

## 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): 20-NOV-2020 ORM Number: SAS-2019-00531 Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: GA City: Gray County: Jones County Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 33.009126 Longitude -83.545548

### 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)<sup>2</sup>

§ 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)<sup>3</sup>

(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):

Ī	(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size	(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination
	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

#### Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):

(a)(4) Na	me (a)(4) Size	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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<sup>5</sup> 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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# D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters  $((b)(1) - (b)(12))^4$ :

<b>Exclusion Name</b>	Exclusion Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
ES1 NWPR		an ephemeral stream, swale, gully,	Stream begins off-property; drainage channel has presence of OHWM, yet is absent of strong pattern and profile features; grade control; etc.

## 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.
  - <u>X</u> Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: *Vicinity Map & Location Map.*

This information *(is/is not/is and is not)* sufficient for purposes of this AJD. Rationale: *N/A or describe rationale for insufficiency (including partial insufficiency).* Data sheets prepared by the Corps: *Title(s) and/or date(s).* 

- X Photographs: Digital, from consultant's 4/22/2019 site visit.
- Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: *Date(s)*.
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
- <u>X</u> Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.
- X USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Via Web Soils Survey (retrieved for Sept. 2020 submittal).
- X USFWS NWI maps: Via NWI Mapper (retrieved for Sept. 2020 submittal).
- X USGS topographic maps: Gray, Georgia Quad, 2017.

### 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.
Other Sources	FEMA FIRM Floodzone Mapping.

- **B. Typical year assessment(s):** Antecedent Precipitation Tool data reports that site conditions were drier than normal. The Georgia Drought Monitor indicates that the general project site and surrounding Counties were abnormally dry during the week of the consultant's site visit.
- **C.** Additional comments to support AJD: As part of this evaluation for excluded waters, approximately 74 linear feet of ephemeral stream channel are present within the review area. Based on rainfall data, the site conditions should be drier than normal. Site photographs depict the typical characteristics of an ephemeral stream channel with minor evidence of OHWM and bed-and-bank features present.

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In addition, this feature begins off-site at the top-end of a stream drainage area, with signs of flow only occurring during a typical rain event.

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