

**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): August 24, 2007**

**B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: SPK-2007-01601**

**C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

State: Utah

County/parish/borough: Utah City:

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 40.2450° **N**, Long. 111.7974° **W**.

Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Utah Lake

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Utah Lake

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 16020201

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:

Field Determination. Date(s): August 20, 2007 [Determination made on north shore of East (Provo) Bay]

**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):<sup>1</sup>**

TNWs, including territorial seas

Wetlands adjacent to TNWs

Relatively permanent waters<sup>2</sup> (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 96,000 acres.

Wetlands:          acres.

**c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: Established by OHWM.**

Elevation of established OHWM (if known): Approximately 4489' (NAD 27 elev.) -- varies around Utah Lake due to ice and wave action. OHWM was established in the East (Provo) Bay of Utah Lake by BioWest (consultant) on the proposed Provo West Connector roadway project (in Sections 15 and 16, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, SLB&M). Physical characteristics used to determine the OHWM included: sediment deposits on riprap and on lacustrine fringe wetland vegetation (Scirpus) and driftlines and debris deposits were also observed w/in the OHWM study area. Documenting the exact elevation of the OHWM is not essential for this determination, however, documenting the physical characteristics of the OHWM is critical per 33 CFR 328.3(e).

**2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):<sup>3</sup>**

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

Explain: .

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

<sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>3</sup> 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: **Utah Lake.**

Summarize rationale supporting determination: Utah Lake is an approximately 150 sq. mi. lake this currently used for recreational boating, swimming, waterskiing, iceskating, hunting, and fishing. Based on information provided by the Utah Department of Natural Resources, plans have been made to conduct a commercial carp removal (fishing) operation in accordance with the June Sucker Recovery Program. The June sucker is a federally listed, endangered fish species (*Chasmistes liorus*) which is endemic to Utah Lake and its tributaries. The carp problem in Utah Lake presents a major impediment to the recovery of the June sucker fish. Carp fished from the lake would have the potential to be sold across state lines, satisfying the requirements of a 33 CFR 328.3(c) water of the U.S. The lake also meets the three conditions of navigability per 33 CFR 329.5 which are:

- a) Past, present, or potential presence of interstate or foreign commerce
- b) Physical capabilities for use by commerce as in paragraph (a) of this section; and
- c) Defined geographic limits of the waterbody.

The defined geographic limits (i.e. the OHWM) are described above in Section II(B)(1)(c).

Historically, the lake has been used by three Indian tribes: the Paiutes who mainly used the west side; the Utes who used the lake and its streams throughout the year; and the Shoshone who periodically entered Utah Valley from the north. Utah Lake has been of central importance to all of the people who have occupied the lake plains. Commercial fishing was important into the twentieth century (Utah History Encyclopedia, 1994).

Additionally, Utah Lake was determined to be federally navigable in two federal court cases (U.S. Supreme Court; 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals):

- a) In *Utah Division of State Lands v. United States*, 482 U.S. 193 (1987), the majority declares "Utah Lake is a navigable body of freshwater covering 150 square miles. It is drained by the Jordan River which flows northward and empties into the Great Salt Lake." *Id.* at 198. The majority makes this declaration because the finding that the lake is a navigable body of water is a prerequisite to a finding that the "bed and banks" of the water passed to the State upon statehood. Thus, under the *Rapanos* Guidance and Appendix D, the water is a TNW as the highest federal court in our country has determined the water body to be navigable-in-fact under federal law for the purpose of the Equal Footing Doctrine.
- b) The conclusion that Utah Lake is jurisdictional is further supported by *Utah Division of Parks and Recreation v. Marsh*, 740 F.2d 799 (10th Cir. 1984). In that case, which was a 404 case, the court concluded "that the discharge of dredged or fill material into Utah Lake by plaintiff or others could well have a substantial economic effect on interstate commerce." *Id.* at 803. That court went on to state that "authority to regulate waters used in interstate commerce are consequently best understood when viewed in terms of more traditional Commerce Clause analysis than by reference to whether the stream in fact is capable of supporting navigation or may be characterized as 'navigable water of the United States.'" *Id.* at 804. However, the court was "convinced, [ ], that the challenged application of the [CWA] and the regulations is within the permissible bounds staked out by the Commerce Clause." Thus Utah Lake is jurisdictional.

