

EXHIBIT 14

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Hi Bill,

Thanks for the conversation last week. Much appreciated. I have reviewed the pictures in the NOI and fully agree there is sediment in the creek.

We discussed sampling the river and what process we could use. I believe you said there is no need to develop a method as you have already provided the research/science. I need to know if this is the research paper you are referring to: Protecting sediment-sensitive aquatic species in mountain streams through the application of biologically based streambed sediment criteria - Author(s): Sandra A. Bryce, Gregg A. Lomnicky, and Philip R. Kaufmann.

If this is not the paper you referred to, please forward the one you mentioned. Once I have the correct paper, I plan on having this reviewed by specialists (likely with the Southern Research Station) with expertise in this type of research to determine applicability for the Chattooga.

You expressed some concerns about me wanting to validate the process. I just want to get the research and associated sampling methodologies in front of someone that can answer the question, "Will this process will work in NC or are the variables different; if so, what are they?" I feel like we need an answer on this before we can develop a plan of action going forward. If we are going to implement a process proposed by a partner in a sensitive system, it needs validation. The process you have identified seems to make sense to me, but I'm neither a biologist nor a researcher.

This validation does not mean we cannot move the rock forward. In the NOI you asked for a candid and continuous dialogue – I'm willing to engage and seek answers. I would value the opportunity to coordinate a meeting with biologists to assess the issues you brought forward as well as the process to remove sedimentation.

I do not discount what you tell me and I believe, based on what you have shared, we have things to address. I value the relationship we have developed.

If you would, please confirm I've got the correct paper. I have already contacted the Southern Research Station to solicit their involvement in the review of the paper and field methodologies. I will update you on timelines once I have the paper in review so we can discuss future steps.

Bill, thanks for your time and the cornbread. Allen

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