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**FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
10 April 1995**

1. SITE NAME: Former West Virginia Maneuver Area (Dolly Sods Wilderness Area).

SITE NUMBER: G03WV001304

LOCATION:

City: Petersburg
County: Grant, Tucker & Randolph
State: West Virginia

PROJECT NUMBER: G03WV001304

CATEGORY: OEW - FUDS

2. POC'S:

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The Dolly Sods Wilderness Area contains 10,215 acres in the Monongahela National Forest located in Grant, Tucker and Randolph Counties, between Elkins and Petersburg West Virginia. It is open to the public at all times. It contains Sods (bogs) located mostly in the northern portion. These areas are marshy and contain different types of vegetation than the surrounding forest. It is quite rocky and rugged. There are no roads in the wilderness area. It is bordered on the East, South and North by Forest Service lands and private land to the West.

4. SITE HISTORY: Prior to logging operations in the late 1800's Dolly Sods was covered by forest. After logging the humus layer was destroyed by fire. The plains area was burned to create grazing which continued until the 1980's. The Forest Service bought the land when logging operations ended (1910-13). Military maneuvering and training was performed in the Dolly Sods Area (former West Virginia Maneuver Area) during WWII from 1943 to 1944. The land was returned to the Forest Service in 1950. Dolly Sods Wilderness was created by Congress in 1975.

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5. WWII Operations: From 15 October 1943 to 1 July 1944 2,181,000 acres in the vicinity of Dolly Sods were used for mountain training and maneuvers including firing of artillery and mortars. Records on all military operations are scarce (lost or destroyed). Acquisition of these lands have no legal description. A warning order on 19 March 1945 declared the entire area surplus. A subsequent warning order withdrew the entire facility from surplus. April 21 1945 letter from Office for Emergency Management, Office of Scientific Research and Development requested OCE issue a permit to test fire rockets and projectiles. The permit apparently was issued and expired by due process. 10 August 1950 the lands were relinquished back to Department of Agriculture. The project site is owned today by private industry and the U.S. Forest Service.

It is known that targets for artillery fire near included the southern face of Blackbird Knob and the eastern face (northwest corner) of Cabin Mountain. It is believed there were three groups of gun emplacements, although no exact known location. Mortar fire also took place in the area. Targets unknown. Supposition would be open, high ground was targeted to lessen the possibility of fires started by the explosion and to make the impact more visible. They were probably fired from a multitude of locations around Dolly Sods.

6. CURRENT STATUS: Preliminary survey for aerial mapping was conducted during the week of 3 April 1995. Actual flyover is scheduled to begin the first of May. Meeting with Huntsville, Huntington, and Forest Service was held 3 & 4 April 1995. Issues discussed were the flyover, environmental assessment (EA), access to Blackbird Knob for EE/CA and schedule changes for the Wilderness and Blackbird Knob. Huntington and the Forest Service felt the proposed work plan did not adequately address the NEPA requirements for West Virginia and were adamant that the state would require an EA further into the project. A scoping letter was prepared and the schedule readjusted to include the EA process. CEHND (Sam Sang, Roland Belew Stan Lee) agreed that we normally did not do that, provisions concerning EA were addressed in the DERP-FUDS manual Page 1-17, Dec 1993 and AR 200-2 Environmental Effects of Army Actions. By doing the EA we feel we are setting a precedent that is covered in present regulations and guidelines. There may be a possible delay in awarding the EE/CA for Blackbird Knob due to the absence of an Archive Search Report (ASR). Presently, we are weighing the pros and cons. We want to assure the project is accomplished as efficiently as possible and this may mean holding up work until an ASR is completed. Rock Island said they can fit it in fourth quarter workload. This would be an approximate 3-5 month delay. The aerial photography would be available at that time and would certainly be an asset to the contractor.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: A. Dolly Sods Wilderness Area B. Dolly Sods North BlackBird Knob Area

	Actual Phase Complete	Stat	Original Start	Schedule Start	Actual Start	Original Complete	Schedule Complete
A.	EE/RA	EE	MAY 91	8/17/95			
B.	EE/CA			5/26/96			

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:

	Year Obligated	EXEC Phase	FOA	In-House Required	Contract Required	Funded
A.	FY95	RA				80,000
B.	FY95	EE/CA				70,000

1. GENERAL/MISC:

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Removal Schedule for Dolly Sods Wilderness Area West Virginia

ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			Quarter 4
					Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
1	Dolly Sods Kickoff Meeting	1d	10/25/94	10/25/94										
2	Develop Plans	5.7w	10/26/94	12/5/94	█									
3	Site Visit	2d	12/5/94	12/7/94										
4	Risk Analysis Quantitech	5.4w	12/7/94	1/13/95			█							
5	Develop Proposed Plan	8.8w	1/13/95	3/16/95				█						
6	Mail to Forest Service	1d	3/17/95	3/17/95										
7	Review by FS and COE	10d	3/20/95	3/31/95						█				
8	Government Meeting	2d	4/3/95	4/4/95										
9	SOW to Safety	27d	4/5/95	5/11/95						█				
10	Cost Estimate	5d	5/12/95	5/18/95								█		
11	IGE	3.1w	5/19/95	6/9/95								█		
12	Incorporate cmts of Gov Mtg	16d	6/9/95	7/3/95									█	
13	Draft Action Memo/Plan	5d	7/3/95	7/10/95										█
14	Public Review	26d	7/10/95	8/15/95										█
15														
16	Huntington Tasks	94d	4/6/95	8/15/95							█	█	█	█
17	Scoping Letter	2d	4/6/95	4/7/95										
18	Rec comments Scoping Ltr	15d	4/10/95	4/28/95							█			
19	Environ Assess (EA) prep	33d	5/1/95	6/14/95							█			
20	Obtain Rights of Entry	33d	5/1/95	6/14/95							█			
21	In House Review (COE & FS)	6d	6/15/95	6/22/95								█		
22	Revise Draft EA	5d	6/23/95	6/29/95									█	
23	Public Review	21d	6/30/95	7/30/95										█

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24	Planning Review Board (PRB)	21d	6/30/95	7/30/95											
25	QA	21d	6/30/95	7/30/95											
26	Include Comments	8d	7/31/95	8/9/95											
27	Process FONSI	4d	8/10/95	8/15/95											
28															
29	FONSI Action Memorandum	0d	8/17/95	8/17/95											
30	Issue Removal Contract	2d	8/18/95	8/21/95											
31	Notify Public of FONSI & decision	2d	8/8/95	8/9/95											