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**Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is  
Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5  
Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** PR-RGRW-00301

**HEROS Number:** 900000010367243

**State / Local Identifier:**

**Project Location:** , Lajas, PR 00667

**Additional Location Information:**

Location centroid: Latitude 18.028163, longitude -66.992634 at the address given above. Cadastral:  
383-000-001-03-002

**Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:**

This project (PR-RGRW-00301) entails the award of a grant to La Plata Farm Inc, a cattle ranch, at Barrio La Plata Carretera 117 Ramal 327 Final, Lajas, PR 00667. Tax ID Number: 383-000-001-03-002. Coordinates (18.028163, -66.992634). The specific scope of work for this project includes the purchase of cattle and cattle feed. Segments for corrals will be purchased as well as a squeeze chute. These segments and the squeeze chute require no ground disturbance to set up. The corral and chute stay upright with their own weight and the formation they are put in. A affixed motor variator is going to be replaced inside the structure. The structure was built circa 2008. The former and proposed land use is the same the property will remain a cattle ranch. The parcel is approximately 114 acres. Project funding amount: \$143,600.65.

**Level of Environment Review Determination:**

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5:  
58.35(a)(3)(iii)

**Funding Information**

Grant Number	HUD Program	Program Name
B-17-DM-72-0001	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (Disaster Recovery Assistance)
B-18-DE-72-0001	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (Disaster Recovery Assistance)
B-18-DP-72-0001	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (Disaster Recovery Assistance)
B-19-DP-78-0002	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (Disaster Recovery Assistance)

**Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:** \$143,600.65

**Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]:** \$143,600.65

**Mitigation Measures and Conditions [CFR 1505.2(c)]:**

Summarized below are all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure or Condition	Comments on Completed Measures	Complete
Flood Insurance	For loans, loan insurance or guarantees, the amount of flood insurance coverage must at least equal the outstanding principal balance of the loan or the maximum limit of coverage made available under the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less. For grants and other non-loan forms of financial assistance, flood insurance coverage must be continued for the life of the building irrespective of the transfer of ownership. The amount of coverage must at least equal the total project cost or the maximum coverage limit of the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less.	N/A	
Floodplain Management	Mitigation/minimization measures not required as the project activities are not substantial improvement and the building footprint is not being increased. Flood insurance is required.	N/A	

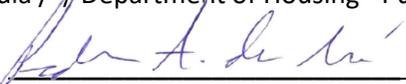
**Determination:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	This categorically excluded activity/project converts to <b>EXEMPT</b> per Section 58.34(a)(12), because it does not require any mitigation for compliance with any listed statutes or authorities, nor requires any formal permit or license; <b>Funds may be committed and drawn down after certification of this part</b> for this (now) EXEMPT project; OR
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This categorically excluded activity/project cannot convert to Exempt status because one or more statutes or authorities listed at Section 58.5 requires formal consultation or mitigation. Complete consultation/mitigation protocol requirements, <b>publish NOI/RROF and obtain "Authority to Use Grant Funds"</b> (HUD 7015.16) per Section 58.70 and 58.71 before committing or drawing down any funds; OR
<input type="checkbox"/>	This project is not categorically excluded OR, if originally categorically excluded, is now subject to a full Environmental Assessment according to Part 58 Subpart E due to extraordinary circumstances (Section 58.35(c)).

Preparer Signature:  Date: Dec.14.2023

Name / Title / Organization: Ianmario Heredia / Department of Housing - Puerto Rico

Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature:  Date: 2/8/2024

Name/ Title: Pedro A. de León Rodríguez, MSEM/Permits and Environmental Compliance Specialist

**This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environment Review Record (ERR) for the activity / project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).**

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Juan PR, 00928

**State / Local Identifier:**

**RE Preparer:** Ianmario Heredia

**Certifying Office**  
**r:**

**Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):**

**Point of Contact:**

**Consultant (if applicable):** HORNE LLP

**Point of Contact:** Blas Guernica

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**Direct Comments to:** [environmentcdbg@info.pr.gov](mailto:environmentcdbg@info.pr.gov)

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**Maps, photographs, and other documentation of project location and description:**

[PR-RGRW-00301 Scope.pdf](#)

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**Approval Documents:**

[00301-SIG-PAGE.pdf](#)

**7015.15 certified by Certifying Officer on:**

**7015.16 certified by Authorizing Officer on:**

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**Compliance with 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5 and §58.6 Laws and Authorities**

<b>Compliance Factors:</b> Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5, and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determination (See Appendix A for source determinations)
<b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 &amp; § 58.6</b>		
<b>Airport Hazards</b> Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	The project site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The nearest airport RPZ/CZ is approximately 96,298 feet away. The project is in compliance with Airport Hazards requirements.
<b>Coastal Barrier Resources Act</b> Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. It is 16,538 feet from a protected area. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.

<p><b>Flood Insurance</b>                  Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Flood Map Number 72000C1590H, effective on 04/19/2005: The structure or insurable property is located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area. The community is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. For loans, loan insurance or guarantees, the amount of flood insurance coverage must at least equal the outstanding principal balance of the loan or the maximum limit of coverage made available under the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less. For grants and other non-loan forms of financial assistance, flood insurance coverage must be continued for the life of the building irrespective of the transfer of ownership. The amount of coverage must at least equal the total project cost or the maximum coverage limit of the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less. With flood insurance the project is in compliance with flood insurance requirements.</p>
<p><b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 &amp; § 58.5</b></p>		
<p><b>Air Quality</b>                  Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) &amp; (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under the Clean Air Act. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.</p>
<p><b>Coastal Zone Management Act</b>                  Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) &amp; (d)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>This project is not located in or does not affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the state Coastal Management Plan. The project is 10,374 feet from the coastal zone. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act.</p>
<p><b>Contamination and Toxic Substances</b>                  24 CFR 50.3(i) &amp; 58.5(i)(2)]</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Site contamination was evaluated as follows: None of the above. On-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property were not found. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.</p>

<p><b>Endangered Species Act</b> Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>This project will have No Effect on listed species based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office. This project clears via the project criteria 4 of the USFWS Blanket Clearance Letter. See attached Endangered Species Act self-certification form. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.</p>
<p><b>Explosive and Flammable Hazards</b> Above-Ground Tanks)[24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements.</p>
<p><b>Farmlands Protection</b> Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.</p>
<p><b>Floodplain Management</b> Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<p><b>Historic Preservation</b> National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Based on the project description the project is covered by a Programmatic Agreement that includes an applicable exemption that exempts this project from the requirements of Section 106. The project is in compliance with Section 106.</p>
<p><b>Noise Abatement and Control</b> Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under HUD's noise regulation. The project is in compliance with HUD's Noise regulation.</p>
<p><b>Sole Source Aquifers</b> Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Based on the project description, the project consists of activities that are unlikely to have an adverse impact on groundwater resources. According to EPA, there are no sole source aquifers in Puerto Rico. The project is in</p>

		compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements.
<b>Wetlands Protection</b> Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Based on the project description this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990.
<b>Wild and Scenic Rivers Act</b> Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	This project is not within proximity of a NWSRS river. The project is located 429,381 feet from the nearest Wild and Scenic River. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
<b>HUD HOUSING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS</b>		
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE</b>		
<b>Environmental Justice</b> Executive Order 12898	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Adverse environmental impacts are not disproportionately high for low-income and/or minority communities. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898.

