

APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION AND  
UTILITY SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES  
ON FEDERAL LANDS

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 0596-0082

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

Application Number

Date Filed

3. Telephone (area code)

Applicant

Authorized Agent

NOTE: Before completing and filing the application, the applicant should completely review this package and schedule a preapplication meeting with representatives of the agency responsible for processing the application. Each agency may have specific and unique requirements to be met in preparing and processing the application. Many times, with the help of the agency representative, the application can be completed at the preapplication meeting.

1. Name and address of applicant (include zip code)

Union County Government  
65 Courthouse St., Box 1  
Blairsville, GA 30512

Name, title, and address of authorized agent if different from item 1 (include zip code)

Tax ID or SSN# 58-0910911

4. As applicant are you? (check one)

- a.  Individual
- b.  Corporation\*
- c.  Partnership/Association\*
- d.  State Government/State Agency
- e.  Local Government
- f.  Federal Agency

5. Specify what application is for: (check one)

- a.  New authorization
- b.  Renewing existing authorization No.
- c.  Amend existing authorization No.
- d.  Assign existing authorization No.
- e.  Existing use for which no authorization has been received \*
- f.  Other\*

\* If checked, complete supplemental page

\* If checked, provide details under item 7

6. If an individual or partnership are you a citizen(s) of the United States?  Yes  No

7. Project description (describe in detail): (a) Type of system or facility, (e.g., canal, pipeline, road), (b) related structures and facilities; (c) physical specifications (Length, width, grading, etc.); (d) term of years needed; (e) time of year of use or operation; (f) Volume or amount of product to be transported; (g) duration and timing of construction; and (h) temporary work areas needed for construction (Attach additional sheets, if additional space is needed.)

See attached narrative.

8. Attach a map covering area and show location of project proposal  Map on File with FS

9. State or Local government approval:  Attached  Applied for  Not Required

10. Nonreturnable application fee:  Attached  Not required

11. Does project cross international boundary or affect international waterways?  Yes  No (if "yes," indicate on map)

12. Give statement of your technical and financial capability to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate system for which authorization is being requested.

See attached narrative.

13a. Describe other reasonable alternative routes and modes considered.

See attached narrative.

b. Why were these alternatives not selected?

See attached narrative

c. Give explanation as to why it is necessary to cross Federal Lands.

See attached narrative

14. List authorizations and pending applications filed for similar projects which may provide information to the authorizing agency. (Specify number, date, code, or name)

N/A

15. Provide statement of need for project, including the economic feasibility and items such as: (a) cost of proposal (construction, operation, and maintenance); (b) estimated cost of next best alternative; and (c) expected public benefits.

See attached narrative

16. Describe probable effects on the population in the area, including the social and economic aspects, and the rural lifestyles.

See attached narrative

17. Describe likely environmental effects that the proposed project will have on: (a) air quality; (b) visual impact; (c) surface and ground water quality and quantity; (d) the control or structural change on any stream or other body of water; (e) existing noise levels; and (f) the surface of the land, including vegetation, permafrost, soil, and soil stability.

See attached narrative

18. Describe the probable effects that the proposed project will have on (a) populations of fish, plantlife, wildlife, and marine life, including threatened and endangered species; and (b) marine mammals, including hunting, capturing, collecting, or killing these animals.

See attached narrative

19. State whether any hazardous material, as defined in this paragraph, will be used, produced, transported or stored on or within the right-of-way or any of the right of way facilities, or used in the construction, operation, maintenance or termination of the right-of-way or any of its facilities. "Hazardous material" means any substance, pollutant or contaminant that is listed as hazardous under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., and its regulations. The definition of hazardous substances under CERCLA includes any "hazardous waste" as defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq., and its regulations. The term hazardous materials also includes any nuclear or byproduct material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq. The term does not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof that is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under CERCLA Section 101(14), 42 U.S.C. 9601(14), nor does the term include natural gas.

