

Statement of Work (SOW)
Dolly Sods Wilderness, Ordnance Removal Project
Monongahela National Forest
West Virginia
Contract No. DACW69-94-D-0008
WORK ORDER No. 21

1. BACKGROUND: The 10,215-acre Dolly Sods Wilderness area, located within Grant, Tucker, and Randolph Counties, West Virginia and managed by the U.S. Forest Service, was a part of the 2,181,000 acre West Virginia Maneuver Area during World War II. Even though areas were searched and cleared by military explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) teams after the war, at least 20 pieces of ordnance have been found in recent years. Some of these were found in a 1991 feasibility study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The study included searching a sampling of areas considered to most likely have been used as targets or contain overshots or undershots. Approximately 281 acres of the 10,215 acres were searched with magnetometers and thirteen pieces of ordnance, ranging in size, were found from 6 to 24 inches beneath the surface. One piece was found within several feet of a site used as a campfire pit. If the fire had been located over the buried ordnance, there is the likelihood that the ordnance would have detonated, potentially harming several persons. There is also the potential for tent pegs to be driven into buried ordnance or for people to find and pick up pieces of ordnance, creating a hazardous situation. A high concentration of ordnance is thought to exist within the Red Creek Valley of the Wilderness, where campers are commonly found. An estimated 45,000 to 75,000 people come to the Dolly Sods Wilderness area each year for hiking, camping, picnics, and hunting. The Forest Service maintains 20.8 miles of trails and has documented 101 commonly used camping areas in the Wilderness area.

2. SCOPE: The purpose of the SOW is to seek contract support to prepare an Draft and Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed ordnance removal project at the Dolly Sods Wilderness area. The EA along with other engineering and environmental studies will be used in a workplan for the unexploded ordnance (UXO) contractor.

TASK 1: The contractor shall conduct a field reconnaissance of the Dolly Sods Wilderness to determine the extent of field investigations, necessary for EA completion.

TASK 2: The contractor shall conduct field investigations as necessary based on the findings of the field reconnaissance and literature review.

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TASK 3: The contractor shall coordinate with U.S. Forest Service (FS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), WV Division of Natural Resources (DNR), WV Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) and WV State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to ensure that all laws and regulations these agencies operate under are addressed in the EA.

TASK 4: The contractor shall provide the Huntington District a preliminary draft, draft and final EA for the Dolly Sods Wilderness Ordinance Removal Project. These reports shall provide the following: (1) a map of the study area, (2) photographic documentation of any heritage resources located, (3) general photographic documentation of the study area, (4) threatened and endangered species documentation and (5) correspondence appendix of all contact with Federal, state, resource oriented agencies and publics.

The EA should be generally developed using the following outline. Examples of similar efforts will be provided.

- a. Need for proposed action
-Statement of authorization
- b. Brief summary of the area
-Location
-When developed
-Authorized purpose
- c. Brief summary of proposed action
-By reference
-Key components (Management Plans, Response Actions, Public Information)
- d. Coordination with the public and resource agencies;
- e. Description of affected area;
- f. Alternatives: No Action vs. implementing alternative action procedures;
- g. Impacts of No Action Alternative;
- h. Impacts of Implementing Action Alternatives;
- i. Public involvement and comments;
- j. Recommended Alternative;
- k. Finding of No Significant Impact;

3. DELIVERABLES: a. Conduct field reconnaissance and investigation (Tasks 1 and 2). b. Provide the Huntington District with a coordination file (Task 2). c. Provide the District with a preliminary draft, Draft and Final EA for the Dolly Sods Wilderness Ordnance Removal Project (Task 3) including a map and photographic documentation regarding the field investigation.

4. ACCEPTABLE CRITERIA: Service provided will be evaluated on the contractor's ability to conduct the field investigation and prepare the EA. Formal review of the preliminary draft, draft and final report by the Huntington District will constitute acceptance of deliverables.

5. DISTRICT FURNISHED PROPERTY: The District will provide the Proposal Action Plan and topographic mapping of the study area and any other available information. In addition the District will provide the service of an ecologist for field assistance and to oversee the investigation.

6. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE: The field investigation shall be conducted at the Dolly Sods Wilderness and surrounding area, located in the Monongahela National Forest, West Virginia. See attached Dolly Sods Area Guide. The preparation of the EA shall take place in the contractor's office which shall be open for District visits.

7. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: The contractor shall be knowledgeable in the art and science of field biology, threatened/endangered species regulations, heritage resource regulations and HTRW evaluation. The contractor must have a minimum of five (5) years field investigation and NEPA compliance experience. The contractor is warned not to handle any ordnance that they may see and of the inherent danger in the nature of the investigation.

8. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: The field investigation and NEPA document preparation shall be conducted during the 1 May - 14 June, 1995 time period. The preliminary draft EA shall be submitted to the Huntington District 15 June 1995, the draft EA 30 June, 1995 and the Final EA 15 August, 1995.

9. REPORT PREPARATION: The contractor shall prepare the EA in accordance with guidelines described under Task 3, NEPA and Corps guidelines. The EA shall be concise in nature, make reference to existing reports where possible, and be readily readable. All work prepared in text format shall be produced using "Word Perfect 5.1" with an IBM compatible computer. A copy of the text should be submitted on 8.5-inch by 11-inch white bond paper with accompanying 5.25-inch diskettes. Five (5) copies of the preliminary draft, draft and final reports shall be submitted to the Huntington District. The contractor shall be primarily responsible for responding to public, agency, and jurisdictional comments on the EA.

10. RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTOR:

a. The contractor shall be responsible for all damages to persons and property which occur in connection with the work and services under this work order, without recourse against the Federal government.

b. Right-of-entry upon worksites for performance of work under this work order shall be obtained by the contractor. The contractor shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, and approval from all local, state, and Federal authorities.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL POC: The administrative POC is A. Benjamin Borda, CEORH-PD-B (304) 529-5712. The technical POC is Wallace E. Dean, CEORH-PD-B (304) 529-5712.