



**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
REGULATORY PROGRAM
APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM (INTERIM)
NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 9/17/2020

ORM Number: SAS-2006-02150

Associated JDs: Previous preliminary JD dated September 8, 2015

Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Georgia City: Blackshear County/Parish/Borough: Pierce

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 31.2751 Longitude -82.2708

II. FINDINGS

A. Summary: Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.

- ☐ The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A or describe rationale.
- ☐ There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.B).
- ☐ There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).
- ☒ There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.D).

B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)²

| § 10 Name | § 10 Size | § 10 Criteria | Rationale for § 10 Determination |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| N/A. | N/A. | N/A. | N/A. |

C. Clean Water Act Section 404

| Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): ³ | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|------|
| (a)(1) Name | (a)(1) Size | (a)(1) Criteria | Rationale for (a)(1) Determination | |
| N/A. | N/A. | N/A. | N/A. | N/A. |

| Tributaries ((a)(2) waters): | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|------|
| (a)(2) Name | (a)(2) Size | (a)(2) Criteria | Rationale for (a)(2) Determination | |
| N/A. | N/A. | N/A. | N/A. | N/A. |

| Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters): | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|------|
| (a)(3) Name | (a)(3) Size | (a)(3) Criteria | Rationale for (a)(3) Determination | |
| N/A. | N/A. | N/A. | N/A. | N/A. |

| Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters): | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|------|
| (a)(4) Name | (a)(4) Size | (a)(4) Criteria | Rationale for (a)(4) Determination | |
| N/A. | N/A. | N/A. | N/A. | N/A. |

¹ Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

² If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

³ A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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D. Excluded Waters or Features

| Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): ⁴ | | | | |
|--|----------------|---------|------------------------------|---|
| Exclusion Name | Exclusion Size | | Exclusion ⁵ | Rationale for Exclusion Determination |
| System A | 19.02 | acre(s) | (b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland. | The feature is a forested wetland. There was indication of ephemeral flow out of the wetland through upland dug ditches on the southern edge of the wetland. It is not located within the flood plain of an (a)(1)-(a)(3). It is not adjacent to, does not abut or contribute surface water flow directly or indirectly to an (a)(1) water and is not inundated by flooding from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water in a typical year. See III.C for additional discussion. |
| System C | 1.3 | acre(s) | (b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland. | The feature is a forested wetland. There was indication of ephemeral flow out of the wetland through upland dug ditches on the southern edge of the wetland. It is not located within the flood plain of an (a)(1)-(a)(3). It is not adjacent to, does not abut or contribute surface water flow directly or indirectly to an (a)(1) water and is not inundated by flooding from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water in a typical year. See III.C for additional discussion. |
| System D | 2.26 | acre(s) | (b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland. | The feature is a forested wetland. There was no indication of out of the wetland and it is not located within the flood plain of an (a)(1)-(a)(3). It is not adjacent to, does not abut or contribute surface water flow directly or indirectly to an (a)(1) water and is not inundated by flooding from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water in a typical year. See III.C for additional discussion. |
| System E | 0.13 | acre(s) | (b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland. | The feature is a linear wetland system. There was indication of ephemeral flow out of the wetland through upland dug ditches on the southern edge of the wetland. It is not located within the flood plain of an (a)(1)-(a)(3). It is not |

⁴ Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

⁵ Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



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| Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): ⁴ | | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|--|
| Exclusion Name | Exclusion Size | Exclusion ⁵ | Rationale for Exclusion Determination |
| | | | adjacent to, does not abut or contribute surface water flow directly or indirectly to an (a)(1) water and is not inundated by flooding from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water in a typical year. See III.C for additional discussion. |

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. Select/enter all resources that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

☒ Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: [Approved Jurisdictional Determination Request, June 22, 2020](#)

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: [N/A](#)

☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: [Title\(s\) and/or date\(s\)](#).

☒ Photographs: [Aerial: Google Earth](#)

☒ Corps site visit(s) conducted on: [Sept 9, 2020](#)

☒ Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): [September 8, 2015](#)

☒ Antecedent Precipitation Tool: [provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.](#)

☒ USDA NRCS Soil Survey: [SAS-2006-02150, AJD request, Document 24. Soil Map](#)

☒ USFWS NWI maps: [SAS-2006-02150, AJD request, Document 30. National Wetlands Inventory Map](#)

☒ USGS topographic maps: [SAS-2006-02150, AJD request, Document 22, Topo Map](#)

Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

| Data Source (select) | Name and/or date and other relevant information |
|--|--|
| USGS Sources | N/A. |
| USDA Sources | N/A. |
| NOAA Sources | N/A. |
| USACE Sources | N/A. |
| State/Local/Tribal Sources | N/A. |
| FEMA/FIRM maps | SAS-2006-02150, AJD request, Document 29. FEMA Floodzone Map |

B. Typical year assessment(s): [According to the Antecedent Precipitation Tool the site was under drier than normal conditions for the dry season at the time of the Corps Site visit. See attached "Antecedent Precipitation vs Normal Range based on NOAA's Daily Global Historical Climatology Network"](#)

C. Additional comments to support AJD: [Based on a review of the information provided by the applicant, a review of aerial photos of the subject wetlands and the Corps site visit, it has been determined that there are no \(a\)\(1\)-\(3\) waters entering or exiting the above referenced wetlands. Additionally, the wetlands are not located in the flood plain of any waterway and are situated in depressional areas that are completely](#)



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surrounded by uplands. Based on the landscape position of the wetland, it is very unlikely that floodwater would reach an elevation necessary for water to flow from any (a)(1)-(3) waters into the wetlands in a typical year. The wetlands are not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. The wetlands do not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, are not inundated by any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, are physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters and do not have a direct hydrologic surface connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year.