

## 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): 5/20/2021

ORM Number: SAS-2020-00846 Associated JDs: SAS-2008-01355

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: GA City: Rincon County/Parish/Borough: Effingham County

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.235045 Longitude -81.251996

#### 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.	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.	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.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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)): <sup>4</sup>					
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination	
Ditch	~728	linear feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1).	Ditch is not a relocated tributary and was not constructed in a tributary nor does it appear to have been constructed through an adjacent wetland. Further, the ditch does not exhibit perennial or intermittent flow.	

### 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: Dry Land Approved Jurisdictional Determination, submitted on February 22, 2021

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: N/A

- □ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Upland Data Form
- Photographs: Other: Photosheet 1&2
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Figure 3
- USFWS NWI maps: Figure 4
- USGS topographic maps: Figure 2

### Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	Topographic Images, Figure No. 2
USDA Sources	Soil Survey Data, Figure No. 3
NOAA Sources	NOAA Data Access Viewer LiDAR, Figure No. 6
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

**B.** Typical year assessment(s): The Corps conducted a site visit to review the project area on 4/28/2020. Using the Atecedent Precipitation Tool Version 1.0, which used rainfall data from the Savannah International Airport weather station, we have determined that wetter than normal rainfall conditions were

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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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present for the nearest weather station on the date of the wetland delineation indicating that the site was reviewed under conditions representative of a typical year.

C. Additional comments to support AJD: There are no wetlands or aquatic features located within the project area. The project area is comprised of hardwood forested uplands and pine plantation. An upland dug ditch with ephemeral flow is depicted on the Approximate Excluded Waters Sketch (Figure 7), but was not flagged or located in the field.