**Mitigation Measures and Conditions [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]:**

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Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure or Condition	Comments on Completed Measures	Mitigation Plan	Complete
Flood Insurance	For loans, loan insurance or guarantees, the amount of flood insurance coverage must at least equal the outstanding principal balance of the loan or the maximum limit of coverage made available under the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less. For grants and other non-loan forms of financial assistance, flood insurance coverage must be	N/A		

	continued for the life of the building irrespective of the transfer of ownership. The amount of coverage must at least equal the total project cost or the maximum coverage limit of the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less.			
Floodplain Management	Mitigation/minimization measures not required as the project activities are not substantial improvement and the building footprint is not being increased. Flood insurance is required.	N/A		

**Project Mitigation Plan**

Buyer must purchase flood insurance because the grant exceeds \$10,000 and the site is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

**Supporting documentation on completed measures**

## APPENDIX A: Related Federal Laws and Authorities

### Airport Hazards

General policy	Legislation	Regulation
It is HUD's policy to apply standards to prevent incompatible development around civil airports and military airfields.		24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D

1. To ensure compatible land use development, you must determine your site's proximity to civil and military airports. Is your project within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport?

✓ No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload the map showing that the site is not within the applicable distances to a military or civilian airport below

Yes

### Screen Summary

#### Compliance Determination

The project site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The nearest airport RPZ/CZ is approximately 96,298 feet away. The project is in compliance with Airport Hazards requirements.

#### Supporting documentation

[PR-RGRW-00301 Airports.pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

## Coastal Barrier Resources

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD financial assistance may not be used for most activities in units of the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS). See 16 USC 3504 for limitations on federal expenditures affecting the CBRS.	Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) of 1982, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (16 USC 3501)	

**1. Is the project located in a CBRS Unit?**

No

Document and upload map and documentation below.

Yes

### Screen Summary

#### **Compliance Determination**

This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. It is 16,538 feet from a protected area. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.

#### **Supporting documentation**

[PR-RGRW-00301 CBRS.pdf](#)

#### **Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

## Flood Insurance

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Certain types of federal financial assistance may not be used in floodplains unless the community participates in National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance is both obtained and maintained.	Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 as amended (42 USC 4001-4128)	24 CFR 50.4(b)(1) and 24 CFR 58.6(a) and (b); 24 CFR 55.1(b).

**1. Does this project involve financial assistance for construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of a mobile home, building, or insurable personal property?**

No. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance.

Yes

**2. Upload a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site here:**

[PR-RGRW-00301 Flood Map.pdf](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The [FEMA Map Service Center](#) provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). For projects in areas not mapped by FEMA, use the best available information to determine floodplain information. Include documentation, including a discussion of why this is the best available information for the site. Provide FEMA/FIRM floodplain zone designation, panel number, and date within your documentation.

**Is the structure, part of the structure, or insurable property located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area?**

No

Yes

**3. Is the community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards?**

Yes, the community is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program must be obtained and maintained for the economic life of the project, in the amount of the total project cost or the maximum coverage limit, whichever is less.

Document and upload a copy of the flood insurance policy declaration or a paid receipt for the current annual flood insurance premium and a copy of the application for flood insurance below.

Yes, less than one year has passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards.

No. The community is not participating, or its participation has been suspended.

### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

Flood Map Number 72000C1590H, effective on 04/19/2005: The structure or insurable property is located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area. The community is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. For loans, loan insurance or guarantees, the amount of flood insurance coverage must at least equal the outstanding principal balance of the loan or the maximum limit of coverage made available under the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less. For grants and other non-loan forms of financial assistance, flood insurance coverage must be continued for the life of the building irrespective of the transfer of ownership. The amount of coverage must at least equal the total project cost or the maximum coverage limit of the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less. With flood insurance the project is in compliance with flood insurance requirements.

#### **Supporting documentation**

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

## Air Quality

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Clean Air Act is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which sets national standards on ambient pollutants. In addition, the Clean Air Act is administered by States, which must develop State Implementation Plans (SIPs) to regulate their state air quality. Projects funded by HUD must demonstrate that they conform to the appropriate SIP.	Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401 et seq.) as amended particularly Section 176(c) and (d) (42 USC 7506(c) and (d))	40 CFR Parts 6, 51 and 93

**1. Does your project include new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities OR five or more dwelling units?**

Yes

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

### Screen Summary

#### **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under the Clean Air Act. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

#### **Supporting documentation**

#### **Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

## Coastal Zone Management Act

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Federal assistance to applicant agencies for activities affecting any coastal use or resource is granted only when such activities are consistent with federally approved State Coastal Zone Management Act Plans.	Coastal Zone Management Act (16 USC 1451-1464), particularly section 307(c) and (d) (16 USC 1456(c) and (d))	15 CFR Part 930

**1. Is the project located in, or does it affect, a Coastal Zone as defined in your state Coastal Management Plan?**

Yes

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload all documents used to make your determination below.

### Screen Summary

#### **Compliance Determination**

This project is not located in or does not affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the state Coastal Management Plan. The project is 10,374 feet from the coastal zone. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act.

#### **Supporting documentation**

[PR-RGRW-00301 CZM.pdf](#)

#### **Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

### Contamination and Toxic Substances

General requirements	Legislation	Regulations
It is HUD policy that all properties that are being proposed for use in HUD programs be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property.		24 CFR 58.5(i)(2) 24 CFR 50.3(i)

**1. How was site contamination evaluated? Select all that apply. Document and upload documentation and reports and evaluation explanation of site contamination below.**

- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)
- ASTM Phase II ESA
- Remediation or clean-up plan
- ASTM Vapor Encroachment Screening
- None of the Above

**2. Were any on-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances found that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property? (Were any recognized environmental conditions or RECs identified in a Phase I ESA and confirmed in a Phase II ESA?)**

No

**Explain:**

There are no toxic sites within 3,000 feet of the project location. The environmental field observation did not note any items of concern. See the attached environmental field observation report.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

**Screen Summary**  
**Compliance Determination**

Site contamination was evaluated as follows: None of the above. On-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property were not found. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.

**Supporting documentation**

[PR-RGRW-00301 EFOR.docx](#)

[PR-RGRW-00301 Toxics.pdf](#)

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No

**Endangered Species**

General requirements	ESA Legislation	Regulations
Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) mandates that federal agencies ensure that actions that they authorize, fund, or carry out shall not jeopardize the continued existence of federally listed plants and animals or result in the adverse modification or destruction of designated critical habitat. Where their actions may affect resources protected by the ESA, agencies must consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service (“FWS” and “NMFS” or “the Services”).	The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 <i>et seq.</i> ); particularly section 7 (16 USC 1536).	50 CFR Part 402

**1. Does the project involve any activities that have the potential to affect species or habitats?**

No, the project will have No Effect due to the nature of the activities involved in the project.

