

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

March 3, 2017
Notice Issue Date

Lumpkin County
City/County

April 3, 2017
Notice Close Date

TSV-093-16-01
Control Number

R-Ranch/Rainbow Lake Dam Maintenance
Activity

This notice is issued to inform the public of a receipt of an Application for a variance submitted pursuant to a state environmental Law. The public is invited to comment during the 30-day period on the proposed activity. Site Plans are immediately available for review and are located in the following EPD office: Watershed Protection Branch 200 Piedmont Avenue, S.W. Suite 418 West Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Please contact Ms. Jarell Singleton at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail jarell.singleton@dnr.ga.gov to schedule an appointment to review the plans. Since the EPD has no authority to zone property or determine land use, only those comments addressing environmental issues related to air, water, and land protection will be considered in the application review process. Written comments should be submitted to: Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 MLK Jr., Dr., SW Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Permit Application: Variance to encroach within the 50-foot State waters buffer.

Applicable Law: Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.

Applicable Rules: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Chapter 391-3-7

Basis under which variance shall be considered {391-3-7.05 (2)(A-K)}: A

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to impact a total of 230 linear feet (9,721 ft²) of stream buffer along Rainbow Lake and Jarrad Creek to perform dam and lake maintenance to comply with the requirements of the Georgia Safe Dams Act. The dam is classified as a Category 1 dam and is a potential life-threatening hazard downstream and to human life. Impacts include lowering the principle spillway to the proposed normal full pool, reduce the height of the dam crest by 3-feet, repair leaks around the principle spillway and installing new toe drains. The stream buffer will be replanted of low-growing herbaceous vegetation.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Michael Hoffer
R-Ranch in the Mountains
65 R Road
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan with control measures based on sound conservation and engineering practices which meet or exceed the standards in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" and which will minimize erosion and deposition of sediments on adjacent lands or into State waters.

For Additional Information Contact:

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