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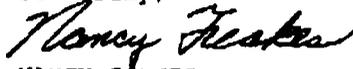
Dear Bill:

I understand that you are in the process of developing an Action Memorandum for the removal of ordnance in the Dolly Sods North area. The Monongahela National Forest would support amending the Action Memorandum for Dolly Sods Wilderness to include the removal action for Dolly Sods North, (the Blackbird Knob Area). Dolly Sods North is very similar to Dolly Sods Wilderness in climate, terrain, and ecosystems. Issues and concerns in Dolly Sods North are similar to those in Dolly Sods Wilderness, except that it is not a designated Wilderness. We believe that the effects that were disclosed in the EA that was written for the Dolly Sods Wilderness proposal are accurate predictions and descriptions of effects that would occur for similar alternatives in Dolly Sods North. Therefore, we see no need for developing a new Environmental Assessment to select a course of action in Dolly Sods North - the decision should be able to be made based on effects in the Dolly Sods Wilderness EA.

In Dolly Sods North, we have 23 miles of mapped trails, old roads, and other travelways. We also have an estimated 75 spots in Dolly Sods North that have been used as campsites in the recent past. Because Blackbird Knob was a target, we would like to have a general clean-up of that area. In addition, we would like to have the three cabin sites and the "trailer dump" site inspected. We can arrange to have employees or contractors and equipment on site to actually clean up the debris associated with these structures, but we would like to have HFA involved to assure that the clean-up goes safely, from a UXO standpoint. After the debris is removed, we would like to have these sites searched as if they were campsites. I have attached a map that shows these features.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. I look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,



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District Ranger

Attachment

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