

APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): April 11, 2008

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Walla Walla District, Bureau of Land Management, NWW-2008-73-I01

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: ID County/parish/borough: Bonneville City: Heise

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): 43.59862176° Lat. -11.61199091° Long.

Universal Transverse Mercator: Zone 12 Northing 4827260.411 **Pick List**, Easting 0450603.150 **Pick List**

Name of nearest waterbody: Snake River

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: South Fork Snake River

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): Upper Snake, HUC Acc Name Snake Headwaters, Cat Name Palisades. Id/Wy; 8 Digit Huc 17040104

Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.

Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

Office (Desk) Determination. Date: April 10, 2008

Field Determination. Date(s):

SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **Are no** "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area. [Required]

Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.

Explain: .

B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **Are** "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

1. Waters of the U.S.

a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply):¹

TNWs, including territorial seas

Wetlands adjacent to TNWs

Relatively permanent waters² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Impoundments of jurisdictional waters

Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands

b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Non-wetland waters: linear feet: width (ft) and/or acres.

Wetlands: 0.22 acres.

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual

Elevation of established OHWM (if known): .

2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional.

Explain: .

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1. TNW

Identify TNW: **South Fork Snake River.**

Summarize rationale supporting determination: The South Fork of the Snake River supports substantial commercial boating by motorized and non motorized water craft. Numerous commercial guides and outfitters operate on this river. Upstream of the project site Palisades Dam, operated by the Bureau of Reclamation generates hydropower licensed by FERC and sold through Bonneville Power Administration..

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is “adjacent”: Spring Creek at this location is a wetland and immediately abuts the river and its flood plain riparian area. The project wetlands are both contiguous and abutting Spring Creek and the South Fork Snake River.

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY): Not applicable in this evaluation.

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION. NOT APPLICABLE IN THIS EVALUATION.

D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

1. TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:

- TNWs: about 2000 linear feet of project site abut South Fork Snake River.
- Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: 0.22 acres, including Spring Creek.

2. RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: .
- Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow “seasonally” (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally: .

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
- Other non-wetland waters: acres.

Identify type(s) of waters: .

3. Non-RPWs⁴ that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
- Other non-wetland waters: acres.

Identify type(s) of waters: .

4. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.
- Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: .

⁴See Footnote # 3.

- Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow “seasonally.” Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: .

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

5. **Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Not applicable to this evaluation.**
6. **Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Not applicable to this evaluation**
7. **Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.⁵ Not applicable to this evaluation.**

E. ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):⁶ Not applicable to this evaluation.

F. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): Not applicable to this evaluation.

SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):

- Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
- Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
 - Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.
 - Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.
- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: .
- Corps navigable waters’ study: .
- U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: .
 - USGS NHD data.
 - USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: .
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: .
- National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: .
- State/Local wetland inventory map(s): .
- FEMA/FIRM maps: .
- 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date):Satellite photography from Corps ORM 2 database.
or Other (Name & Date): .
- Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: .
- Applicable/supporting case law: .
- Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
- Other information (please specify):Past inspections along this river segment as well as personal use and observations of commercial guide and boat use by author, Robert Brochu, Regulatory Project Manager.

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The South Fork of the Snake River supports substantial commercial boating by motorized and non motorized water craft. Numerous commercial guides and outfitters operate on this river. Upstream of the project site Palisades Dam, operated by the Bureau of Reclamation generates hydropower licensed by FERC and sold through Bonneville Power Administration. Boat ramps exist below Palisades Dam and downstream which are operated by the Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Forest Service, and Bonneville County for public access. These ramps are large, developed and part of a trial fee system to support recreation. The author of this evaluation, Robert Brochu, Regulatory Project Manager has personally navigated the South Fork of the Snake River in the river reach and observed commercial guides operating on the river. This river segment is used by interstate fishermen and boaters, such as the Vice President of the U.S., Mr. Dick Chaney who maintains a residence in Wyoming and boats in Idaho.

⁵ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

⁶ Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.