- ✓ No, the project will have No Effect based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office

Explain your determination:

This project clears via the project criteria 4 of the USFWS Blanket Clearance Letter. See attached Endangered Species Act self-certification form.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload all documents used to make your determination below.

Yes, the activities involved in the project have the potential to affect species and/or habitats.

**Screen Summary**

**Compliance Determination**

This project will have No Effect on listed species based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office. This project clears via the project criteria 4 of the USFWS Blanket

Clearance Letter. See attached Endangered Species Act self-certification form. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

**Supporting documentation**

[PR-RGRW-00301 USFWS Self-Certification Form\\_PRDOH.pdf](#)

[PR-RGRW-00301 ESA.pdf](#)

[PR-RGRW-00301 Site Map.pdf](#)

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No

## Explosive and Flammable Hazards

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD-assisted projects must meet Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) requirements to protect them from explosive and flammable hazards.	N/A	24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C

**1. Is the proposed HUD-assisted project itself the development of a hazardous facility (a facility that mainly stores, handles or processes flammable or combustible chemicals such as bulk fuel storage facilities and refineries)?**

No

Yes

**2. Does this project include any of the following activities: development, construction, rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or conversion?**

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

### Screen Summary

#### **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements.

#### **Supporting documentation**

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

## Farmlands Protection

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) discourages federal activities that would convert farmland to nonagricultural purposes.	Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.)	<a href="#">7 CFR Part 658</a>

1. Does your project include any activities, including new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, that could convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use?

Yes

No

If your project includes new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, explain how you determined that agricultural land would not be converted:

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload all documents used to make your determination below.

### Screen Summary

#### Compliance Determination

This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.

#### Supporting documentation

[PR-RGRW-00301 Farmland.pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

## Floodplain Management

General Requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, requires federal activities to avoid impacts to floodplains and to avoid direct and indirect support of floodplain development to the extent practicable.	Executive Order 11988	24 CFR 55

**1. Do any of the following exemptions apply? Select the applicable citation? [only one selection possible]**

- 55.12(c)(3)
- 55.12(c)(4)
- 55.12(c)(5)
- 55.12(c)(6)
- 55.12(c)(7)
- 55.12(c)(8)
- 55.12(c)(9)
- 55.12(c)(10)
- 55.12(c)(11)
- None of the above

**2. Upload a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site here:**

[PR-RGRW-00301 Flood Map.pdf](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The FEMA Map Service Center provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). For projects in areas not mapped by FEMA, use **the best available information** to determine floodplain information. Include documentation, including a discussion of why this is the best available information for the site.

**Does your project occur in a floodplain?**

- No
- Yes

Select the applicable floodplain using the FEMA map or the best available information:

Floodway

Coastal High Hazard Area (V Zone)

✓ 100-year floodplain (A Zone)

500-year floodplain (B Zone or shaded X Zone)

### **8-Step Process**

**Does the 8-Step Process apply? Select one of the following options:**

#### **8-Step Process applies**

✓ **5-Step Process** is applicable per 55.12(a)(1-4). Provide documentation of 5-Step Process.

Document and upload the completed 5-Step Process below.  
Select the applicable citation: [only one can be selected]

55.12(a)(1)

55.12(a)(2)

55.12(a)(3)

✓ 55.12(a)(4)

**8-Step Process** is inapplicable per 55.12(b)(1-5).

### **Mitigation**

**For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation. This information will be automatically included in the Mitigation summary for the**

**environmental review. If negative effects cannot be mitigated, cancel the project using the button at the bottom of this screen.**

Mitigation/minimization measures not required as the project activities are not substantial improvement and the building footprint is not being increased. Flood insurance is required.

**Which of the following mitigation/minimization measures have been identified for this project in the 8-Step or 5-Step Process? Select all that apply.**

Permeable surfaces

Natural landscape enhancements that maintain or restore natural hydrology

Planting or restoring native plant species

Bioswales

Evapotranspiration

Stormwater capture and reuse

Green or vegetative roofs with drainage provisions

Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation easements or similar easements

Floodproofing of structures

Elevating structures including freeboarding above the required base flood elevations

Other

#### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

#### **Supporting documentation**

[PR-RGRW-00301 5-Step.docx](#)

[PR-RGRW-00301 ABFE.pdf](#)

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No

**Historic Preservation**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Regulations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) require a consultative process to identify historic properties, assess project impacts on them, and avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects	Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f)	36 CFR 800 “Protection of Historic Properties” <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2012-title36-vol3/pdf/CFR-2012-title36-vol3-part800.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2012-title36-vol3/pdf/CFR-2012-title36-vol3-part800.pdf</a>

**Threshold**

**Is Section 106 review required for your project?**

- ✓ No, because the project consists solely of activities listed as exempt in a Programmatic Agreement (PA ). (See the PA Database to find applicable PAs.)
- No, because the project consists solely of activities included in a No Potential to Cause Effects memo or other determination [36 CFR 800.3(a)(1)].
- Yes, because the project includes activities with potential to cause effects (direct or indirect).

**Threshold (a). Either upload the PA below or provide a link to it here:**

<https://www.hudexchange.info/sites/onecpd/assets/File/PR-FEMA-Prototype-2019-PA-Section-106.pdf>

**Upload exemption(s) below or copy and paste all applicable text here:**

I. First Tier Allowances B. BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES 1. Repair, retrofit, and reconstruction of buildings, and structures less than forty-five (45) years old, unless located in or adjacent to a historic district. I. First Tier Allowances A. GROUND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES AND SITE MODIFICATION, when proposed activities described below substantially conform to the original footprint and/or are performed in previously disturbed soils, including the area where the activity is staged.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

**Screen Summary****Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description the project is covered by a Programmatic Agreement that includes an applicable exemption that exempts this project from the requirements of Section 106. The project is in compliance with Section 106.

**Supporting documentation**

[PR-RGRW-00301 Historic.pdf](#)

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No

## Noise Abatement and Control

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD's noise regulations protect residential properties from excessive noise exposure. HUD encourages mitigation as appropriate.	Noise Control Act of 1972  General Services Administration Federal Management Circular 75-2: "Compatible Land Uses at Federal Airfields"	Title 24 CFR 51 Subpart B

**1. What activities does your project involve? Check all that apply:**

New construction for residential use

Rehabilitation of an existing residential property

A research demonstration project which does not result in new construction or reconstruction

An interstate land sales registration

Any timely emergency assistance under disaster assistance provision or appropriations which are provided to save lives, protect property, protect public health and safety, remove debris and wreckage, or assistance that has the effect of restoring facilities substantially as they existed prior to the disaster

None of the above

### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under HUD's noise regulation. The project is in compliance with HUD's Noise regulation.

