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From: **Michael Dimino** <(b) (6)>

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To: willard_smith@fws.gov

Mr. Smith,
Thanks for taking the time to chat with me this afternoon.

I look forward to receiving a copy of any written agreement between VA Hunter/Black Diamond regarding the filter strips and stream buffers in our development.

I've attached a copy of the "Request for Participation as a Cooperating Agency" sent from FERC to your office. As I mentioned, the letter fails to mention that the principal proposed alternate route (ALT 110) runs through the primary known habitat for the endangered James River Spiny mussel.

ALT 110 can be seen:

- crossing Little Oregon Creek as the creek exits the flood control dam near the center of the page, paralleling Little Oregon through the section that Brian Watson identified as the densest known population of the Spiny mussel,
- crossing Dicks Creek at the point Brian identified as the best spot for spiny mussels on Dicks Creek,
- ripping through the middle of Steve Bartlett's pasture (which includes erosion tiling installed in cooperation with VA Tech and VA DEQ),
- crossing the FWS-approved stream buffer at the low water ford on Johns Creek (another spot that Brian identified as a spiny mussel location), and
- tearing up a tributary creek bed right through another FWS-approved stream buffer, before crossing the Larkin Line Road into the Jefferson National Forest.

FYI, the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) recently (January 2015) petitioned the FWS to identify "critical habitat" for the JRSM. I've attached a copy of that petition.

Best regards,

Mike Dimino
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3 attachments



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