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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HUNTINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
502 EIGHTH STREET  
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25701-2070

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF  
Engineering Division  
Geotechnical Branch, Surveying Section

TO THE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS IN THE CANAAN VALLEY AREA, WEST VIRGINIA

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a series of operations to reduce risk to users of the Dolly Sods Wilderness and northern Dolly Sods area of the Monongahela National Forest from unexploded ordnance. This area was used as a training ground during World War II, and some of the unexploded munitions from those training exercises are still found on occasion by hunters and hikers.

The Corps of Engineers is working closely with their contractors and with the U.S. Forest Service to minimize impacts to the natural environment and especially to the Dolly Sods Wilderness during all of their activities. To minimize the long-term impacts, they are utilizing sophisticated aerial photography and mapping techniques, including use of Global Positioning Units that involve satellites and computers to locate and map points on the ground.

Woolpert Consultants of Ashland, Kentucky will be conducting the field surveys for the Huntington District Corps of Engineers between late March and June in the Dolly Sods Wilderness, Cabin Mountain, and Blackbird Knob areas. They will establish and map some specific flight panel locations to aid in their development of accurate aerial photography and maps. These in turn will aid in the development of specific plans to safely remove ordnance within this area later this year and in the future.

Temporary flight panels will be placed along roads and in other openings outside the Wilderness and in the Blackbird Knob and Cabin Mountain areas in April. These vinyl plastic photo points will be L or V shaped, with 30' length legs. They will be removed after the aerial photography and surveying are completed, and involve minimal disturbance to the environment.

Should you have any questions related to this survey, please feel free to contact the County Sheriff's Department, or the U.S. Forest Service, or any of the following personnel:

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Thank you for your cooperation in this survey.

Sincerely,

  
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