#### **Supporting documentation**

#### **Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No



## Sole Source Aquifers

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 protects drinking water systems which are the sole or principal drinking water source for an area and which, if contaminated, would create a significant hazard to public health.	Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 201, 300f et seq., and 21 U.S.C. 349)	40 CFR Part 149

1. Does the project consist solely of acquisition, leasing, or rehabilitation of an existing building(s)?

Yes

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

No

### Screen Summary

#### Compliance Determination

Based on the project description, the project consists of activities that are unlikely to have an adverse impact on groundwater resources. According to EPA, there are no sole source aquifers in Puerto Rico. The project is in compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements.

#### Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

## Wetlands Protection

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Executive Order 11990 discourages direct or indirect support of new construction impacting wetlands wherever there is a practicable alternative. The Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetlands Inventory can be used as a primary screening tool, but observed or known wetlands not indicated on NWI maps must also be processed. Off-site impacts that result in draining, impounding, or destroying wetlands must also be processed.	Executive Order 11990	24 CFR 55.20 can be used for general guidance regarding the 8 Step Process.

1. Does this project involve new construction as defined in Executive Order 11990, expansion of a building's footprint, or ground disturbance? The term "new construction" shall include draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding, and related activities and any structures or facilities begun or authorized after the effective date of the Order

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

### Screen Summary

#### Compliance Determination

Based on the project description this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990.

#### Supporting documentation

[PR-RGRW-00301 Wetlands.pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

## Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act provides federal protection for certain free-flowing, wild, scenic and recreational rivers designated as components or potential components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (NWSRS) from the effects of construction or development.	The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271-1287), particularly section 7(b) and (c) (16 U.S.C. 1278(b) and (c))	36 CFR Part 297

### 1. Is your project within proximity of a NWSRS river?

No

Yes, the project is in proximity of a Designated Wild and Scenic River or Study Wild and Scenic River.

Yes, the project is in proximity of a Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) River.

### Screen Summary

#### **Compliance Determination**

This project is not within proximity of a NWSRS river. The project is located 429,381 feet from the nearest Wild and Scenic River. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

#### **Supporting documentation**

[PR-RGRW-00301 WSR.pdf](#)

#### **Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

**Environmental Justice**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Determine if the project creates adverse environmental impacts upon a low-income or minority community. If it does, engage the community in meaningful participation about mitigating the impacts or move the project.	Executive Order 12898	

**HUD strongly encourages starting the Environmental Justice analysis only after all other laws and authorities, including Environmental Assessment factors if necessary, have been completed.**

**1. Were any adverse environmental impacts identified in any other compliance review portion of this project’s total environmental review?**

Yes

No

**2. Were these adverse environmental impacts disproportionately high for low-income and/or minority communities?**

Yes

No

**Explain:**

The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898. Based on the scope of work for this project, there will be no additional impact on low-income or minority residents.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload any supporting documentation below.

**Screen Summary**

**Compliance Determination**

Adverse environmental impacts are not disproportionately high for low-income and/or minority communities. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898.

**Supporting documentation**

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 11988 – FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT  
FIVE-STEP PROCESS AS PROVIDED BY 24 CFR §55.20  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RELIEF (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM**

Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH)  
Re-Grow PR Urban-Rural Agriculture (Re-Grow) Program Project No. PR-RGRW-00301  
La Plata Farm Inc

***Step 1: Determine whether the action is located in a 100-year floodplain (or a 500-year floodplain for critical actions).***

The proposed project is intended to renovate the building as part of the Economic Development portion of the CDBG-DR grant. The renovation is intended to install replacement milk machine motor variator for the farm. The project is located at Carr 117 Ramal 327, Bo La Plata Sector El Salao, Lajas, PR 00667. The Tax Parcel ID of the site is 383-000-001-03-002. The Latitude is 18.023585 and the Longitude is -66.991609. The project is located entirely within the 100-year floodplain. The property is shown as being within Zone AE on the Official Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel no. 72000C1590H, effective April 19, 2005.

Executive Order (EO) 11988 within HUD Regulations 24 CFR Part 55 details floodplain management. The purpose of EO 11988 is "to avoid to the extent possible the long- and short-term adverse impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of floodplains and to avoid direct or indirect support of floodplain development wherever there is a practicable alternative." The project is located within the 100-year floodplain and for this reason, EO 11988 applies. The subject unit occupies 5,815 square feet of the floodplain. An evaluation of direct and indirect impacts associated with construction, occupancy, and modification of the floodplain is required.

The project is a renovation of a non-residential structure. The renovation is not considered substantial improvement in accordance with 24 CFR 55.2 nor is the footprint increased; therefore, per 24 CFR 55.12(a)(4), public notification of the proposed activity (Step 2), identification and evaluation of practicable alternatives (Step 3) and the determination of no practicable alternative and publication of a final notice (Step 7) do not need to be conducted.

***Step 2: Notify the public for early review of the proposal and involve the affected and interested public in the decision-making process.***

The project is a renovation of a non-residential building. The building renovation is not considered substantial improvement and the building footprint is not being increased; therefore, per 24 CFR 55.12(a)(4), public notification of the proposed activity (Step 2 of the 8-Step Process) does not need to be conducted.

**Step 3: Identify and evaluate practicable alternatives to locating in the base floodplain.**

The project is a renovation of a non-residential building. The structure is not undergoing substantial improvement nor is the footprint increasing, therefore, per 24 CFR 55.12(a)(4), identification and evaluation of practicable alternatives to the proposed activity (Step 3 of the 8-Step Process) does not need to be conducted.

**Step 4: Identify Potential Direct and Indirect Impacts of Associated with Floodplain Development.**

The HUD-funded RGRW program is intended to provide economic stimulus to farms for economic development. HUD's regulations limit what actions can be considered under the RGRW program, including prohibition of any construction in the floodway. Descriptions of the potential impacts from the proposed action is below:

- Option A (Proposed Action) – This option would involve renovation of the non-residential building. The building is not undergoing substantial improvement and the footprint is not being increased; therefore, elevation is not required. The proposal does include a minor renovation to replace an affixed milking machine motor variator.

**Step 5: Where practicable, design or modify the proposed action to minimize the potential adverse impacts to lives, property, and natural values within the floodplain and to restore, and preserve the values of the floodplain.**

The PRDOH and the Puerto Rico Permits Management Office requires elevation or flood proofing of all "substantially damaged or improved" structures in the floodplain. When followed, these regulations will reduce the threat of flooding damage to properties located in the floodplain and reduce the impact of development on the floodplain. Applicants are required to adhere to the most recent floodplain elevation levels when considering reconstruction of their "substantially damaged or improved" property. It is noted; however, that because the property is not to be substantially improved and the footprint of the structure is not increased, floodplain management options are not required.

