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Unexploded munitions removal begins in second area of Dolly Sods

HUNTINGTON, W.VA. ...Fifty years after the Army used Dolly Sods North Area as an artillery and mortar training range, they are returning to remove any unexploded munitions.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is beginning removal of unexploded munitions of the Dolly Sods North Area. Work began Monday, May 11 and is scheduled to be complete sometime in August.

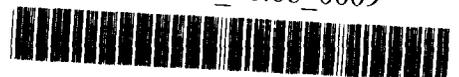
The removal contractor, Human Factors Inc., just completed work at the Dolly Sods Wilderness Area where searchers found 18 mortar rounds. The procedure for removal to the North Area will be conducted the same as the Wilderness Area, completely by foot without motorized vehicles.

Dolly Sods is part of the Monongahela National Forest. During World War II, this area was part of the two-million acre West Virginia training ground for infantrymen to fire artillery and mortars. Although the areas were searched and cleared by military explosive ordnance teams after the war, at least 20 pieces of ordnance have been found in recent years.

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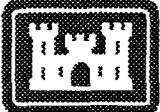
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