



U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
REGULATORY PROGRAM
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NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE

I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 12-JUL-2021

ORM Number: SAS-2021-00245

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location¹:

State/Territory: GA City: Ellijay County/Parish/Borough: Gilmer County

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 34.653194 Longitude -84.491071

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

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

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

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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
Wetland A	0.01 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III. C.
Wetland B	0.04 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III. C.

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: *Preliminary Water Resources Assessment E2217003 submittal, PDF pages 4-10 narrative descriptions of proposed project and aquatic resources; PDF page 13, Exhibit 2: Site Diagram; PDF page 14, Exhibit 3: Wetland Delineation Map*,
This information (is) sufficient for purposes of this AJD.
Rationale: *N/A*
- Data sheets prepared by applicant: *Preliminary Water Resources Assessment E2217003 submittal, Appendix C: Data Forms PDF pages 21-47*
- Photographs: *Preliminary Water Resources Assessment E2217003 submittal, Appendix B PDF pages 17-19*
- Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: *N/A*
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): *N/A*
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *detailed discussion in Section III.B.*
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: *Preliminary Water Resources Assessment E2217003 submittal, PDF page 12, Web Soil Survey Map*
- USFWS NWI maps: *SAS-2021-00245 NWI AJD Report, PDF page; Exhibit 5. PDF page 1*
- USGS topographic maps: *Preliminary Water Resources Assessment E2217003 submittal, PDF page 12, Exhibit 1: Topographic Map*

Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	Stream Stats accessed on June 25, 2021
USDA Sources	Ponding Frequency, Depth to Water Table, Drainage Class, Flooding Frequency accessed July 12, 2021
NOAA Sources	U.S. Drought Monitor accessed on July 12, 2021
USACE Sources	National Regulatory Viewer, Antecedent Precipitation Tool accessed July 12, 2021
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

B. Typical year assessment(s): According to the Antecedent Precipitation Tool (APT), which cross-references and models local weather station outputs within 30-miles of the review area and national

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climate datasets, including; Palmer Drought Severity Index (NPDSI) and the Web-based Water Budget Interactive Modelling Program (WIMP), the conditions in Gilmer County were wetter than normal on April 6, 2021 based on the normal range of precipitation within a 30-year period. Therefore, there is a high level of confidence that excluded features are not jurisdictional.

- C. Additional comments to support AJD:** Wetland A and Wetland B both meet the three parameters of wetland classifications per the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Determination Manual and the Eastern Mountains and Piedmont Regional Supplement to the manual, however, these features do not have a direct hydrological connection to and/or are not inundated by flooding from any (a)(1) -(a)(3) resources and thus is best characterized as (b)(1) features, per 33 CFR 328.3 definitions. Therefore, based on the review of the data compiled, we have determined that the subject (b)(1) aquatic resources are excluded under NWPR based on the adjacency criteria expressed in paragraph (c)(1) of the rule.

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