#### **2. Wetland adjacent to TNW**

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent": The purpose of this determination is to document that Utah Lake is a TNW. Adjacent wetlands and tributaries to Utah Lake are beyond the scope of this TNW jurisdictional determination. Those determinations will be made in the future on a case-by-case basis.

### **B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):**

**This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.**

**The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.**

**A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.**

If the waterbody<sup>4</sup> is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) General Area Conditions:

Watershed size: **Pick List**  
 Drainage area: **Pick List**  
 Average annual rainfall: inches  
 Average annual snowfall: inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

- Tributary flows directly into TNW.
- Tributary flows through **Pick List** tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are **Pick List** river miles from TNW.  
 Project waters are **Pick List** river miles from RPW.  
 Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from TNW.  
 Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from RPW.  
 Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

Identify flow route to TNW<sup>5</sup>:  
 Tributary stream order, if known:

(b) General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):

**Tributary** is:  Natural  
 Artificial (man-made). Explain:  
 Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:

**Tributary** properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):

Average width: feet  
 Average depth: feet  
 Average side slopes: **Pick List**.

Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):

- |  |  |                                   |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silts           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sands                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cobbles         | <input type="checkbox"/> Gravel                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Muck     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bedrock         | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation. Type/% cover: |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explain: |  |                                   |

Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain:  
 Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain:  
 Tributary geometry: **Pick List**  
 Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %

(c) Flow:

Tributary provides for: **Pick List**  
 Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: **Pick List**  
 Describe flow regime:  
 Other information on duration and volume:  
 Surface flow is: **Pick List**. Characteristics:  
 Subsurface flow: **Pick List**. Explain findings:  
 Dye (or other) test performed:

<sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

<sup>5</sup> Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

Tributary has (check all that apply):

- Bed and banks
  - OHWM<sup>6</sup> (check all indicators that apply):
    - clear, natural line impressed on the bank
    - changes in the character of soil
    - shelving
    - vegetation matted down, bent, or absent
    - leaf litter disturbed or washed away
    - sediment deposition
    - water staining
    - other (list):
  - the presence of litter and debris
  - destruction of terrestrial vegetation
  - the presence of wrack line
  - sediment sorting
  - scour
  - multiple observed or predicted flow events
  - abrupt change in plant community
- Discontinuous OHWM.<sup>7</sup> Explain: .

If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):

- High Tide Line indicated by:
  - oil or scum line along shore objects
  - fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)
  - physical markings/characteristics
  - tidal gauges
  - other (list):
- Mean High Water Mark indicated by:
  - survey to available datum;
  - physical markings;
  - vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.

**(iii) Chemical Characteristics:**

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.).

Explain: .

Identify specific pollutants, if known: .

**(iv) Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):**

- Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): .
- Wetland fringe. Characteristics: .
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: .
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: .
  - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: .

**2. Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW**

**(i) Physical Characteristics:**

**(a) General Wetland Characteristics:**

Properties:

Wetland size: . acres

Wetland type. Explain: .

Wetland quality. Explain: .

Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .

**(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:**

Flow is: **Pick List**. Explain: .

Surface flow is: **Pick List**

Characteristics: .

Subsurface flow: **Pick List**. Explain findings: .

Dye (or other) test performed: .

**(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:**

- Directly abutting
- Not directly abutting
  - Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: .
  - Ecological connection. Explain: .
  - Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: .

<sup>6</sup>A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid.

(d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW  
 Project wetlands are **Pick List** river miles from TNW.  
 Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from TNW.  
 Flow is from: **Pick List**.  
 Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the **Pick List** floodplain.

(ii) **Chemical Characteristics:**

Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: .  
 Identify specific pollutants, if known: .

(iii) **Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):**

- Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): .
- Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: .
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: .
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: .
  - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: .

3. **Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)**

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: **Pick List**  
 Approximately ( ) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:

<u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u>	<u>Size (in acres)</u>	<u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u>	<u>Size (in acres)</u>
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Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: .

**C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION**

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

**Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:**

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

**Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:**

1. **Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D: .
2. **Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: .
3. **Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: .

**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: linear feet width (ft), Or, 96,000 acres.  
 Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: [not evaluated] acres.

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-RPWs<sup>8</sup> 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: .  
 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.**

- Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

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

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

- Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

<sup>8</sup>See Footnote # 3.

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

**7. Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.<sup>9</sup>**

As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.

- Demonstrate that impoundment was created from “waters of the U.S.,” or
- Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or
- Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).

