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Based upon our records and the information provided in your letter, we agree with your findings that no federally listed species/critical habitat occur in the project area. **If project design changes are made, please submit new plans for review.**

RE: Taft Coal Sales & Associates, Inc.
 Robbins Road Mine Project

William J. Pearson
 William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor
 Date 6-27-2012 # 6

Dear Mr. William J. Pearson:

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

Taft Coal Company, Inc. has existing mining operations in Walker County, Alabama. In order to accommodate its business expansion in Walker County, Taft Coal Company, Inc. wants to permit 561 acres at the project site as located in Section 2, 3 & 10, Township 16 South, Range 7 West, all on the Goodsprings and Parrish, Alabama U.S.G.S Quadrangle as found in Walker County, Alabama. The proposed site location is shown on the attached 2000' scale project area map attachment "B".

The initial proposed project activity consisted of 656 acres, all of which received a habitat study that was performed by McGehee Engineering in May of 2012. However, since the study was conducted the proposed project boundary has been reduced to include only 561 acres. This is due to the fact that there will now be a minimum 100' buffer between the proposed project boundary and Lost Creek. In the May 2012 study it states that no evidence was found or observed for the presence or possible presence for the listed species. I have attached a copy of the Habitat Study for the initial 656 acres in attachment "C".

In the project notification attachment "A" further detail is given in regards to the BMP practices associated with this site.

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Additionally the north half of this project area have had previous concurrence from your office for the same type of project in a letter to PERC Engineering Dated November 7, 2006 (06-TA-1048c).

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

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,

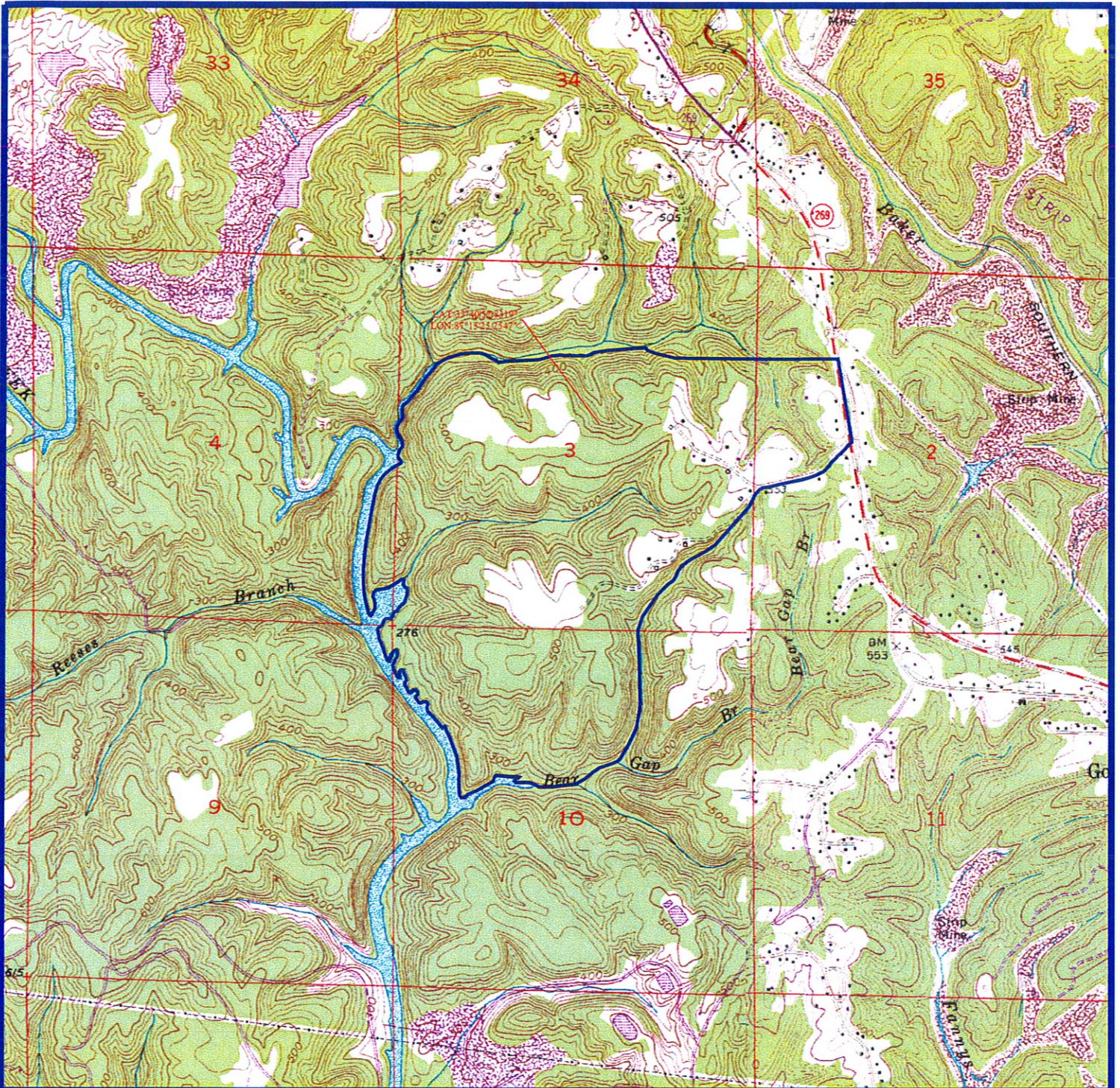
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Project Manager,

Attachments:

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



SCALE: 1" = 2000'

Date: 03-27-2012

TAFT COAL SALES AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
 ROBBINS ROAD MINE
 (APPROXIMATELY 656 ACRES TOTAL)

PROJECT AREA MAP

SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, 9 & 10, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST,
 ALL IN WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA
 AS FOUND ON THE PARRISH & GOODSPRINGS USGS QUAD.



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 INITIAL PROJECT BOUNDARY

Latitude: 33°40'52" N
 Longitude: 87°15'25" W