**Step 6: Reevaluate the Proposed Action.**

Option A would involve renovation of the non-residential building. This option would not adversely impact the floodplain and would help the farm benefit as part of the economic recovery needed because of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. This meets the program goals of revitalizing and supporting the economic development and recovery of Puerto Rico.

**Step 7: Determination of No Practicable Alternative.**

The project is a renovation of a non-residential structure. The structure is not undergoing substantial improvement nor is the footprint of the structure expanding; therefore, per 24 CFR 55.12(a)(4), the determination of no practicable alternative and publication of a final notice (Step 7 of the 8-Step Process) does not need to be conducted.

**Step 8: Implement the Proposed Action**

Step eight is implementation of the proposed action. The PRDOH will ensure that all measures prescribed in the steps above will be followed, as required.



## CDBG-DR PROGRAM

### Re-Grow PR Urban-Rural Agriculture (RGRW) Program

## ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD OBSERVATION REPORT

### APPLICATION GENERAL INFORMATION

Application No.:	PR-RGRW-00301	Applicant Name:	Jose Garcia Velazquez
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### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address:  
Barrio La Plata Carretera 117 Ramal 327 Final, Lajas, PR 00666

Latitude:	18.02359	Longitude:	-66.99161
Property Type:	Farm	Year Built:	2007
Number of Buildings:	1	Are Utilities Connected?	Yes

Property Remarks:  
The property is a farm and has some wooded/natural environments around it.

Is there evidence of damage from a previous disaster?	No
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Damage Remarks:  
Click or tap here to enter text.

### SIGNATURES OF INSPECTION REPORT

Environmental Inspector:	Blas Guernica		11-15-2023
	<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

## ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS

Item	Observation	Remarks
<b>Are there any signs of poor housekeeping on the site?</b> <i>(mounds of rubble, garbage, or solid waste or improperly stored household quantities of petroleum products, pesticides, paints, thinners, cleaning fluids, automotive batteries, damaged, abandoned, and/or dangerous vehicles or other motorized equipment; pits, pools, lagoons, or ponds of hazardous substances or petroleum products located on the site)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	There are abandoned vehicles and trailers, as well as metal tubes with no purpose. There is a pile of empty buckets previously used for detergent. There is a pile of scrap metal on top of the septic tank.
<b>Are there any 55-gallon drums or containers visible on the site?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	There are three 55-gallon containers used for cattle feed. There is one 55-gallon container containing insecticide.
<b>If drums located, are they leaking?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>Are there any signs of petroleum underground storage tanks (PUSTs) on the site?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>Are there any UST locations visible from the site?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>Are there any signs of above-ground storage tanks (ASTs) on the site, or immediate adjacent visible sites?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	There is a cistern on top of the septic tank (see photo of front side outward) and a water heater on the roof (see photo of right side of property).
<b>Are there any signs of surface staining?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>Are there any ground water monitoring or injection wells on the site?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	There is a septic tank.
<b>Is there evidence of a faulty septic system on the site?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>Is there any permanent standing water, such as a pond or stream, located on the site?</b> <i>(Do not include run-off or ponding from recent weather events.)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	There is an oxidation pond used to irrigate the farm.
<b>Is there any distressed vegetation on the site?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>Does the subject lot have water frontage?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>Is there any visible apparent indication of other environmental conditions?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>Is there any visible apparent evidence of lead-based paint or hazardous materials present in the structure?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>Are there other unusual conditions on site?</b> <i>(Explain in attached supporting material. Please take photographs, if possible.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>Is the structure 45 years or older?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>Is the applicant aware of any significant historical events or persons associated with the structure; or does the home have a historic marker?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	

**REQUIRED PHOTOS**



**Front of Property**



**Rear of Property**



**Left Side of Property**



**Right Side of Property (AST)**

**PHOTOS OF RECOGNIZED ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS** (add additional pages as necessary)



**Front Outward (Cistern)**



**Rear Outward (Street)**



**Left Side Outward**



**Right Side Outward**

**ADDITIONAL PHOTOS** (add additional pages as necessary)



**Poor Housekeeping**



**Poor Housekeeping**



**Poor Housekeeping**



**Poor Housekeeping**

**ADDITIONAL PHOTOS** (add additional pages as necessary)



**Poor Housekeeping**



**Poor Housekeeping**



**55-Gallon Containers (food)**



**55-Gallon Container (food)**



**55-Gallon Container (Insecticide)**



**55-Gallon Container (Trash)**



**Septic Tank, Poor Housekeeping**



**Oxidization Pond**

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### Self-Certification

<http://www.fws.gov/caribbean/ES/Index.html>

#### Endangered Species Act Certification

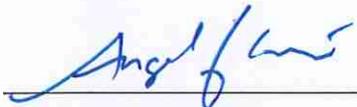
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office developed a Blanket Clearance Letter in compliance with Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act for federally funded projects.

The Service determined that projects in compliance with the following criteria are not likely to adversely affect federally-listed species.

Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) certifies that the following project **La Plata Farm Inc PR-RGRW-00301** consisting of **the replacement of a motor variator and the purchase of a cattle chute and cattle corral segments** located at **Barrio La Plata Carretera 117 Ramal 327 Final, Lajas, PR 00667**, complies with:

Check	Project Criteria
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Street resurfacing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Construction of gutters and sidewalks along existing roads.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Reconstruction or emergency repairs of existing buildings, facilities and homes.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Rehabilitation of existing occupied single-family homes, and buildings; provided that equipment storage or staging areas are not located on vacant property harboring a wetland and/or forested vegetation and that the lighting associated to the new facilities is not visible directly or indirectly from a beach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Demolition of dilapidated single-family homes or buildings; provided that the demolition debris is disposed in certified receiving facilities; equipment storage or staging areas are not located on vacant property harboring a wetland and/or forested vegetation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Rebuilding of demolished single-family homes or buildings, provided that the new construction is within the existing footprint of the previous

	structure and/or within pre-existing grassed or paved areas, and that the lighting associated to the new facilities are not visible directly or indirectly from a beach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Activities within existing Right of Ways (ROWs) of roads, bridges and highways, when limited to actions that do not involve cutting native vegetation or mayor earth moving; and are not located within, or adjacent to, drainages, wetlands, or aquatic systems. These activities include the installation of potable water and sanitary pipelines.
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Improvements to existing recreational facilities, including the installation of roofs to existing basketball courts, provided that the lighting associated to the facilities are not visible directly or indirectly from the beach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Construction of electric underground systems in existing towns and communities, provided that the property is not a wetland area and the lighting associated to the facilities are not visible directly or indirectly from the beach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Construction of facilities on vacant properties covered with grasses in urban areas, provided that the lighting associated to the facilities are not visible directly or indirectly from the beach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	11. Construction of houses, buildings or acquiring lands in urban areas covered by grass for relocation of low-income families and/or facilities that have been affected by weather conditions.



