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Deadline extended for community to apply for Restoration Advisory Board for former Pinecastle Jeep Range

Jacksonville, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District has extended the deadline to receive applications from community members for voluntary participation in a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) being established for the former Pinecastle Jeep Range. Applications must be received by Thursday, November 8th.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to become part of a collaborative process,” said Nancy Sticht, public affairs officer. “By working directly with us, RAB members will play a key role in the restoration of this former military site and in helping their neighbors to stay informed as well.”

Interested community members may apply by downloading and completing an application form available on the Jacksonville District web site, www.saj.usace.army.mil, (click on the Pinecastle Jeep Range link). Forms may be faxed to 904-232-2237 or mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Amanda Ellison, Corporate Communication Office, 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, Fla. 32207.

An independent selection panel of community leaders will review applications and recommend a roster of members to the government.

The purpose of the RAB is to promote community involvement by giving the public the opportunity to regularly review progress and participate in dialogue with decision makers on the Pinecastle Jeep Range environmental process.



The RAB will include representatives of the Corps, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Orange County, and City of Orlando, as well as members of the local community, who serve on a volunteer basis. The RAB is co-chaired by a Corps representative and a representative of the community, elected by community members. RAB members determine frequency and length of meetings, with all meetings open to the public. Members must be willing to attend all meetings, devote ample time to review Army environmental restoration documents within prescribed timeframes, and serve as liaisons, helping to facilitate two-way communication between government agencies and the community. RAB membership is diverse and will be formulated to represent as many community interests as possible.

The Pinecastle Jeep Range is a former World War II military training and demonstration site that is being investigated by the Corps under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS).

For more information about the former Pinecastle Jeep Range site or the Restoration Advisory Board, please visit our web site at www.saj.usace.army.mil or contact the Corporate Communication Office at 904-232-1576.

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