

The new 0.07 acre area has no suitable habitat for the federally protected Georgia rockcress or red-cockaded woodpecker, or the state protected broadstripe shiner. Scientists conducted a 100 percent survey of the 0.07 acre area for the gopher tortoise and/or its burrows and none were identified and there were no observations of any commensal species.

At this time Sabal Trail requests the USFWS confirm that the incorporation of the Earthen Dam Workspace Modifications are addressed by the February 25, 2016 Biological Opinion.

Table 1				
Potential Federal and State Listed Species for Earthen Dam Workspace Reconfiguration				
Common Name	Scientific Name	State Status	Federal Status	Critical Habitat
Plants				
Georgia Rockcress	<i>Arabis georgiana</i>	Threatened	Threatened	No
Fish				
Broadstripe Shiner	<i>Pteronotropis euryzonus</i>	Rare	None	No
Reptiles				
Gopher Tortoise	<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>	Threatened	Candidate	No
Birds				
Red-Cockaded Woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Endangered	Endangered	No

Please contact me at 770.270.1192 x 119 or jlancaster@trcsolutions.com should you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Figures

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