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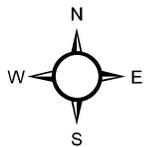
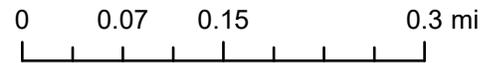
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# PR-RGRW-00301 Site Map



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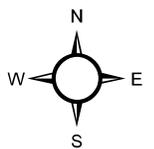
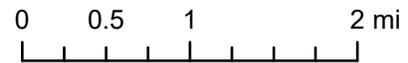


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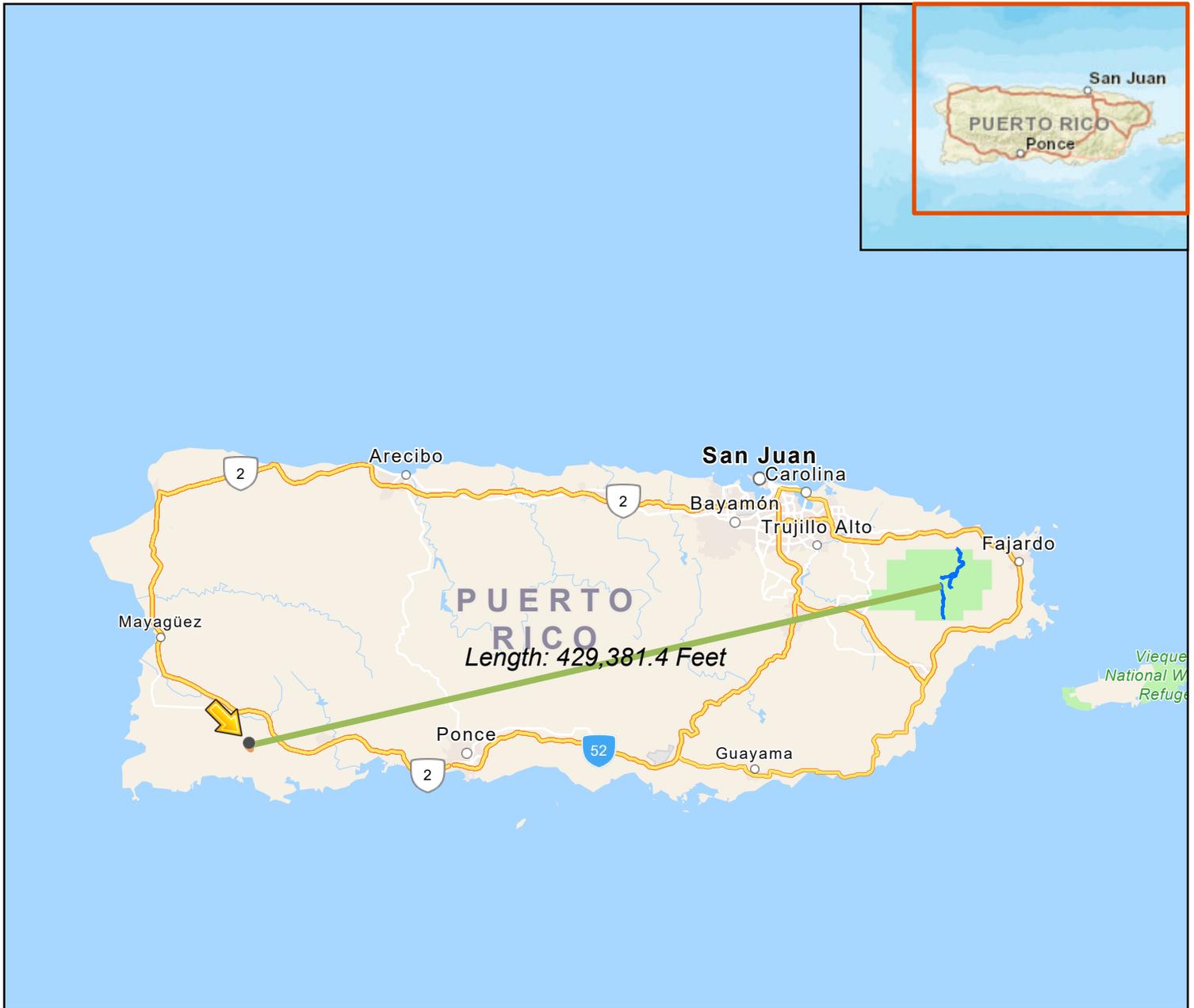
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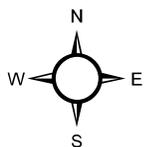
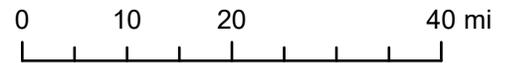
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

# PR-RGRW-00301 WSR



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— Wild and Scenic Rivers



National Wild and Scenic River System

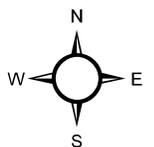
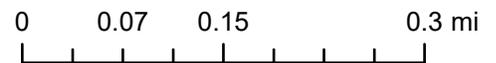
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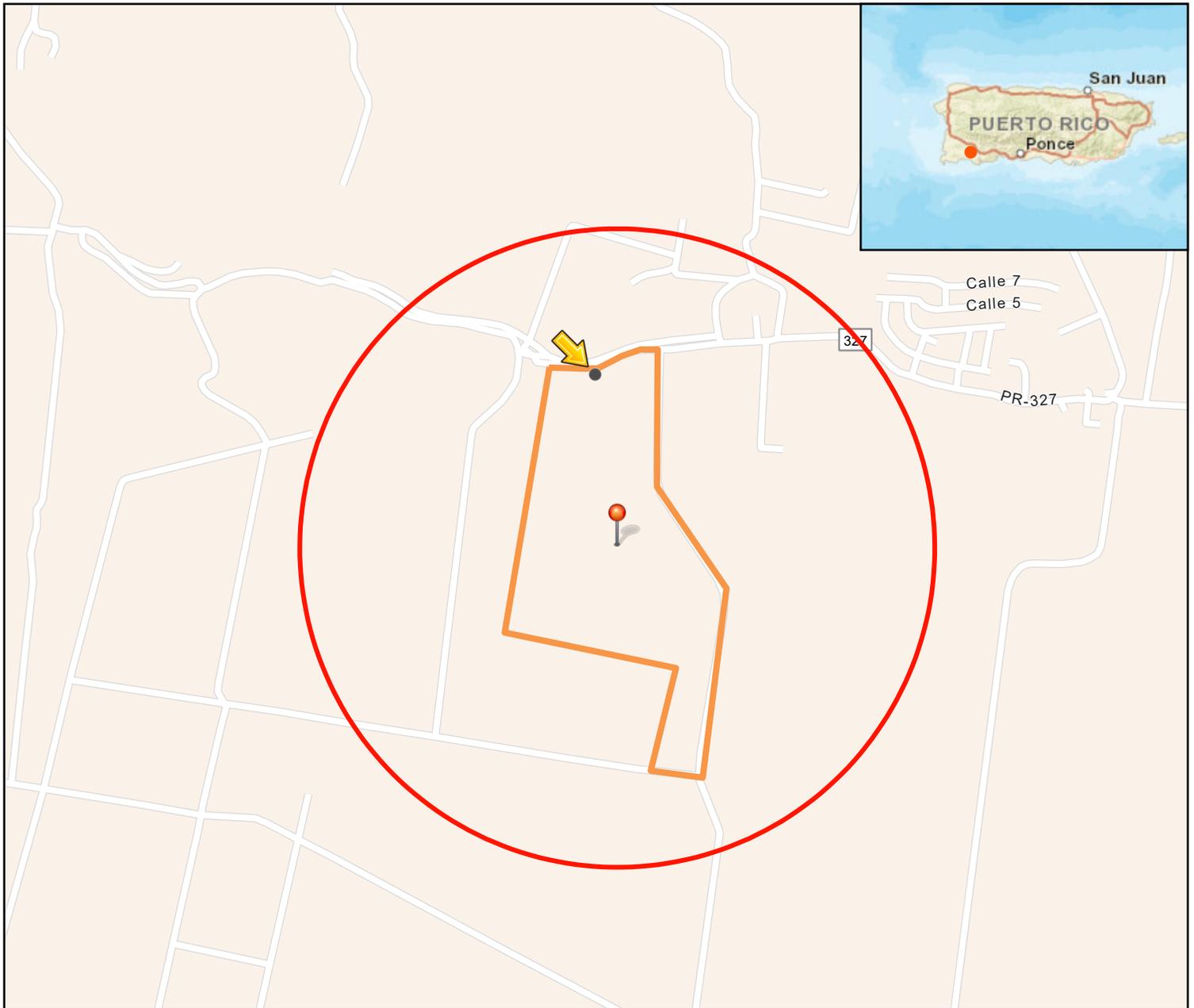
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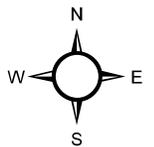
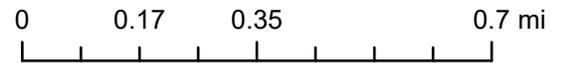
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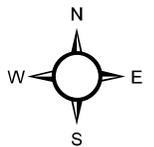
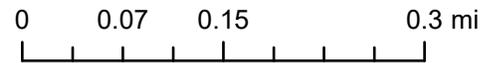
Envirofacts Facility Locations