No hazardous materials will be used, produced, transported or stored on this property.

20. Name all the Department(s)/Agency(ies) where this application is being filed.

USFS only.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I am of legal age and authorized to do business in the State and that I have personally examined the information contained in the application and believe that the information submitted is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

*James Pean*

Date

4/24/18

Title 18, U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

GENERAL INFORMATION  
ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS

Department of Transportation  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Alaska Region AAL-4, 222 West 7th Ave., Box 14  
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7587

This application will be used when applying for a right-of-way, permit, license,

## Answers to Application Questions

7. Union County wishes to construct and operate a public use shooting range on USFS land located on Highway 180 between mile markers 18 and 19 in Union County, Georgia. The estimated acreage that would be needed for the proposed shooting range would be 14.52 acres. This area has previously been cleared by the USFS, so only minor grading will be necessary with minimal tree removal. Based on the type of project this is and the benefit to our community we would like for the duration of use to be at a minimum of 100 years. The facility will operate year-round, and members of the Gun Club will be present during days and hours when the facility is open to the public. We estimate the duration of construction to be 60 to 90 days. We would also like to construct a pole barn type structure with shooting benches and a roof. Photos of the land, proposed plan and the proposed structure are attached.

12. Union County Government has the financial background and available funding through SPLOST to supervise and assist with any necessary funding to supplement that of the Gun Club in construction of the necessary road access and parking as well as assisting in the grading for the gun range. While we do not have the expertise of design, we would be able to supervise the construction of a properly prepared design plan that the gun club would be able to furnish. While the gun club would be ultimately responsible for maintenance and operation of the facility, we understand that Union County Government would be liable for overseeing the operation and being responsible to the USFS for said operation and construction. We are willing to take on this role.

13a. There were numerous locations within Union County that were considered and many of these were dismissed for different reasons. The three locations that were the most promising were as follows; property west of Nottley Dam on Highway 325, 4 miles east of Highway 19/129 on private property, and a tract of land off of Smyrna Road.

13b. The property west of Nottley Dam on Highway 325 was not selected because it was too wet and there was not enough flat ground to even consider beginning the project. There was also a waterway, which was a barrier. The property 4 miles east of Highway 19/129 on private property was not selected because it was cost prohibitive and there were houses too close for the property to be used as a gun range. The tract of land off of Smyrna Road was not selected because it would have required too much grading and tree removal. The location was too far from town and it is felt that the proposed gun range would not have received enough use due to the distance of travel. This location also had a very long single lane access road that would have been dangerous for travel and a turn around area would be necessary.

13c. We would like to utilize federal land for this project due to accessibility of the property to the public, minimal grading, minimal tree removal, and the distance from residences.

15. Union County has a large population of gun owners and gun enthusiasts. Currently, any of our residents who wish to utilize a shooting range have to travel outside of the county to do so, unless they have access to private property where they can shoot. We don't want people to have to travel outside of the county for services if there is any way possible for them to be provided within Union County.

