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News Release

Controlled Detonation Planned at Camp Navajo

CAMP NAVAJO, ARIZ....A small controlled detonation of some unexploded munitions is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15, and Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. within the boundaries of the Camp Navajo Open Burn/Open Detonation area. This area is at least two miles away from the nearest home.

In case of bad weather, the event will be rescheduled for the next good weather day. Bad weather includes snow, lightening, or high winds.

Safety controls will be established prior to the detonation to assure the maximum public safety. When necessary, engineering controls will be used to minimize the blast and fragmentation. With these controls in place, there is no risk to residents of nearby areas. Specific procedures also will be followed to minimize impacts on the wintering bald eagles and Mexican spotted owls. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services biologist will be closely involved during the detonation.

The National Guard Bureau has been working on an investigation and cleanup of the Camp Navajo Open Detonation/Open Burn area. Camp Navajo has established a set of procedures to keep neighbors fully informed of actions, which might affect the community.

Visit the project web site: <http://www.adeg.state.az.us/environ/waste/sps/state.html> for more information about the Open Burn/Open Detonation Area Closure Project.

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