



**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): 9/15/2020

ORM Number: NWW-2020-00411

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: ID City: Nampa County/Parish/Borough: Canyon County

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 43.634099 Longitude -116.558729

**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):			
(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.

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

<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>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
Unnamed ditch 1 (crossing 1: 20-STR-B1)	23	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).	The unnamed drain (ditch) is a man-made irrigation feature limited in length and discharges into Purdam Gulch Drain. It receives water from Miller Lateral and a localized artificial ground water table induced from irrigation practices. It does not follow topographic drainages and is not present on USGS maps. There is no evidence that it was constructed in or is a relocated tributary.
Unnamed supply line (crossing 2: 20-STR-B2)	18	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).	The unnamed supply line is a man-made conveyance feature that is limited in length and supplies irrigation water to a local, private subdivision. The supply line receives flows from the Miller Lateral, and does not follow topographic drainages and is not present on USGS maps. There is no evidence that it was constructed in or is a related tributary.
Miller Lateral (crossing 3: 20-STR-B3)	55	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).	Miller Lateral is a man-made lateral (ditch) originally constructed in uplands in the early 20th Century. It does not follow topographic drainages. There is no evidence that it was constructed in or is a relocated tributary. Miller Lateral receives water from the Phyllis Canal, which receives water from the Boise River. Miller Lateral is the receiving water for all other aquatic features onsite, which carries flow to Groves Branch Lateral, which flows into Mason Creek, which flows into the Boise River, which discharges into the Snake River below River Mile 445.5.
Unnamed drain (crossing 4: 20-STR-B4)	18	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	The unnamed drain (ditch) is a man-made irrigation feature limited in length and discharges into Tenmile Creek. It receives water from surface runoff from flood irrigation and a localized artificial ground water table induced from irrigation practices. It does not follow topographic drainages and is not present on USGS maps. There is no evidence that it was constructed in or is a relocated tributary.

<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>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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Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): <sup>4</sup>			
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Unnamed ditch 2 (crossing 5: 20-STR-B5)	18 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).	The unnamed ditch is a man-made irrigation feature limited in length and receives water from Miller Lateral and discharges into an unnamed drain. It does not follow topographic drainages and is not present on USGS maps. There is no evidence that it was constructed in or is a relocated tributary.

**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: Addison Doffelt; J-U-B Engineers, Inc. Email with crossing locations on map and written description of the proposed work activities and the aquatic resources within the project area.

This information is 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).
- Photographs: Aerial: Google Earth Imagery, dates: 05/24/1992 and 07/18/2018
- Corps site visit(s) conducted on: Date(s).
- 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: Title(s) and/or date(s).
- USFWS NWI maps: USFWS Online Wetland Mapper, review date 09/14/2020
- USGS topographic maps: USGS 1:24K 7.5 Minute Quad (Middleton, ID)

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

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	NHD ArcGIS web viewer map
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	IDEQ – Lower Boise River Watershed Advisory Group KML layer of Treasure Valley irrigation features
Other Sources	N/A.

**B. Typical year assessment(s):** No typical year assessment determination is needed since the flows are regulated by the Pioneer Irrigation District, via the Boise River to the Phyllis Canal to the Miller Lateral.



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**C. Additional comments to support AJD:** The Miller Lateral and unnamed ditches, drain and supply line within the project area are man-made irrigation features, that were not constructed in a natural tributary nor do they relocate a natural tributary. The alignment of the features are straight and consistent, and parallel roadway infrastructure. The surrounding area is upland agricultural lands and residential developments. Hydrology is limited to irrigation water received from the Phyllis Canal and/or the Miller Lateral.

The Miller Lateral and unnamed ditches, drain and supply line are excluded features since none of the features relocate a tributary, were not constructed in a tributary, and were not constructed in an adjacent wetland when the features were originally constructed.