**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):<sup>10</sup>**

- which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.
- from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.
- which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.
- Interstate isolated waters. Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other factors. Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:** \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Wetlands: \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

**F. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**

- If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.
- Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.
  - Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in “SWANCC,” the review area would have been regulated based solely on the “Migratory Bird Rule” (MBR).
- Waters do not meet the “Significant Nexus” standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: (explain, if not covered above): \_\_\_\_\_

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): \_\_\_\_\_ linear feet \_\_\_\_\_ width (ft).
- Lakes/ponds: \_\_\_\_\_ acres.
- Other non-wetland waters: \_\_\_\_\_ acres. List type of aquatic resource: \_\_\_\_\_
- Wetlands: \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the “Significant Nexus” standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): \_\_\_\_\_ linear feet, \_\_\_\_\_ width (ft).
- Lakes/ponds: \_\_\_\_\_ acres.
- Other non-wetland waters: \_\_\_\_\_ acres. List type of aquatic resource: \_\_\_\_\_
- Wetlands: \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

**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: Preliminary data collected by BioWest for the proposed Provo West Connector roadway project (see 08-24-2007 record of conversation).
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>9</sup> To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

- 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: 7.5' quads: Pelican Point, Lincoln Point, Provo, Saratoga Springs, Orem, Soldier Pass, Goshen Valley North, West Mountain.
  - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: .
  - National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: Pelican Point, Lincoln Point, Provo, Saratoga Springs, Orem, Soldier Pass, Goshen Valley North, West Mountain.
  - State/Local wetland inventory map(s): .
  - FEMA/FIRM maps: .
  - 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
  - Photographs:  Aerial (Name & Date): .  
or  Other (Name & Date): .
  - Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: .
  - Applicable/supporting case law: Utah Division of State Lands v. United States, 482 U.S. 193 (1987); Utah Division of Parks and Recreation v. Marsh, 740 F.2d 799 (10th Cir. 1984).
  - Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
  - Other information (please specify): .
- Powell, Allen K. 1994. Utah History Encyclopedia. University Press, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 674 pp.

**B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:** The Corps has determined that Utah Lake is a navigable-in-fact TNW based on the following information:

The lake meets the definition of a 33 CFR 328.3(c) water of the U.S. 33 CFR 328.3(c) waters include: All other waters such as intrastate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds, the use, degradation or destruction of which could affect interstate or foreign commerce including any such waters: (i) Which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes; or (ii) From which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; or (iii) Which are used or could be used for industrial purpose by industries in interstate commerce.

