

# Responsible Recreation in Complex Landscapes: Reflections from the Defence Estate

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# Introduction to the MOD Estate

- ▶ 220,000 ha MOD estate (0.9% UK landmass)
- ▶ Further 202,000 ha used under licence
- ▶ Also overseas (Belize, Canada, Germany, Kenya)
- ▶ 82,000 ha SSSI (38% of the estate)
- ▶ 31,000 ha within 13 National Parks
- ▶ 19,000 ha within 33 AONBs
- ▶ 858 Listed Buildings
- ▶ 768 Scheduled Monuments
- ▶ 10 World Heritage Sites



# Dartmoor Training Area

- ▶ 12,000 ha
- ▶ 1050 beds
- ▶ 10% MOD owned
- ▶ In Dartmoor National Park
- ▶ 98% publicly accessible
- ▶ Numerous 'honey spots'



# Challenges of responsible recreation

Public awareness of military training:

- ▶ Advisory
- ▶ Constraint
- ▶ Restraint



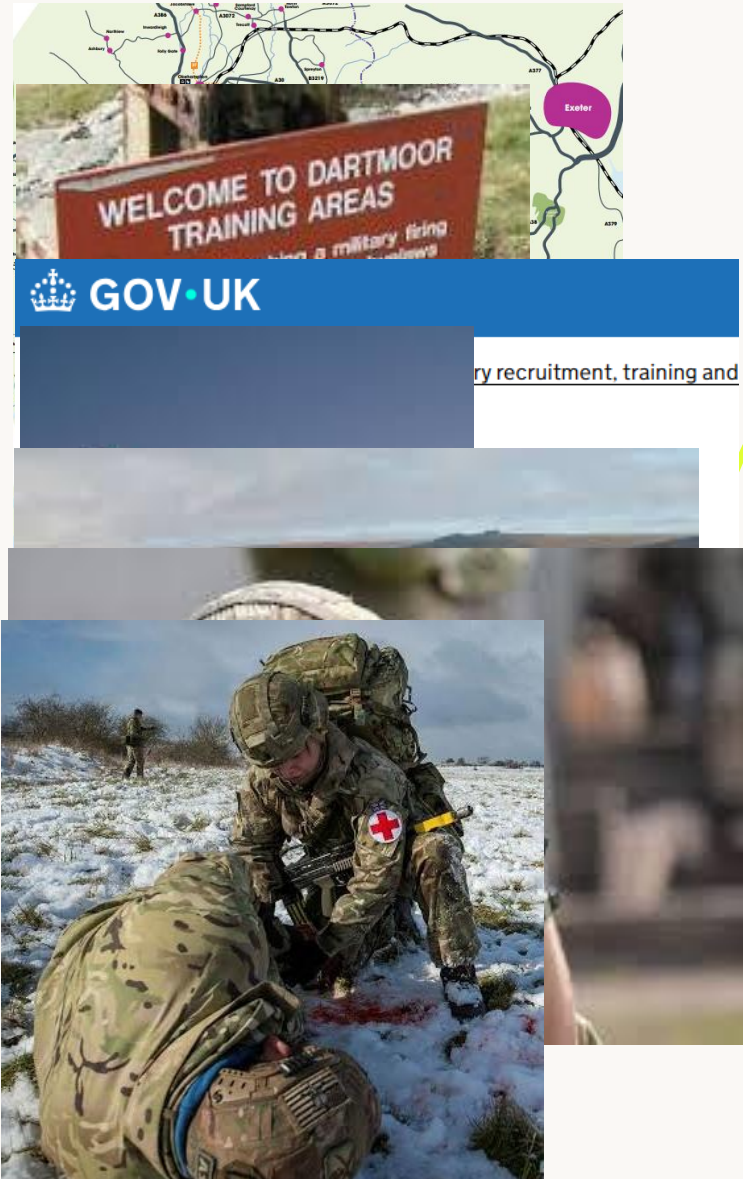
**Army explosives training caused forest fire at Hampshire camp, says MoD**

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# Response example – *The Survivability Onion*

How to run a safe live firing range on public access land on Dartmoor?



## AVOID

Scheduling, Siting

## EDUCATE

Online, Mapping, Visitor Centres, Signage

## INFORM

Online, Radio, Newspaper, Phone

## ALERT

Signage, Flags, Poles, Personnel

## CLEAR

Clearers

## OBSERVE

Clearers, Exercising troops

## REACT

Emergency Drills

# Finish

