

NEW-BOLD ENTERPRISES

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Mr. James Page, Superintendent
Monongahela National Forest
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RE: Dolly Sods Wilderness Area Ordnance Removal Project

Dear Mr. Page:

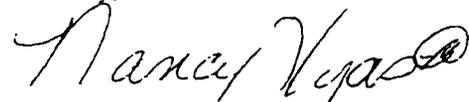
It was a pleasure to speak with you this morning and receive your input regarding the planned ordnance removal project scheduled for the Dolly Sods Wilderness Area. As we discussed, I am evaluating the environmental impact of the proposed project for the Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District. It would be helpful if you could assist us address some issues that have been raised:

- What was the impact to the Dolly Sods Wilderness Area of the Feasibility Study performed in 1991? Were there impacts observed to botanical or zoological populations; air quality, water quality, soils, or noise; wetlands, or any other aspect of the wilderness area?
- If the ordnance removal project occurs, plans call for assistance from Forest Service professionals, including:
 - review with the unexploded ordnance (UXO) contractor, on a weekly basis, the work plan. The purpose of the review would be to identify issues of concern ahead of time, and make plans to mitigate impacts.
 - on-site assistance in the field, in the event that UXO specialists have questions as to how to proceed with atypical situations. Examples of such situations could include unearthing artifacts; observations of endangered species in areas proximate to unexploded ordnance; and unexploded ordnance on steep slopes and associated erosion prevention techniques.

Based upon your knowledge of work practices of the UXO professionals, and environmental impacts associated with their work in the 1991 feasibility study, do you anticipate a need for any higher level of technical oversight by the Forest Service to protect the Dolly Sods Wilderness Area?

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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