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Controlled Detonation Planned at Camp Navajo

CAMP NAVAJO, ARIZ....Small, controlled detonations of some unexploded munitions are scheduled within the boundaries of the Camp Navajo Open Burn/Open Detonation Area. These detonations will occur between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning Monday, February 4 through Friday, February 15, 2008. 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, lightning 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, in coordination with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 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.CampNavajoEnvironmental.org>, for more information about the Open Burn/Open Detonation Area Closure Project.

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