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Cleanup work on former Pinecastle Jeep Range continues

Jacksonville, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District announced today that several more pieces of WW II-era munitions have been uncovered on the former Pinecastle Jeep Range site.

The items, two 2.36-inch rockets, two 60-mm mortars, six bomb fuses, one 23-pound fragmentation bomb, one 4-pound incendiary bomb, one 40-mm mortar, one 37-mm mortar, and one 4.2-inch mortar were **uncovered on the Mockingbird, LLC private property adjacent to the school.** Removal by detonation, similar to those that have taken place in the past several months, will occur on Friday, Jan. 11 at approximately 4:30 p.m. Engineering controls will be used to ensure safety and limit the noise and debris from the blast. The removal action poses no danger to people in the area.

“The munitions we are finding on site are consistent with its documented military use and are buried several feet or more underground, so they do not pose an immediate risk to the public,” explained Wandell Carlton, project manager for the former Pinecastle Jeep Range site. “We are working hard to ensure the continued safety of the community.”

Work has also begun in the Tivoli Gardens subdivision, with additional work set for a portion of the Warwick subdivision to begin this month, as work continues on Odyssey Middle School grounds and on the Mockingbird property. A phased approach is being used to prioritize and address the areas that need immediate attention. The remainder of the former Pinecastle Jeep Range site will be addressed with a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, beginning early 2008.



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 by December 1947.

Safety is always the Corps' top priority. Should anyone encounter or suspect he or she has 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.

For more information about the former Pinecastle Jeep Range, please visit our web site at www.saj.usace.army.mil and click on the Pinecastle link, or contact the Corporate Communication Office at 904-232-1576 or 1-800-291-9413.

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