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Reply to: 2320

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Mr. Roland Belew, Project Manager
Dolly Sods OEW Removal

Recently, I discussed with you some of our concerns relative to the Dolly Sods OEW removal. At that time, I also informed you of additional UXO which has been found on our property in the Dolly Sods North property that we have recently acquired. This included a chemical bomb that was removed earlier this fall, as well as a chemical bomb that reportedly was removed a couple of years ago. As I mentioned, Dolly Sods North contains Blackbird Knob, the point that was determined to be the target area for much of the UXO that has been found in the Dolly Sods Wilderness. (See Figure 1-3 in the 1/21/92 Engineering Report that you provided us). The Engineering Report also advised us (on page 3-10) that "it is believed that no large sized artillery ordnance exists in the Dolly Sods Wilderness. This may not be the case for land to the north of Dolly Sods owned by the Western Maryland Railroad where Blackbird Knob was known to be a target for artillery fire during training activities."

Because of our concerns for public safety and government liability should an accident occur as a result of the UXO, as well as our responsibility to manage that land for the American public, we are requesting that you evaluate the need for removal of the UXO on this land.

I am enclosing a sketch map of the Dolly Sods North property. If you need further information or further action from us in order to initiate this evaluation, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at this office. We look forward to working with you to resolve this situation.

Sincerely,



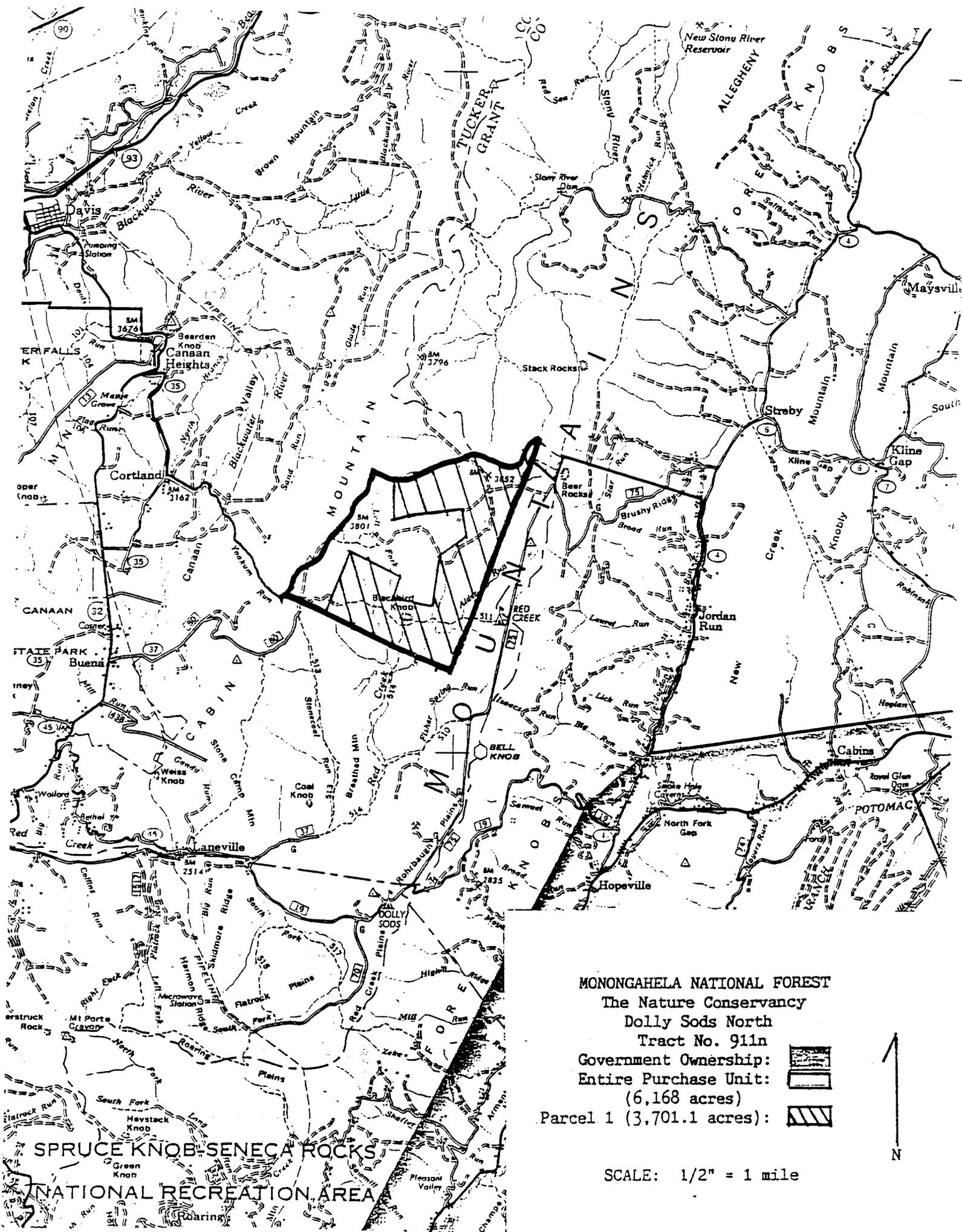
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District Ranger

Enclosure

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MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST
 The Nature Conservancy
 Dolly Sods North
 Tract No. 911n
 Government Ownership: 
 Entire Purchase Unit: 
 (6,168 acres)
 Parcel 1 (3,701.1 acres): 



SCALE: 1/2" = 1 mile

SPRUCE KNOB-SENECA ROCKS
 NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

