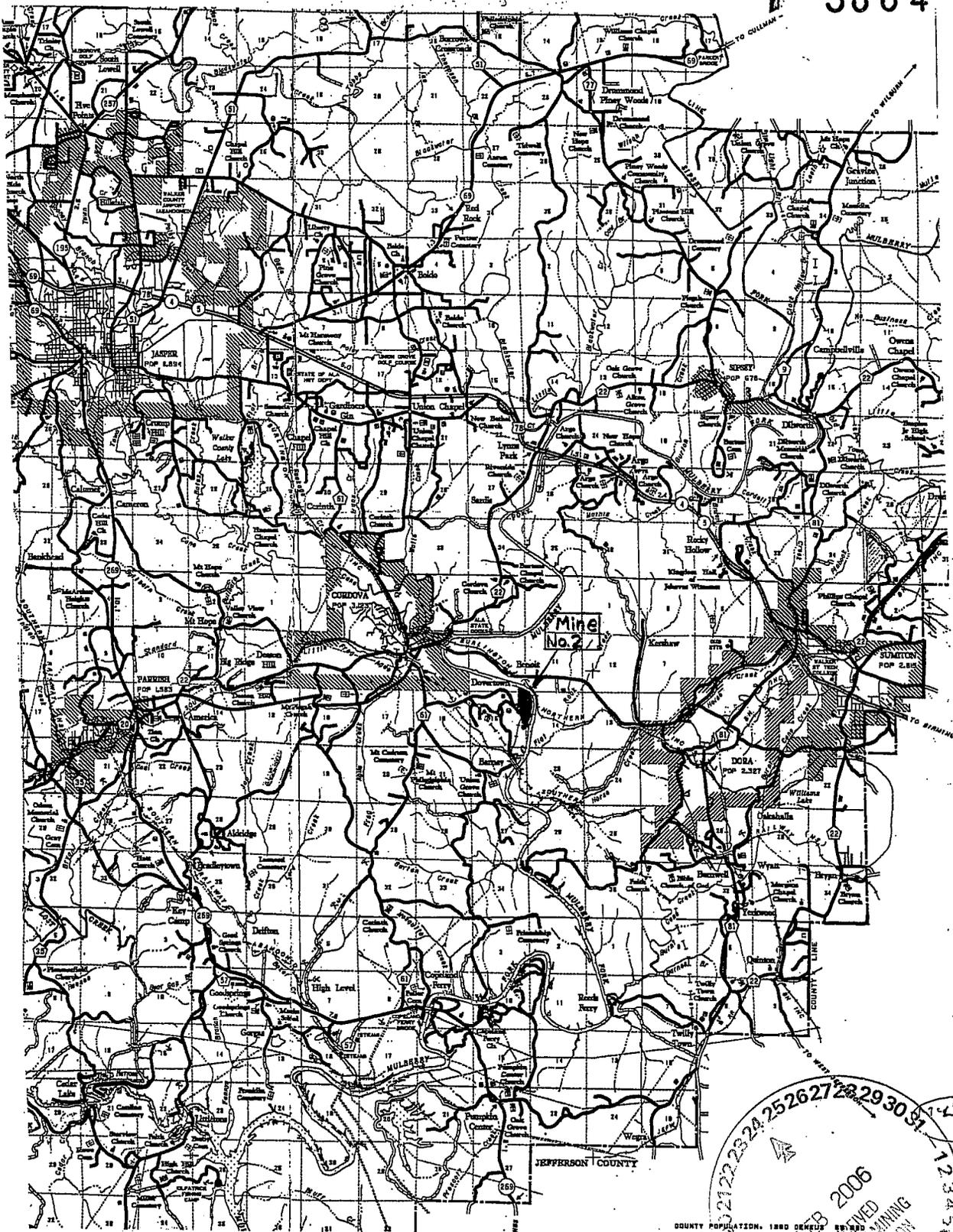
No trees suitable for red-cockaded woodpecker nesting and no habitat suitable for their foraging were found on the permit area or the surrounding area. It is concluded that there are no red-cockaded woodpecker colonies that will be affected by this mine based on the absence of suitable nesting trees and suitable habitat.

No bald eagle nests were found on or near the permit area and no large trees that were likely to be used for a nest were found near the river. Therefore, it is concluded that this mine will have no affect on bald eagle nesting.

Sincerely,


E.S. Lyle, Jr.





Location of Sleas Mountain Mountain Mine

Mine No. 2