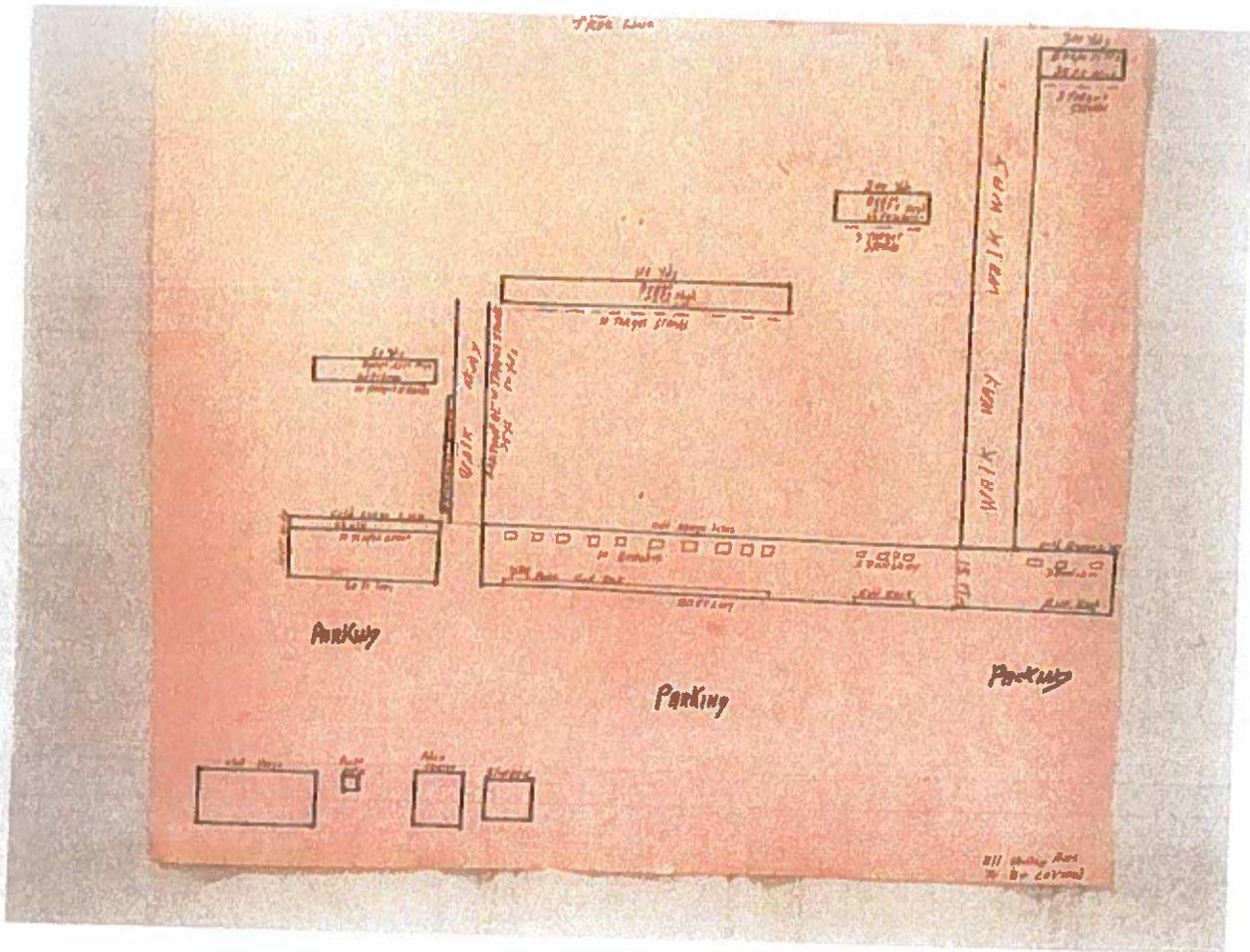
16. We feel that any effects to the population of Union County would be positive effects. A public access gun range would provide a needed area for recreation and give adults and children a safe place to practice and learn gun accuracy and safety. Since sound, noise and traffic will not be a factor, this is the perfect location.

17. The proposed gun range will have no effect on air quality along with no visual impact as the proposed location has mostly been cleared and the one structure to be constructed will only be approximately 80 feet in length. There will be no foreseeable impact to the ground water quality or the surface water, and no streams or other bodies of water will need to be crossed or changed in any way. Since the proposed gun range is so far from town and residences the negative impact of noise would be extremely minimal.

