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August 30, 1995

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RE: Dolly Sods Wilderness Ordnance
Removal Project - Environmental Assessment
FR: 95-929-MULTI

Dear Mr. Everman,

We have received and reviewed the following document: "Dolly Sods Wilderness Ordnance Removal Project Environmental Assessment - Draft". As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we offer our comments on the above referenced project.

Upon review of the Environmental Assessment (EA), it is our understanding that the US Army Corps of Engineers plans to conduct a magnetometer survey of the Dolly Sods Wilderness Area to identify the locations of unexploded ordnance.

It is our understanding that Alternative 1 is the preferred alternative. For this alternative, a surface and subsurface inspection will be made of 20.8 miles of roads and hiking trails and 100 campsites. A total of 105 acres will be investigated by crews trained in detecting unexploded ordnance. During the course of their investigation, all positively located metals will be marked and excavated.

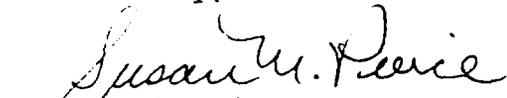
According to the EA an archaeological investigation consisting of a surface inspection of the hiking trails, roads and campsites will be conducted prior to COE investigations. In addition, ordnance crews will record and photograph all artifacts encountered during the magnetometer survey. If prehistoric archaeological sites are encountered, a USFS archaeologist will be contacted for technical advice.

Based on this information, it is our opinion that the USCOE is making a good faith effort in which to identify cultural resources within the project area and will contribute significant knowledge to our database concerning archaeological sites within the Dolly Sods Wilderness Area.

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the EA. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Trader, Senior Archaeologist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Pierce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation
Officer for Resource Protection

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