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Comments: The Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction is under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. Waters of the United States include, but are not limited to, rivers, intermittent or ephemeral streams, lakes, ponds, impoundments, wetlands, seeps, and springs. Any project features that result in the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will require Department of the Army authorization prior to starting work.

For future projects, to ascertain the presence of waters of the United States on a project site, the applicant should prepare an aquatic resource delineation, in accordance with the "Minimum Standards for Acceptance of Preliminary Wetlands Delineations" and "Final Map and Drawing Standards for the South Pacific Division Regulatory Program" under "Jurisdiction" on our website at the address below and submit it to this office for verification. A list of consultants that prepare aquatic resource delineations and permit application documents is also available on our website at the same location.

The range of alternatives considered for a project should include alternatives that avoid impacts to wetlands or other waters of the United States. Every effort should be made to avoid project features which require the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. In the event it can be clearly demonstrated there are no practicable alternatives to filling waters of the United States, mitigation plans should be developed to compensate for the unavoidable losses resulting from a project's implementation.

If you have any questions, please contact Benjamin Wilson at the Northwestern Colorado Branch Regulatory Office, 400 Rood Avenue, Room 224, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, by email at benjamin.r.wilson@usace.army.mil, or telephone at (970) 243-1199 ext. 1012.

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