EPA

# PR-RGRW-00301 Site Map



Legend



# PR-RGRW-00301 Historic



## Legend

- National Historic Landmark
- National Register of Historic Places
- Removed from National Register of Historic Places

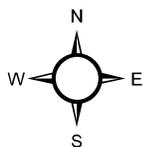
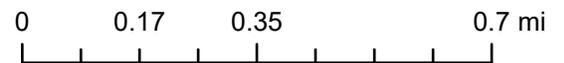
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National Register of Historic Places Polygons

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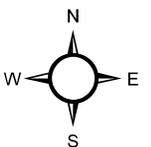
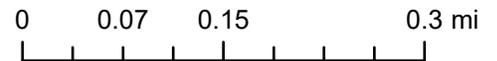
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Legend

FEMA Flood Zones - Effective

-  1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
-  Regulatory Floodway
-  Special Floodway
-  Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard
-  0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
-  Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
-  Area with Reduced Risk Due to Levee
-  X, Area of Minimal Flood Hazard
-  FEMA Flood Zone Panel



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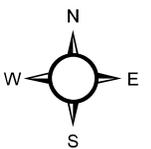
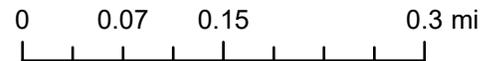
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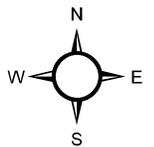
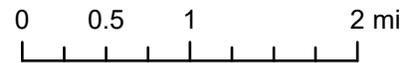
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### Legend

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Endangered Species Habitat

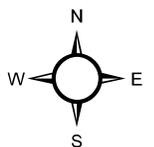
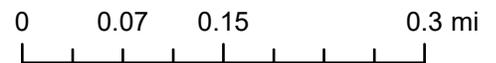
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# PR-RGRW-00301 Farmland



### Legend

- Prime Farmland
- Farmland of Local Importance
- Farmland of Statewide Importance
- Farmland of Unique Importance
- Not Prime Farmland