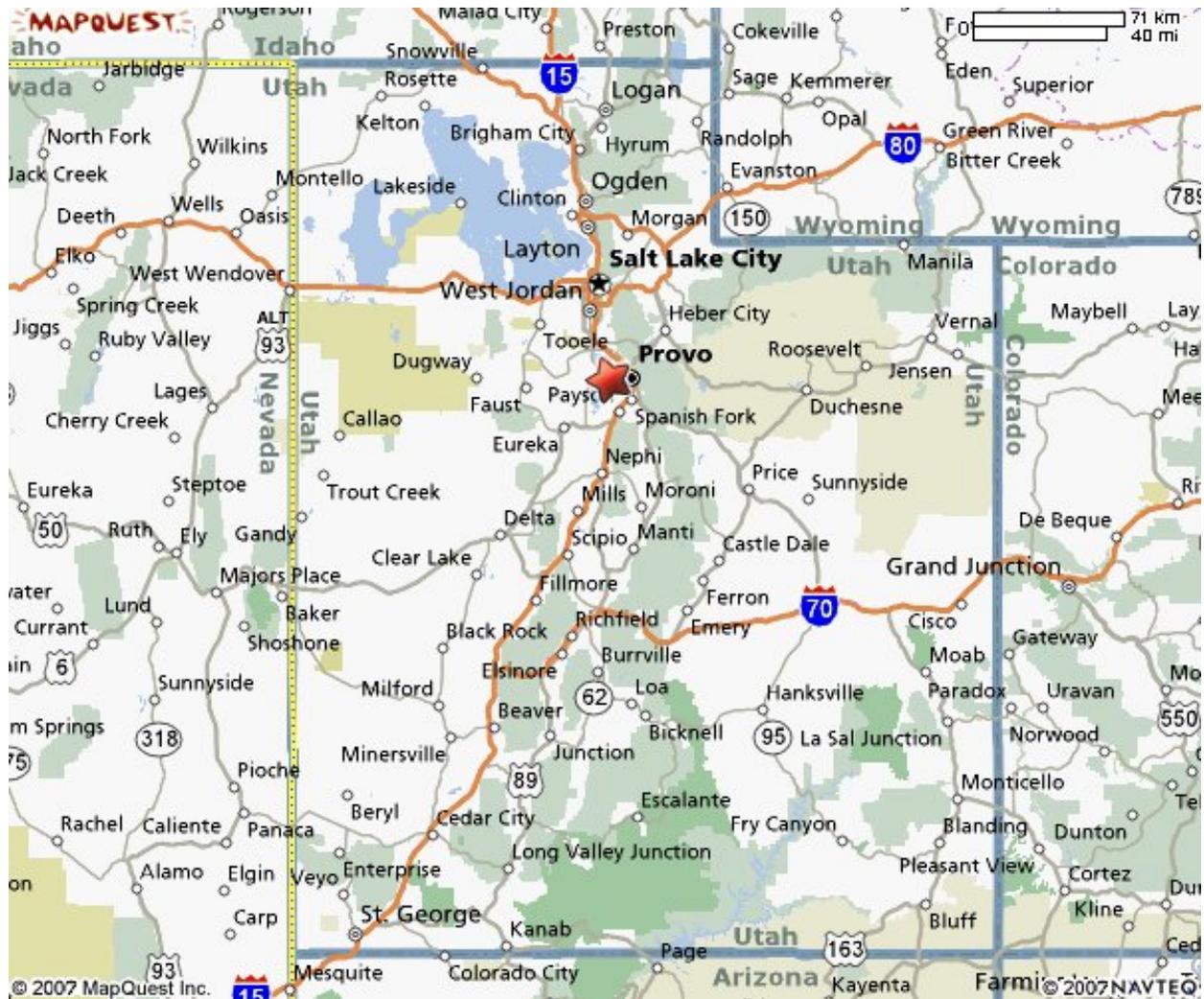
The lake also meets the three conditions of navigability per 33 CFR 329.5 which are:

- a) Past, present, or potential presence of interstate or foreign commerce
- b) Physical capabilities for use by commerce