

**Dolly Sods North Ordnance Removal Project
Public Information Meeting
March 24, 1997**

AGENDA

- 1. Opening Remarks and Introduction**
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Huntington District
- 2. Description of Proposed Project**
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- 3. Question and Answer Period**



| Summary of Environmental Consequences and Associated Mitigation for Dolly Sods North Ordnance Removal Project* | | |
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| Resource | Action and Effect | Mitigation Measures |
| Botanical | Walk through 216 acres; disturb vegetation through excavation and detonation; vegetation will return within 1 year. No brush cutting except to access ordnance. No significant impact. Project will document locations of sensitive and rare species. This will contribute to scientific database, a positive impact. | Document location and transplant sensitive species to suitable habitat or reseed as appropriate. Species will be appropriate for site. |
| Zoological/ Wildlife | Walk through 216 acres; mobile species will move during project, then return. Immobile species may suffer incidental taking. No short-term or long-term effect on wildlife. Project will include documentation of locations of sensitive and rare species. This will contribute to scientific database, a positive impact. | Document location of rare, endangered, threatened, and sensitive species. Collect and hold Cheat Mountain salamander prior to excavation and detonation, then replace. During detonation of ordnance, if found in the habitat of the Virginia northern flying squirrel, noise-deadening techniques will be used. |
| Recreation | Walk through 216 acres; No visual impact. Use of limited areas for recreation will be limited for up to 6 months during ordnance removal. Ordnance removal crews will be present during summer months, periods of heavy use. Long-term public safety will be improved. Evidence of human use (ordnance) will be removed. This will be a positive impact. New topographic maps will be created by the Corps of Engineers based on detailed aerial photography of the wilderness area and the scenic area to the north. These maps will be available to users; a positive impact. | Disturbed areas will be remediated for esthetics. Visitors to Dolly Sods North will be provided with information regarding alternative use areas. Work will be discontinued during heaviest use periods, including holiday weekends and hunting season. |

* Assumes Work Plan for Ordnance Removal at Dolly Sods Wilderness is followed.

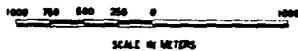
| Summary of Environmental Consequences and Associated Mitigation for Dolly Sods North Ordnance Removal Project* (Continued) | | |
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| Wetlands | No waterways will be altered. Ordnance found and detonated in wetlands may cause craters to be formed; original configuration will return within two years. | Ordnance found in waterways will be removed then detonated. |
| Environmental air/water/ soils/noise | No air emissions. No aqueous or solid waste emissions. If ordnance is located in waterways, it will be moved and detonated away from stream. Noise from detonations of ordnance may be heard. All equipment is noise-free, so no contribution to ambient noise will be made. No significant impact. | Soil erosion and stream sedimentation will be controlled through proven techniques. Noise will be dampened by covering ordnance with sandbags. Work hours will be limited to daylight, 8 to 10 hours per day. |
| Cultural | Project will include survey to document locations of cultural resources. Survey will contribute to archaeological database, a positive impact. | Archaeologist to conduct complete literature review of historic logging activities and develop comparative file to evaluate potential significance of historic remains; on-site investigation by a trained archaeologist. |
| Socioeconomic | Use levels of the Dolly Sods Wilderness and the northern area may decline for up to 6 months, during ordnance removal. However, UXO work crews will contribute to area economy. No net impact in the near-term. Long-term impact is positive. Maintenance of trails and campsites can be conducted without first searching for ordnance. Funds can be allocated directly for maintenance rather than for ordnance searches. | UXO teams will work in isolated areas and will limit access to one area at a time. Other areas will remain open to users. |
| Public Safety | Safety for users will be enhanced, as most users stay on trails and in campsite areas; a positive impact. However, risk remains for those who leave trails and campsites, such as hunters. High risk will remain in the event of a forest fire. | Fire control will be implemented by UXO crews and Forest Service employees. Warning signs will be erected. |

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GUN EMPLACEMENTS



DOLLY SODS NORTH AREA



LEGEND

- DOLLY SODS WILDERNESS AREA BOUNDARY
- NORTH AREA BOUNDARY
- ★ IDENTIFIED REPORTING CABINS
- ☉ TARGET AREA
- - - - - TRAIL SEARCH AREA



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Please list any questions you have regarding the
Dolly Sods North Ordnance Removal Project.

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION (if any): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

Please return your questions before leaving the meeting.