

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): 8/23/2021

ORM Number: POA-2021-00423

Associated JDs: None

Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Alaska City: near Fairbanks. County/Parish/Borough: Fairbanks

North Star Borough

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 64.7706°N Longitude -148.2534°W

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.

\times	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: The red lines are within the review areas as
	shown on the Figures 1 and 2 in Memorandum for Record (MFR) dated August 16, 2021. The National
	Wetlands Inventory do not indicate wetlands or stream channels in the review areas. The NRCS soil
	mapping indicates soils that are well drained, that don't pond or flood and do not have a hydric rating
	(Figure 3 MFR dated August 16, 2021). The few small drainages in the review areas are at the extreme
	upper slopes and are not mapped as streams in NWI. The review areas are on south and southeast
	facing steep slopes near the top of a ridge where upland land would be expected to be located. The
	locations of the review areas were sited by the proponent to avoid streams and wetlands.

There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within th	e
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.	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.	

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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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.	

D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$: ⁴						
Exclusion Name	Exclusion	n Size	Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination		
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.		

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: Aerial photo and NWI wetland map This information is and is not sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

 Rationale: NRCS soils mapping was also used to substantiate the JD determination.
 - ☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Title(s) and/or date(s).

 - Corps site visit(s) conducted on: Date(s).
 - ☐ Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
 - Antecedent Precipitation Tool: <u>provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.</u>
 - USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Figure 3, August 16, 2021, in MFR dated August 16, 2021 in administrative record.
 - □ USFWS NWI maps: Figure 2, August 16, 2021 in MFR dated August 16, 2021 in administrative record.
 - ☐ USGS topographic maps: Title(s) and/or date(s).

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	N/A.

B. Typical year assessment(s): NA

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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C. Additional comments to support AJD: None