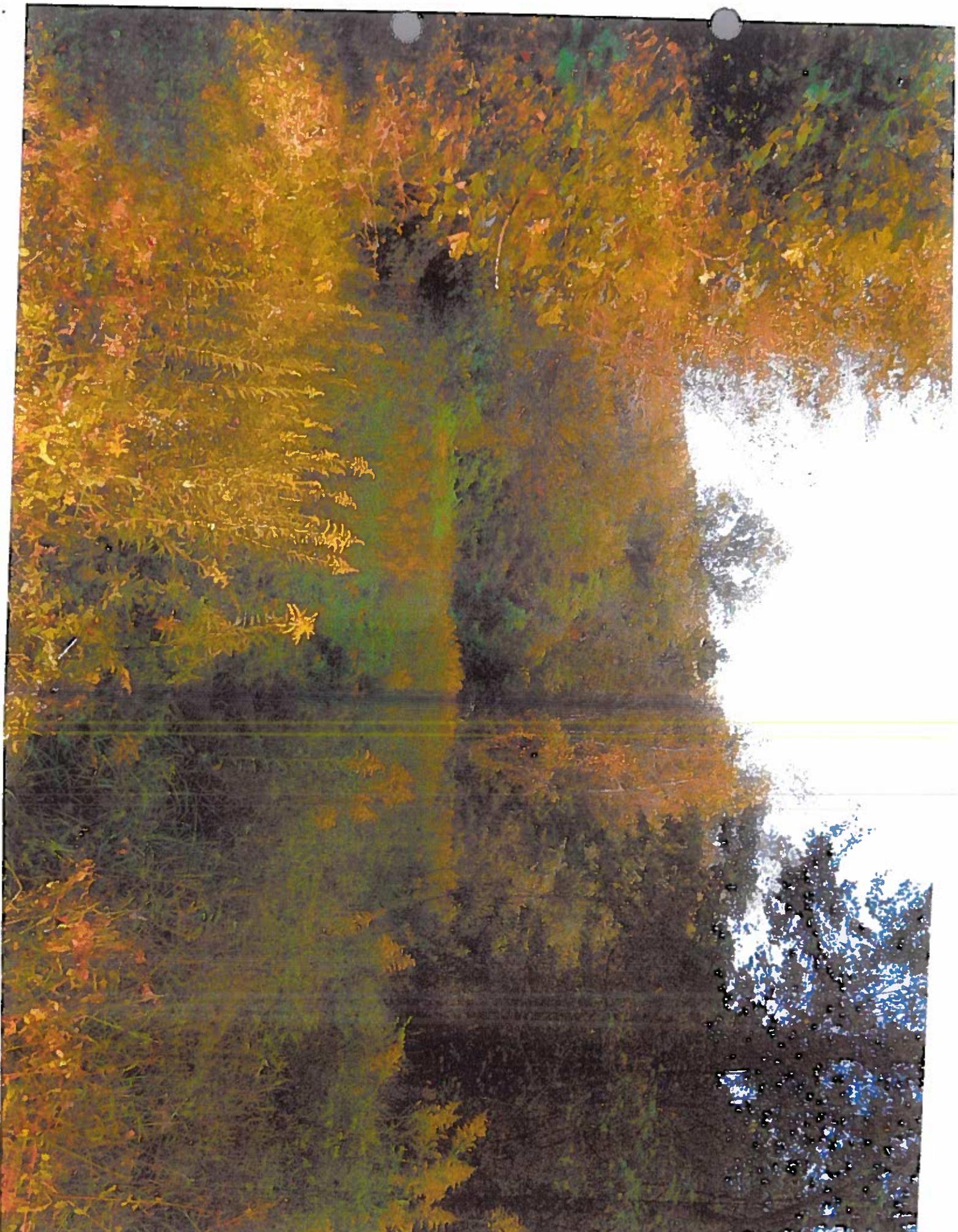
18. There should be no impact on any wildlife including marine life or endangered species.



