

24 July 2012  
State of Alabama  
Surface Mining Commission  
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Attn: Randall C. Johnson, Director,  
A.S.M.C.  
Permitting Division



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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Blue Creek Energy, Inc. application for Permit No.: P-3964, Revision #1. My comments are as follows:

1. Reference attachment #1, Map of land I own in Tuscaloosa County. Note that the proposed power line does not impact my property, however the proposed access road does. Also note that there are currently three gas wells on my property, which I assume will no longer be operational after coal mining operations begin. Access roads to these sites are currently in existence and do not impact the proposed permit except as indicated on the map in NE/NE of Section 7. My concern is that the proposed power line directly cuts through the traditional access road to my property from highway 69. This road has been of limited use and is probably currently unusable; however I would expect to have continued access to my property via the existing Walter Black Warrior Basin LLC roads (gas well access) or through any modifications to these roadways as proposed by Blue Creek Energy, Inc.

2. Secondly, as an item of interest, there is an abandon cemetery in or near the proposed power line right of way. This cemetery was overgrown with trees and brush in the 1950s and has been cut over for timber, however it is still there and don't be surprised when you run across it. It is not on my property, and has probably been forgotten, even by the ancestors of those buried there, I have marked its approximate location; see attachment #1.

3. Finally, if there is any proposed or planned expansion of the road (width of the road bed or right of way) through my property (beyond that already covered by Walter Black Warrior Basin LLC agreements) I expect to be contacted for approval.

Yours truly,

*[Handwritten signature of John L. Shrum]*

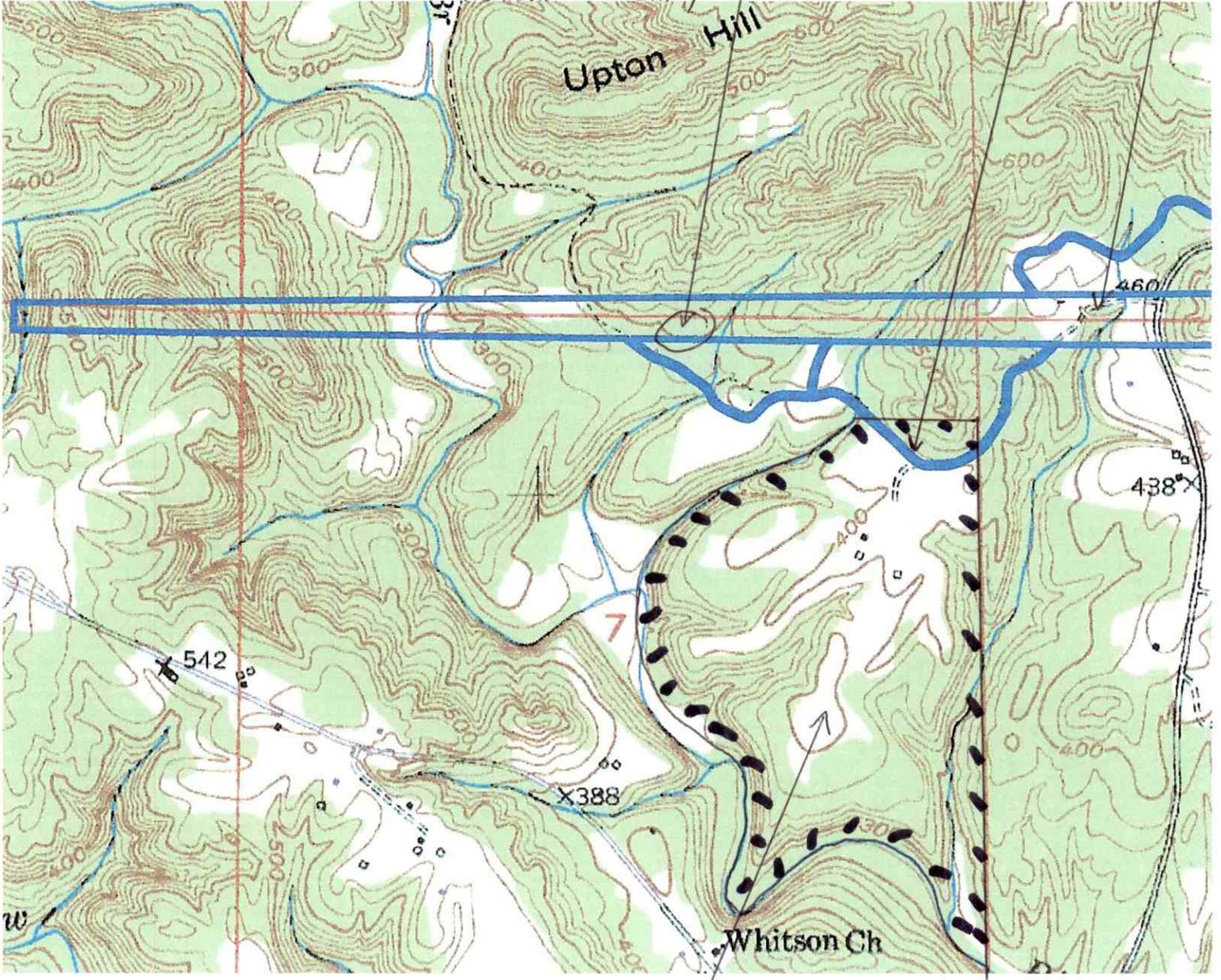
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Attachment: Property Map

Historic Access Road

Access Road on my Property

APPROXIMATE AREA OF  
ABANDONED CEMETARY



Property outline

ATTACHMENT #1

Property MAP