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## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides direct communication links for Pinecastle Jeep Range community**

Jacksonville, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District announced today that a new toll free number and e-mail information subscription service for the Pinecastle Jeep Range has been established. With these communication tools, interested members of the community in and around the Pinecastle Jeep Range can now more easily contact the Corps and also directly receive timely and accurate information about activities associated with the ongoing cleanup at Pinecastle Jeep Range.

The newly established toll free number is 1-800-291-9413, and is dedicated as a resource for the community to ask questions about projects under the Formerly Used Defense Sites program, of which the Pinecastle Jeep Range is one. Community members may also subscribe to periodic information updates, to be distributed by the Corps via e-mail. To subscribe, please visit the Jacksonville District web site at [www.saj.usace.army.mil](http://www.saj.usace.army.mil), click on the Pinecastle Jeep Range link and then on the Contacts link.

“We are very pleased to be able to provide the community with additional tools to make it easier for them to both share and receive information about ongoing activities at Pinecastle Jeep Range,” said Nancy Sticht, public affairs officer. “We are committed to ensuring the community is kept informed in every way possible.”

The Corps’ cleanup efforts currently under way include the Odyssey Middle School grounds and a portion of the Mockingbird, LLC property closest to the school. Work is scheduled to begin in the



Tivoli Gardens and Warwick subdivisions early next year. As with previously completed work and work currently under way and planned, a phased approach will prioritize and address the areas that pose the greatest risk to public safety. The remainder of the former Pinecastle Jeep Range site will be addressed with a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, beginning in 2008.

Safety is always the Corps' top priority. Should anyone encounter or suspect they have encountered munitions, it is vitally important that they follow the simple "3 Rs" of munitions safety: **Recognize** the item may be dangerous; **Retreat** and do not touch it; **Report** its location to the local Sheriff's Office immediately.

On behalf of the Department of Defense, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cleans up sites that were formerly used by the military. In 1943, the U.S. government leased 12,483 acres of land in Orlando (Orange County) as an off-post site of the Pinecastle Army Airfield, for use as a gunnery and demonstration range. The site was declared surplus property and all leases were terminated on Dec. 4, 1947.

For more information about the former Pinecastle Jeep Range, please visit our web site at [www.saj.usace.army.mil](http://www.saj.usace.army.mil) and click on the Pinecastle Jeep Range link or contact the Corporate Communication Office at 904-232-1576.

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