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Huntsville Division

MEDIA ADVISORY

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HUNTSVILLE, ALA. -- Huntsville Division, Army Corps of Engineers, in conjunction with Charleston District, is conducting an ordnance remedial investigation / feasibility study at the former West Virginia Maneuver Area in Dolly Sods Wilderness Area near Petersburg, W.Va. The Corps' contractor, Metcalf & Eddy, and subcontractor UXB International, Inc., will electronically sweep the area and study additional material to determine whether any ordnance or potentially explosive material exists.

We have arranged for media representation on the site on August 2. This will be the **ONLY** opportunity for media to speak with Corps of Engineers and contractor personnel on the site. (There will be an Open House at the Petersburg Ranger Station from 1-5 p.m. on August 1. Media may also attend that event.)

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES: There will be photo and visual opportunities, with long-range lenses particularly useful. Media will not be allowed closer than 100 yards to those actually searching because of safety requirements. From that point, they will be able to see personnel using magnetometers (metal detectors) to find buried metal and marking the "hits" with small flags.

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES: A spokesperson from the Army Corps of Engineers will be on site to answer questions. Contractor personnel will be able to speak about their company, individual experience and their on-site activities.

PROCEDURE: From our understanding of the site, we will have to meet at a single location, drive to the Wilderness Area, park, and hike back to the actual site. Plan on meeting at the Red Creek Camp Ground at 10:00 a.m. on August 2. If this time causes problems with your deadline, please let us know. If you are interested in this media opportunity, call (205) 955-5742.

A Fact Sheet and News Release are enclosed.

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