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September 21st, 2011

William J. Pearson
Field Survey
U.S. Department of Interior
Fish & Wildlife Service
Daphne ES Field Office
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Daphne, AL 36526

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To Kaylen Jones	From U.S.F&WS	
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RE: **Southland Resources, Inc.**
Searles Mine No. 5 -- Revision R-12
2007-TA-0180

Dear Mr. William J. Pearson:

We are in the process of applying for a mining permit revision for the area described below and would like to request comments from your office in order to proceed with this project.

Southland Resources, Inc. has existing mining operations in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. In order to accommodate its business expansion in Tuscaloosa County, Southland Resources, Inc. wants to permit 9 acres at the project site as located in Section 7, Township 20 South, Range 7 West, all on the Brookwood, Alabama U.S.G.S Quadrangle as found in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The proposed site location is shown on the attached 2000' scale project area map attachment "B".

The proposed project activity consists of nine (9) acres, all of which received a habitat study that was performed by McGehee Engineering in September of 2011. In the study it states that no habitat was found for the above listed, threatened and endangered species within or adjacent to the revision R-12 boundary. No evidence was found or observed for the presence or possible presence of the listed species. I have attached a copy of the Habitat Study in attachment "C".

Therefore based on the information provided in the attached habitat study would you concur that the project activities will have no adverse effect on any endangered and threatened species.

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I would like to thank you for your co-operation concerning this matter and would appreciate your comments at your earliest convenience. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

McGehee Engineering Corp.

Kaylen Jones

Kaylen Jones
Project Manager,

Enclosure:

(A) Project Notification Summary
(B) Project Area Map 2000 Scale
(C) Habitat Study – McGehee Engineering Corporation

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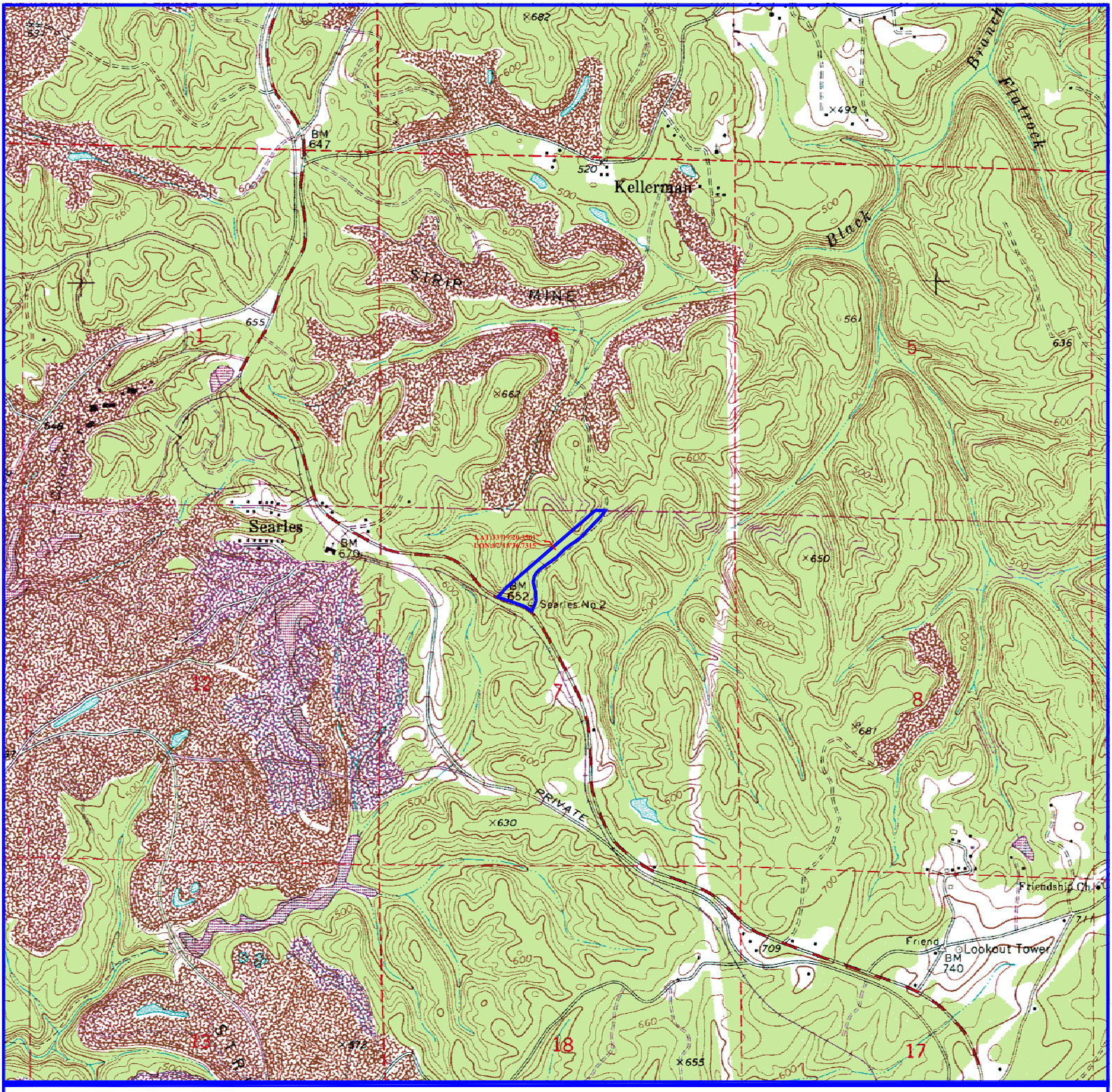
No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW. We recommend use of best management practices specific to your project (See http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmp.html).

10-12-2011

William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor for — Date #3



SCALE: 1" = 2000'
September 30th, 2011

SOUTHLAND RESOURCES, INC.
SEARLES MINE NO. 5
(APPROXIMATELY 9 ACRES)

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REVISION R-12
PROJECT AREA MAP

SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST,
ALL IN TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA
AS FOUND ON THE BROOKWOOD, ALABAMA USGS QUAD.

REVISION R-12 BOUNDARY

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