as in paragraph (a) of this section; and
- c) Defined geographic limits of the waterbody.

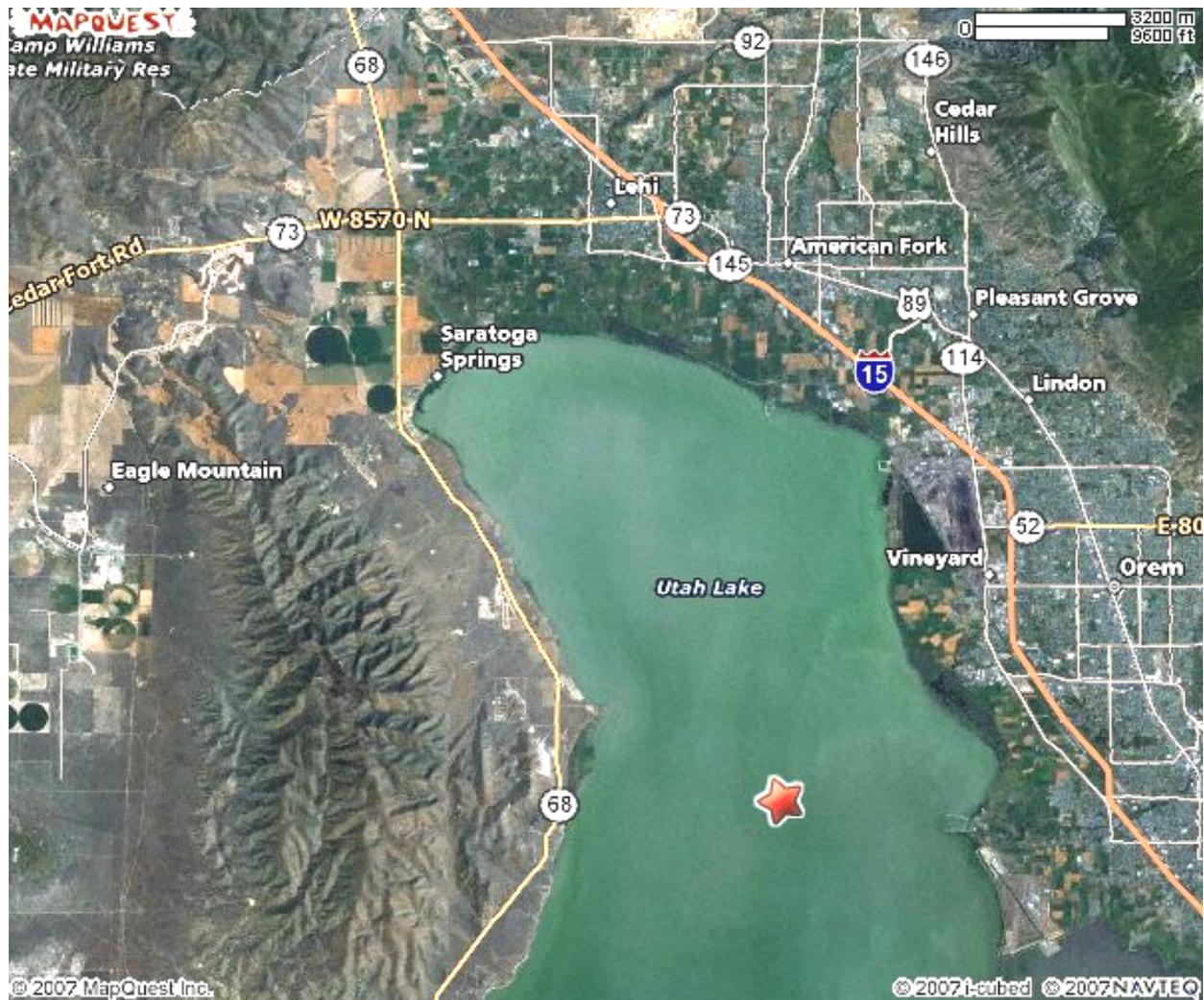
The defined geographic limits (i.e. the OHWM) are described above, in Section II(B)(1)(c) of this determination.

