

3 January 1994

ADVANCE

Ms. Nancy Feaks
District Manager
Monongahela National Forest
Potomac Ranger District
HC 59, Box 240
Petersburg, WV 26847

Ms. Feaks,

This letter is in reference to your 3 November 93 inquiry as to when the Corps of Engineers plans to investigate ordnance hazards at Dolly Sods Wilderness. Prioritization of the sites is based on what we call a Risk Assessment Code (RAC) for each site. There are potentially as many as 1200 sites nationwide. We are commencing with RAC 1 sites which have the greatest potential for danger and high populations of people. Then we will do RAC 2 and RAC 3 sites. The Dolly Sods site is a RAC 2 based on the Inventory Project Report (INPR) prepared by Huntington District Corps of Engineers and concured in by Huntsville Corps of Engineers. Presently this site is not scheduled for investigation. I will however recommend to Mr. C. Robert Britton, FUDS Program manager to include it in the FY 95 program.

Enclosed you will find a draft Proposed Plan for remediation of the site. Starting next October (FY95), we will commence investigation of the site if it is approved as a FY 95 project. We appreciate and share your concerns for the potential dangers at this site. We wish we had the resources and funds to do more projects than we presently can. If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Roland Belew (205) 955-5304 or Mr. C. Robert Britton (205) 955-5482.

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"CARING FOR THE LAND AND SERVING PEOPLE"

Reply to: 2320

Date: November 3, 1993

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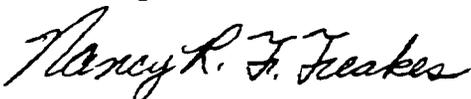
Mr. Roland Belew, Project Manager
Dolly Sods OEW Removal

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,

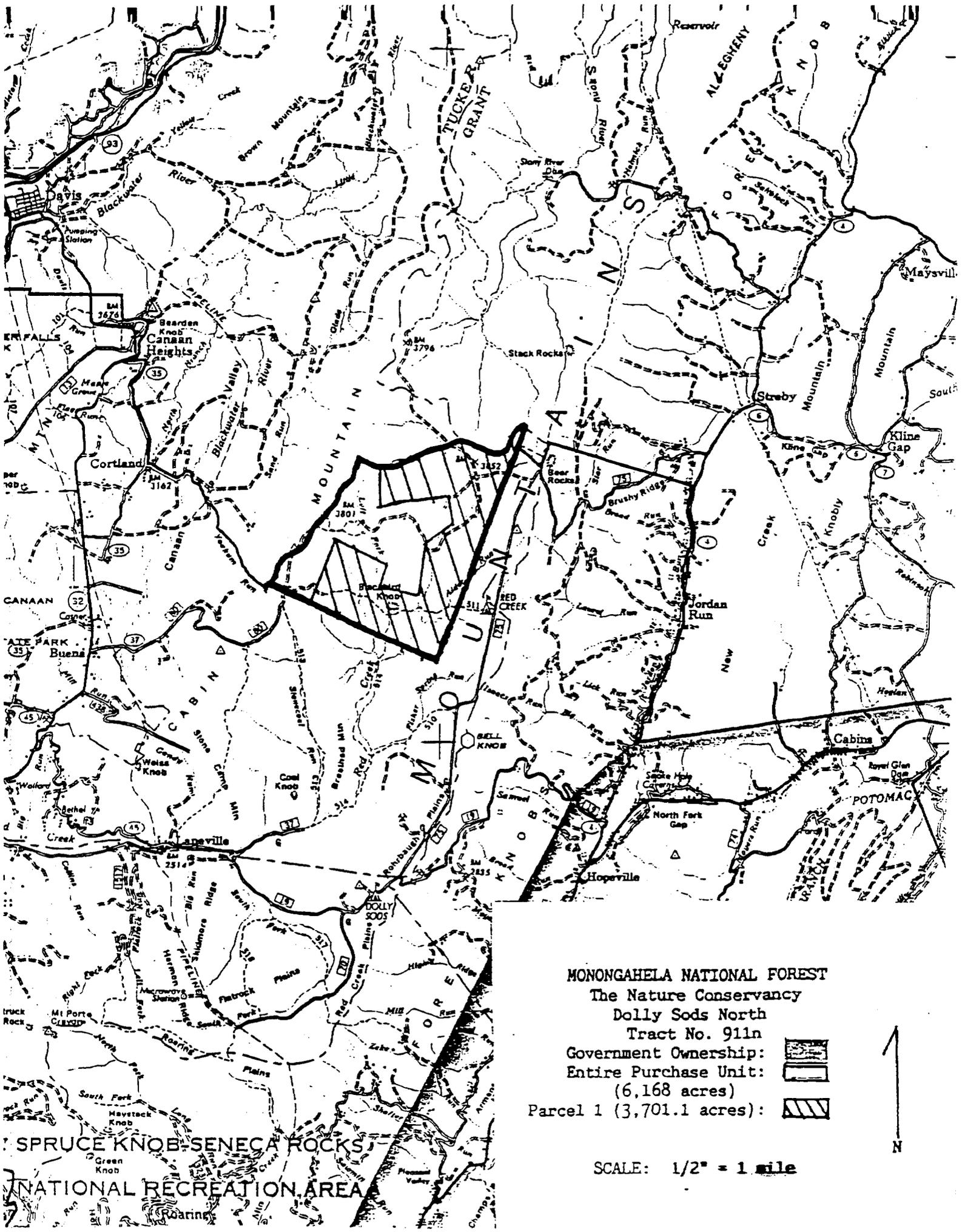


NANCY R.F. FEAKES
District Ranger

Enclosure

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DISTRICT RANGER



MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST
 The Nature Conservancy
 Dolly Sods North
 Tract No. 91n
 Government Ownership: 
 Entire Purchase Unit: 
 (6,168 acres)
 Parcel 1 (3,701.1 acres): 



SCALE: 1/2" = 1 mile

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WAYNE *RB*

THIS IS AN ADVANCE OF LETTER I PLAN TO SEND TO MS. FEAKS. I UNDERSTAND HER CONCERNS COMPLETELY IN WANTING TO GET THE PROJECT STARTED. I DO NOT SET THE PRIORITIES ON WHAT SITES ARE IN WHAT FISCAL YEAR. I AM RECOMMENDING TO BOB BRITTON TO PUT THIS ONE IN FY 95 FOR SURE. I WENT IN TO FUDS DATABASE TODAY AND IT IS NOT SCHEDULED AT ALL FOR FY 94. ↗

IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS, PLEASE CALL MY VOICE MAIL (205) 955-5304. I RETRIEVE MESSAGES 3 TIMES A DAY.

THANKS

ROLAND BELEW

FUNDS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR FY 95 - RAC SCORE MAY DROP IT FROM THE FY 95 WORK PLAN.

RB