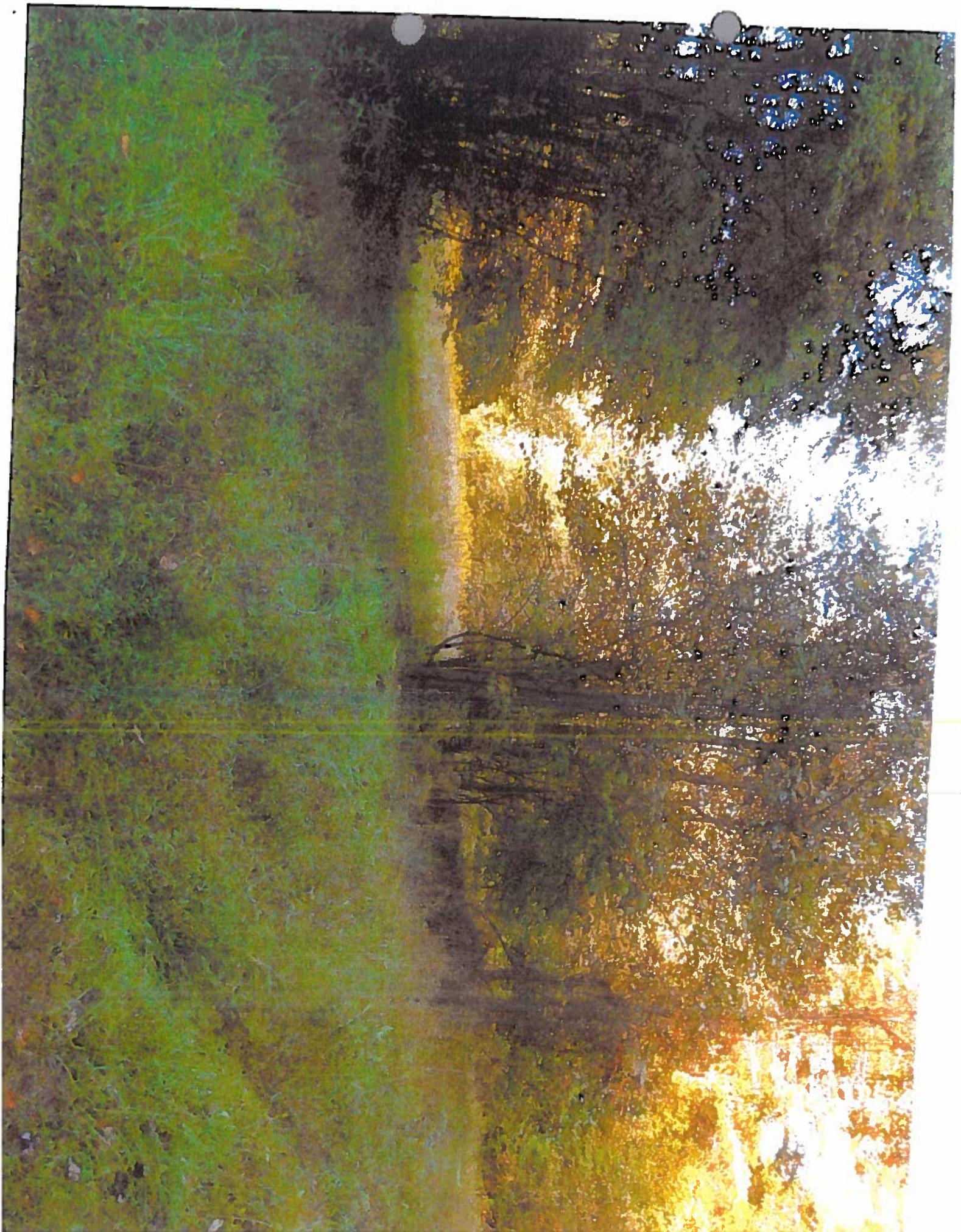
# Drawing of proposed Range Setup





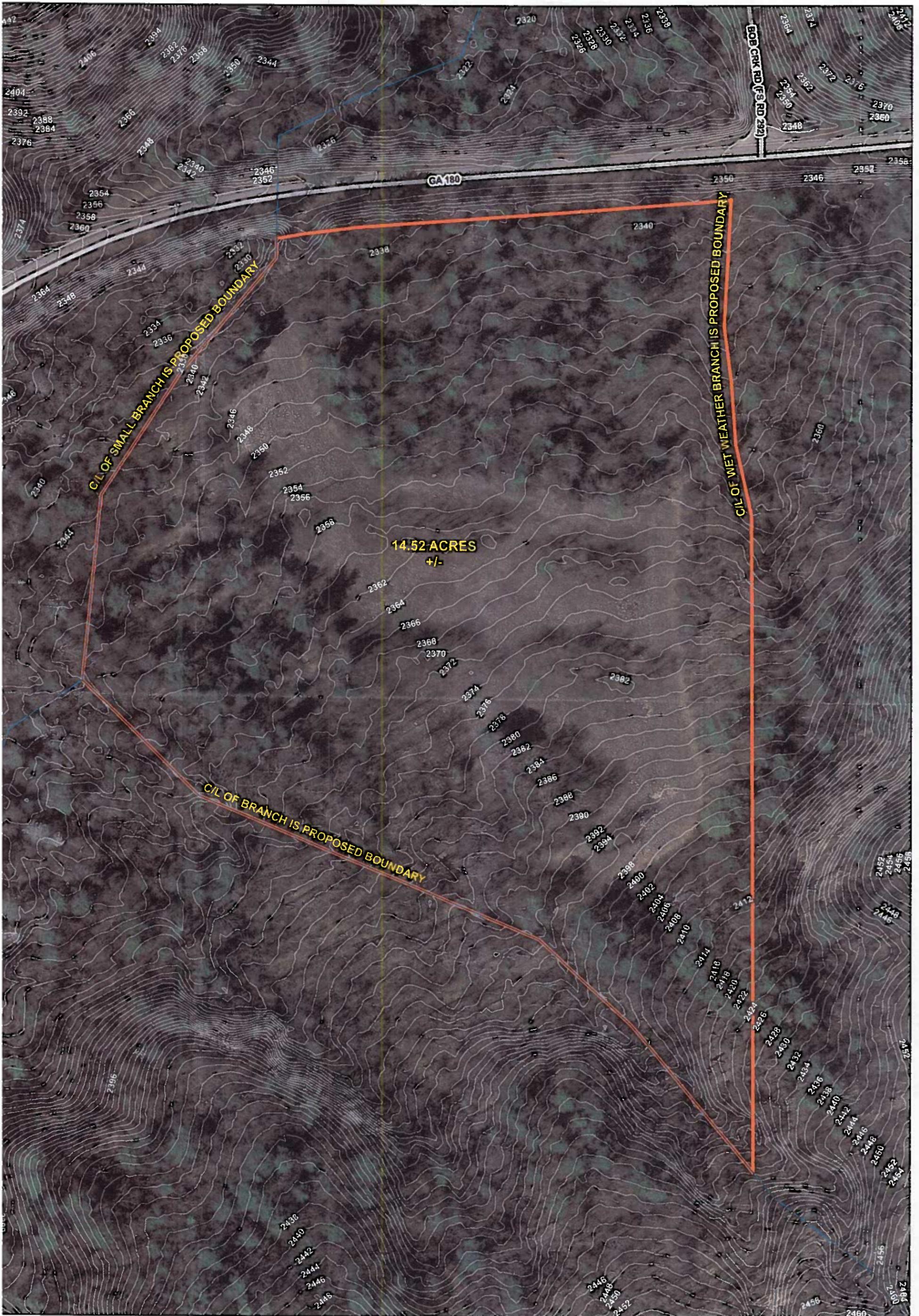












- Legend**
- Streams - Named
  - PROPOSED SHOOTING RANGE BOUNDARY
  - 2 FT. CONTOURS
  - Roads - Continuous Centerline



**PROPOSED SHOOTING RANGE LOCATION  
GA HWY 180 E NEAR USFS RD 292  
UNION COUNTY, GEORGIA**

1 inch = 100 feet

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