Two federal court cases also cite the lake as a navigable water: Utah Division of State Lands v. United States, 482 U.S. 193 (1987); Utah Division of Parks and Recreation v. Marsh, 740 F.2d 799 (10th Cir. 1984). Refer to summaries provided under III(A)(1) of this determination. Since the federal courts have determined that Utah Lake is navigable-in-fact under federal law, the lake qualifies as a "traditional navigable water" and is subject to CWA jurisdiction under 33 CFR 328.3(a)(1) and 40 CFR 230.3(s)(1).

Wetlands adjacent to Utah Lake and tributaries were beyond the scope of this determination. These will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.



Utah Lake Locator Map



Utah Lake – North End. Provo Municipal Airport in lower right-hand corner of map.



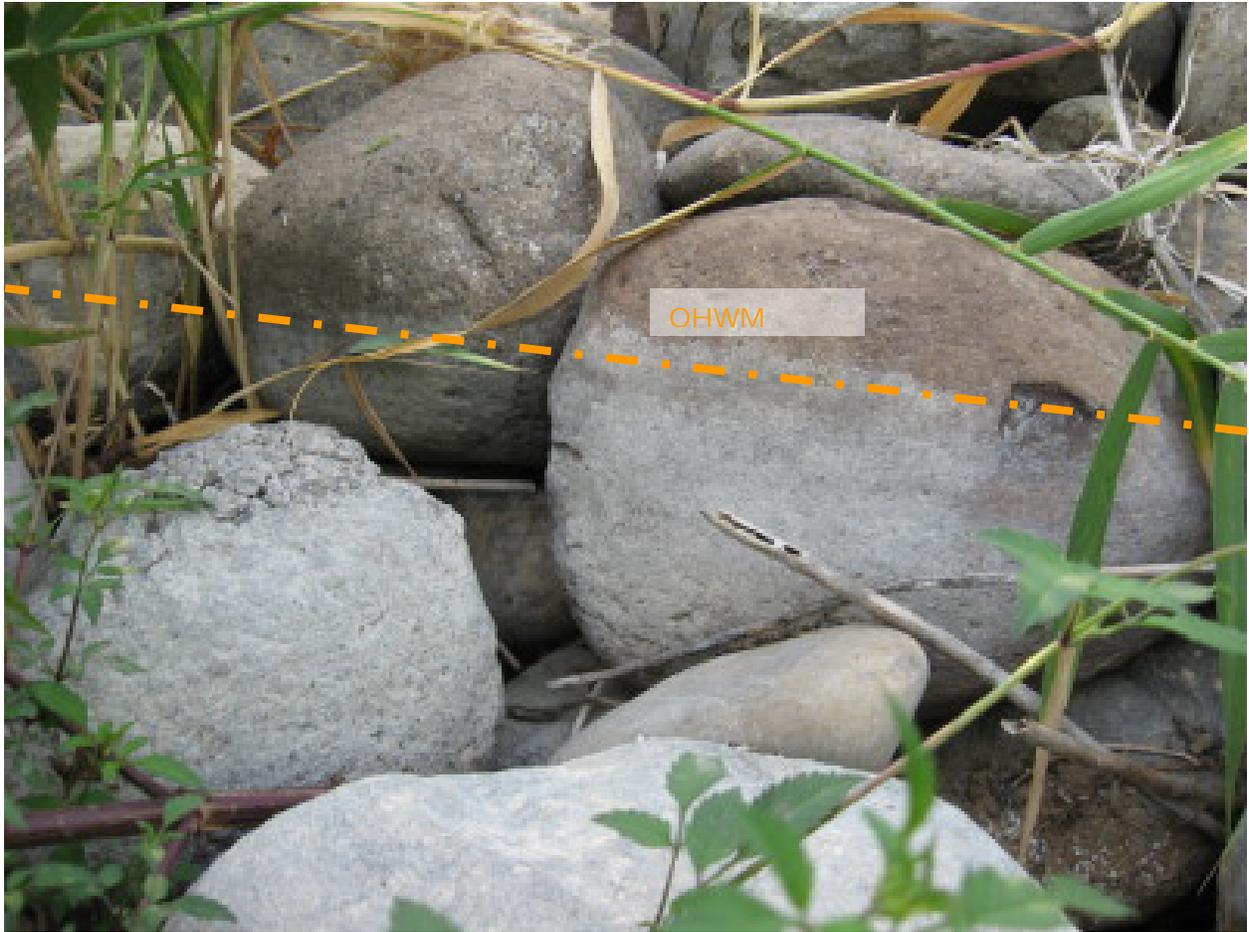
Utah Lake – South. Provo Municipal Airport in upper right-hand corner of map.



Ordinary High Watermark Study Area. Physical characteristics of OHWM were documented by BioWest (consultant) on the south side of the Provo Municipal Airport dike.



View to the east of Utah Lake (and Mt. Timpanogos) taken from the west shore (photo credit Dan Lund 3/7/01). Ordinary high water mark evident on the shoreline in the form of destruction of terrestrial vegetation, sediment deposits (white coatings on the beach rock), and drift deposits.



OCHWM physical indicator – water line on riprap in Provo Bay OCHWM Study Area (photo credit BioWest August 2007).



**OHWM physical indicator – sediment deposits on near-shore bulrushes (*Scirpus americanus*) in Provo Bay OHWM Study Area (photo credit BioWest August 2007).**

# Record of Conversation

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**Caller:** James McMillan, Senior Project Manager, Utah Regulatory Office

**Recipient of Call:** Nate Norman, BioWest, 435-757-3815

**Date/Time:** August 24, 2007; 0915 hrs.

**Re:** Utah Lake Ordinary High Watermark Determination Results for the Provo West Connector Study

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I contacted Mr. Norman to get the results of their OHWM determination on Utah Lake for the Provo West Connector Study they are working on for UDOT and the FHWA. The determination was made on the north shore of East (Provo) Bay (Sections 15 and 16, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, SLB&M). Mr. Norman stated that they had completed the determination, using physical characteristics to document the OHWM elevation. The physical characteristics they observed were: sediment deposits on riprap and on lacustrine fringe wetland vegetation (*Scirpus*) and driftlines and debris deposits.

The OHWM elevation (NAD 83) was determined to be between 4492 and 4493. This elevation roughly corresponds with the NAD27 lake elevation established at statehood, and it also corresponds with the spillway elevation into the Jordan River (4489.045' amsl). Elevation differences between the NAD27 and NAD 83 data are approximately 3' to 4'.

Documenting the exact elevation of the OHWM is not essential for this determination, however, documenting the physical characteristics of the OHWM is necessary to make a legally defensible OHWM determination, per 33 CFR 328.3(e).