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If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

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Subject: Re: Concerns regarding SRWMD land

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Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 6:24 PM

Mr. Roberts,

Thank you for your rapid response and for assuring my comments will be shared with the Board. Now I know that SRWMD at least regains some of the funds invested (don't know how much was/is SRWMD's investment) through the harvesting of pines. But, you don't mention my concern about the land being used for recreation, which is clearly stated as a goal.

Camp Blanding (CB) and Rayonier could have made this deal without SRWMD and the goals of CB buffer and aquifer recharge would still be met. Rayonier owns more than 25% of the landmass in Bradford County. The value of water retention and aquifer recharge of these tree farms is not lost on me. I am also not unaware of the danger posed if Rayonier were to sell massive tracts for development. Since Rayonier has maintained the mineral rights on this SRWMD purchase in perpetuity, we have no assurance that the land will ever be available for recreation purposes. Will that occur in my generation or the next, or the one after that? The only way to guarantee that aspect of SRWMD's intentions for public recreation is for SRWMD to purchase the mineral rights from Rayonier. Absent such action, the promise of public recreation is idle.

As for the pines harvested, my understanding is that Chemours is seeking a ten year 404 permit that includes mining of the wetlands, which is obviously not land suitable for pine forested tree farms unless it has been drained. As the saying goes, "Everybody knows, pines don't like wet toes." But, tree farms could be used for hunting and wetlands can provide public and scientific exploration, in addition to their value as buffers and aquifer recharge. It is this public use that the extraction of minerals prevents.