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## Public Service Announcement

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### Public Information Session on Camp Butner Survey

Butner, North Carolina – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a public information session to explain the Ordnance and Explosives Contamination Survey being conducted on land formerly part of Camp Butner.

The information session will be held on **Tuesday, May 15, 2001 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at Butner-Stem Elementary School, 201 East “D” Street in Butner, North Carolina

In addition to a presentation of the Contamination Survey Project, a real estate specialist will be on hand to answer property owners’ questions about government “rights of entry.”

#### Background

Camp Butner was established in 1942 as a 40,384 acre training and housing facility for World War II troops. The training grounds included approximately 15 firing ranges, a grenade range, a 1000-inch range, a gas chamber and a flame-thrower training pad. The site was also home to one of the Army’s largest general and convalescent hospitals and the War Department’s Redeployment Center.

In 1947, the War Department closed Camp Butner and the land was sold to public and private interests. The general hospital was acquired by the state and named the John Umstead Hospital. The North Carolina National Guard was given 4,750 acres of the Camp to be used for training. Some of the land was developed into residential property and some is being used for farming.

The Corps of Engineers has contracted with Parsons Engineering Science to identify potential ordnance and explosives contamination in land formerly part of Camp Butner. The survey is being conducted as part of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) for Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). Parsons will also analyze risk management alternatives and recommend feasible ordnance and explosives risk reduction alternatives for the area.

