



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD OFFICE
218 SUMMIT PARKWAY, SUITE 222
HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA 35209

December 14, 2012

Inland Section North
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Nationwide Permit Authorization - Permit Number SAM-2010-01563-CTM, Black Warrior Minerals, Inc. Mine No. 1

Black Warrior Minerals, Inc.
c/o McGehee Engineering
Attention: Mr. Brad Youngblood
Post Office Box 3431
Jasper, Alabama 35502

Dear Mr. Youngblood:

This letter is in response to your November 5, 2012 request for re-verification of this previously authorized project. The project is located near N 33.741725, W 86.850718 in Jefferson County, Alabama.

According to your submittal, none of the previously authorized 3,087 linear feet (lf) of ephemeral stream, 2,553 lf of intermittent stream, and 0.19 acre of wetland impacts have occurred to date.

Based on your submittal, your project is re-verified pursuant to Nationwide Permit (NWP) 21a (Federal Register, February 21, 2012 Vol. 77, No. 34). In order for this NWP authorization to be valid, you must ensure that the work is performed in accordance with the General Conditions of *Nationwide Permit 21a*, which can be viewed at our website at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>, as well as the conditions of the previous authorizations, including mitigation requirements.

Work will be accomplished as described in the original permit application and the associated permit authorization dated January 14, 2011. All other provisions and conditions to which the work is made subject shall remain in full force and effect.

Our verification of this NWP authorization is valid until March 18, 2017 unless the NWP is modified, reissued, or revoked prior to that date. If the authorized work has not been completed by that date, please contact us to discuss the status of your authorization. Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this NWP verification invalidates this authorization and could result in a violation of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

A copy of this authorization is being provided to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Attention: Mr. Richard Hulcher, Field Operations Division, 1400 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

Please contact me at 205-290-9096 if you have any questions. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, visit our web site at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>, and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you are there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

Sincerely,

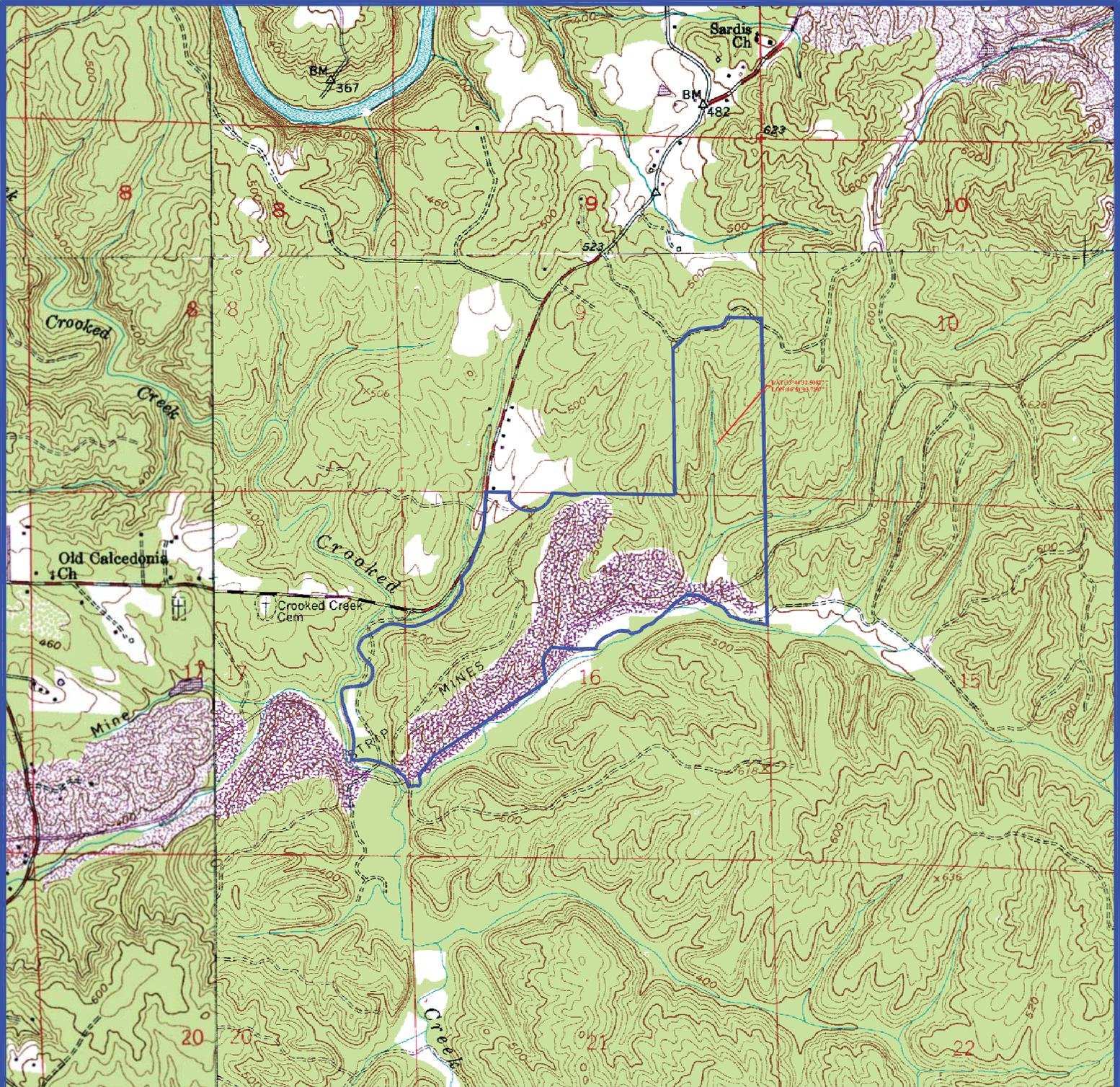
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Courtney Shea
Project Manager
Regulatory Division
Birmingham Field Office

Black Warrior Minerals, Inc. -- Mine No. 1

Total Impacts Summary

MINE	SITE NAME	PROJECT	ACOE Permit Number	Ephemeral Impacts (Linear Feet)	Intermittent Impacts (Linear Feet)	Wetland Impacts (Acres)	Ephemeral Impacts Remaining (Linear Feet)	Intermittent Impacts Remaining (Linear Feet)	Wetland Impacts Remaining (Acres)
Black Warrior Minerals, Inc.	Mine No. 1	Initial Area	SAM-2010-01563-CTM	2,553	3,087	0.19	2,553	3,087	0.19



SCALE: 1" = 2000'
 Revised: 11-04-2010

BLACK WARRIOR MINERALS, INC.
MINE NO. 1
 (APPROXIMATELY 363 ACRES TOTAL)

PROJECT AREA MAP



SECTIONS 9, 16 & 17, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST,
 ALL IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
 AS FOUND ON THE GARDENDALE ALABAMA USGS QUAD.

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 MINE NO. 1 PROJECT BOUNDARY

Latitude: 33°44'32" N
 Longitude: 86°51'03" W

