

# NEW-BOLD ENTERPRISES

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mr. Wallace E. Dean  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
**FROM:** Nancy Vyas  
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**DATE:** April 21, 1997  
**RE:** Dolly Sods North Update

On Thursday, April 17, a telecon was held between Wallace E. Dean (COE, Huntington District, Environmental Assessment project manger), Rick Meadows (COE, Huntington District, Dolly Sods North project manager), Bill Sargent (COE, Huntsville, Dolly Sods North project manager), Nancy Vyas and Charles Bower (New-Bold Enterprises, environmental contractors). Once more with feeling, the Huntington contingent strongly recommended that the COE follow the same work plan for Dolly Sods North as developed for Dolly Sods Wilderness. After some discussion of possible consequences of using alternate techniques, COE Huntsville agreed to use the Dolly Sods Wilderness work plan. That means no motorized vehicles, leave no trace camping and work techniques; no staging in Dolly Sods North; and following plans for protection of botanical, zoological, and cultural resources.

The Environmental Assessment will be developed to reflect the Dolly Sods Wilderness work plan. Miscellaneous information: UXO team will search one trail at a time. At that time, the entire length of the trail will be closed. An area 1,000-foot radius around the search area will be off limits to recreation users during the search period.

### Action Items:

- Sargent to develop memorandum regarding use of Dolly Sods Wilderness work plan
- Vyas to draft letter for Dean/Meadows requesting additional information from Forest Service. Point of contact Nancy Feakes. Information needed—impact of each alternative on future use.
- Vyas to send letter to Division of Natural Resources requesting agency's plans and proposals related to fish and wildlife management in Dolly Sods region.
- COE, Huntsville, will require that the Forest Service will remove trash/debris from the trailer dump site and the hunting cabin structures (if the FS wants them removed) prior to performing any UXO operations.

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Ms. Nancy Feakes  
Potomac Ranger District  
U.S. Forest Service

In order to complete the Environmental Assessment (EA) for ordnance removal at Dolly Sods North, the National Environmental Policy Act requires that we address several issues for which we need additional information from the Forest Service (FS). These issues include the following.

- (1) Cumulative Impacts - In this section we must discuss any potential (planned or proposed) or scheduled activities which may occur in the region (Dolly Sods Wilderness Area/Scenic Area/North Area) in the next 5 years. Please provide a list and a brief discussion of any such activities, including, but not limited to:
  - WV Division of Natural Resources' (DNR) proposal to improve water quality in local streams in order to enhance fisheries;
  - any DNR wildlife management plans;
  - any DNR proposals to maintain open areas;
  - FS evaluation of roadless areas; and,
  - FS development of plan/use prescription for Dolly Sods North and the region.
  
- (2) Impact of Ordnance Removal on Future Use Designation of Dolly Sods North - Please explain alternatives under consideration for use designation, especially addressing these points:
  - the process timetable for determination of use designation; and,
  - the effect that the ordnance removal may have on selection. This aspect should include both the effects of the procedures used (i.e., the same as the Wilderness Area) as well as the effects of having the ordnance removed from publicly used areas.
  
- (3) Plan for the Removal of Trash from the Trailer Dump Site and for Removal of Hunting Cabins - The Corps of Engineers (COE) will provide UXO technicians to assure safe handling of ordnance found during removal of trash and materials from the trailer dump site and from the hunting cabins sites. However, the COE will not demolish/remove cabins or remove trash; that is the responsibility of the FS. The EA must include a description of the FS plan:
  - will motorized vehicles be used for trash/cabin removal? What types? How many trips? Approximate weight of vehicles? Routes to be followed to each site;
  - where will materials removed from site be disposed; and
  - will cabins be demolished?
  
- (4) Impact on Recreational Use of DSN Considering both DSW and DSN Will Be Cleared during the Same 6-Month Period - In the EA for DSW, we stated that clearance of DSW would push users to the DSN area. Where will they go now? How many users will this affect?

Due to the time-sensitive nature of this project, we would appreciate a reply from you by May 1, 1997. We will provide a copy of the preliminary draft document for your review and comment by May 20, 1997.