USGS USA Soils

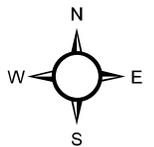
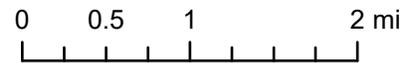
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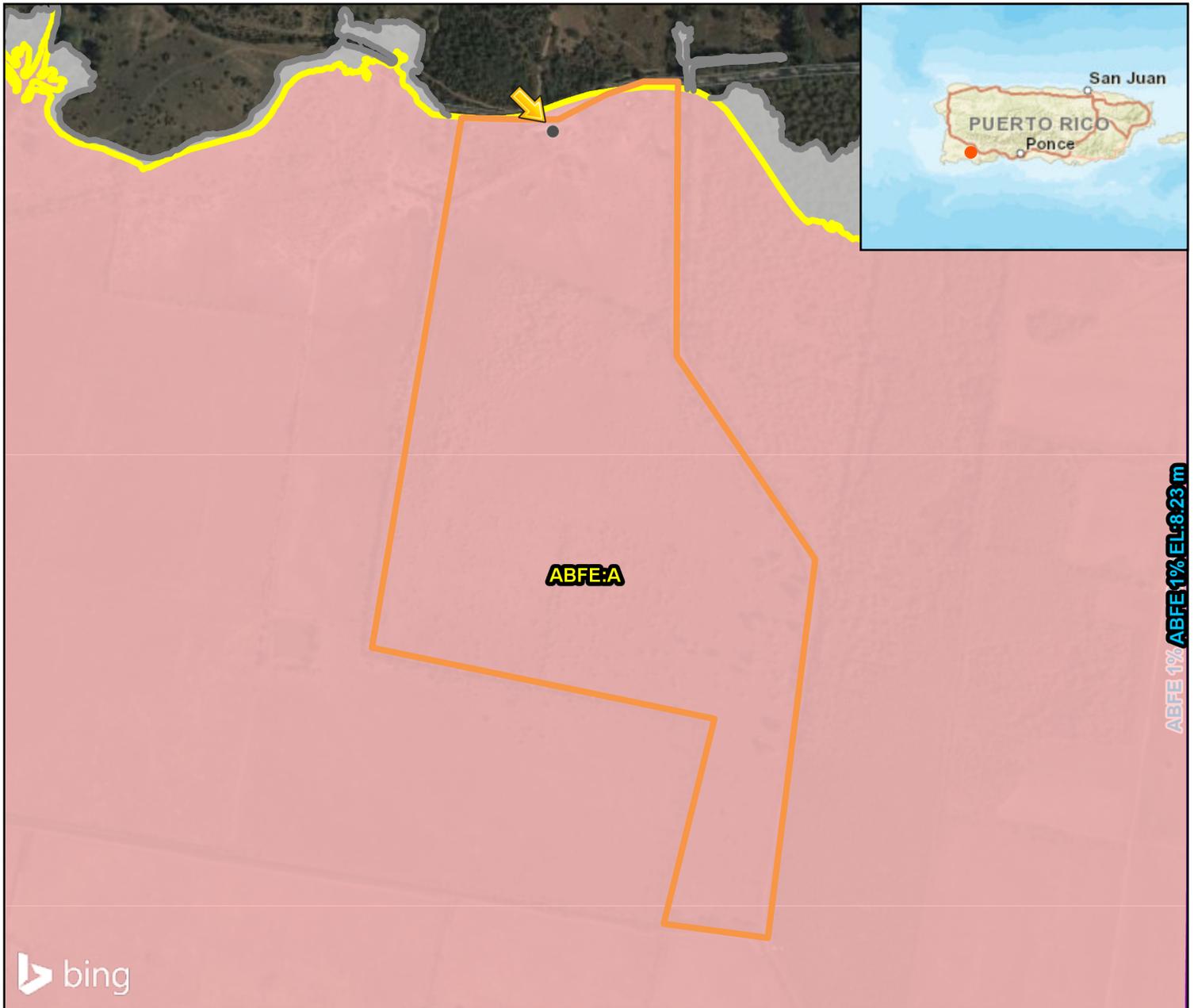
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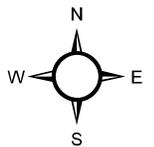
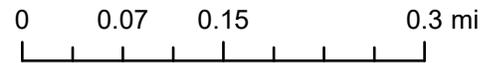
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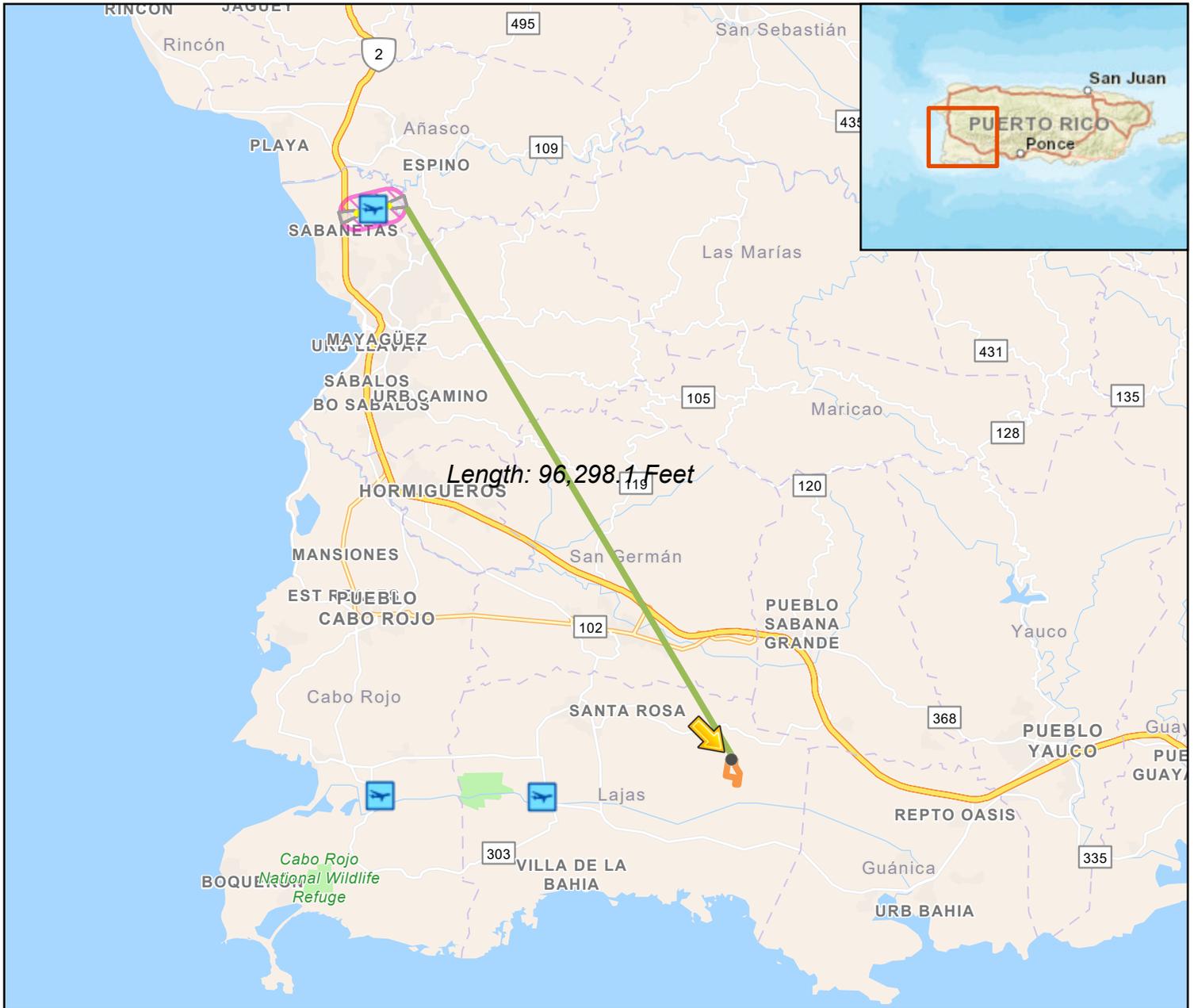
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|-------------------------------|---|
| A                             | 1% Annual Chance Flood                                  |
| AO                            | 0.2% Annual Chance Flood                                |
| AE                            | Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LimWA)                   |
| Coastal A Zone                | Advisory Base Flood Elevation (zoom in to make visible) |
| VE                            | Streamline (zoom in to make visible)                    |
| 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Zone | A   |
| A-Floodway                    | 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Zone                           |
| AE-Floodway                   | Zone/BFE Boundary                                       |
| Coastal A Zone and Floodway   | Advisory Base Flood Elevation                           |
| Zone/BFE Boundary             |   |



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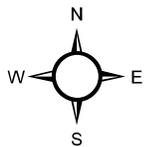
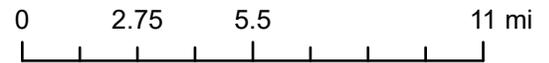
ABFE

# PR-RGRW-00301 Airports



## Legend

- Civilian Airports 2,500ft Buffer
- Runway Protection Zones
- Airport Runways
- Minor Airport



Runway Protection Zones

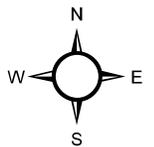
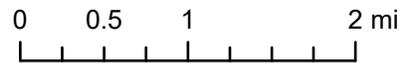
Major Civil and Military Airports

# PR-RGRW-00301 CBRS



## Legend

 Otherwise Protected Area



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Coastal Barrier Resources Act Program