

# Checklist for Special Concerns

Special Environmental Concerns WA-NRCS-CPA-52

## Cultural Resources

Step

**Question** Is the proposed action or activity (i.e. undertaking) funded in whole or part or under the control of NRCS? To make this determination, answer the following:  
Is it carried out by or on behalf of NRCS?  
Is it carried out with NRCS financial assistance?  
Does it require Federal permit license, or approval with NRCS as the lead agency?  
Is it a joint project with another Federal or state entity with NRCS functioning as lead agency?

**Yes** The proposed action or activity (i.e. undertaking) IS funded in whole or part or IS under the control of NRCS.  
Identify NRCS program name such as, but not limited to; CO-01, EQIP, WHIP, WRP, PL-566 etc. on the NRCS-WA-CPA-52.  
Go to Step 2.

**No** The proposed action or activity (i.e. undertaking) IS NOT funded in whole or part or IS NOT under the control of NRCS.  
Document this decision, including the reasons, on NRCS-WA-CPA-52 and proceed with planning.

**Unknown** Consult with your Area Cultural Resources Specialist (CRS) to determine if this is an action/undertaking that requires review and then complete Step 1.

Step

**Question** Has the Area of Potential Effect (APE) been determined? (Include all areas to be altered or affected: access and haul roads, equipment lots, borrow areas, surface grading areas, locations for disposition of sediment, streambank stabilization areas, building removal and relocation sites, disposition of removed concrete, as well as the area of the actual conservation practice. In some cases, larger areas of potential effect must be considered, such as when a practice could cause audible, visual or atmospheric affects to cultural resources that are outside of the area of direct effects.)

**Yes** The proposed action or activity (i.e. undertaking) IS funded in whole or part or IS under the control of NRCS.  
The Area of Potential Effect (APE) HAS been determined.  
Document the Area of Potential Effect (APE) on NRCS-WA-CPA-52 or appropriate inventory sheet.  
Go to Step 3.

**No** Consult with your CRS to determine the area of potential effect and then complete Step 2.

**Unknown** Consult with your CRS to determine the area of potential effect and then complete Step 2.

Step

**Question** Have ALL the appropriate National, State, Local, including Tribal registers and lists been checked to determine whether any known cultural or historic resources are within or in close proximity to the proposed APE/project area?  
National Register of Historic Places?  
State Register of Historic Places?  
The SHPOs statewide inventory/data base?  
Native American Heritage Commission Database on Sacred Lands?  
Local/county historical society and/or commission lists?

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All appropriate registers and lists have been checked.  
Insert date on which dB was checked and by whom on NRCS-WA-CPA-52 or appropriate inventory sheet.  
Go to Step 4.
- No** The Area of Potential Effect (APE) HAS been determined.  
The Area of Potential Effect (APE) has been documented on NRCS-WA-CPA-52 or appropriate inventory sheet.  
All appropriate registers and lists have NOT been checked.  
Work with your CRS to be sure these files are checked (sometimes the SHPO will only let the CRS review the files). Repeat Step 3.
- Unknown** The Area of Potential Effect (APE) HAS been determined.  
The Area of Potential Effect (APE) has been documented on NRCS-WA-CPA-52 or appropriate inventory sheet.  
It is unknown is all appropriate registers and lists have been checked.  
Work with your CRS to be sure these files are checked (sometimes the SHPO will only let the CRS review the files). Repeat Step 3.

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**Step**

**Question** **Has consultation with appropriate and interested parties been completed and documented?**  
**State Historic Preservation Officer?**  
**Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s)?**  
**Other Federally recognized tribes with traditional interest in the area?**  
**Local Governments, historical societies & commissions?**  
**All interested parties who have requested consultation?**

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All appropriate registers and lists have been checked.  
The date on which dB was checked and by whom on NRCS-WA-CPA-52 or appropriate inventory sheet.  
Document each consultation and proceed with the project.
- No** Continue consultation or ensure that consultation has been completed (by the appropriate NRCS) with each interested party prior to implementation or installation.
- Unknown** Continue consultation or ensure that consultation has been completed (by the appropriate NRCS planner) with each interested party prior to implementation or installation.

## Cultural Resources Review Worksheet - (draft 6/03)

(Attach plan map and quad map showing practice locations, site specific specifications. **To expedite processing, fill in top half of form**)

<b>Project Name:</b>		<b>County:</b>		<b>Field Office:</b>			
<b>Contact Person:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>		<b>FAX:</b>			
<b>Date of Request:</b>		<b>Estimated Project Start Date:</b>					
<b>Program:</b>	<b>CTA:</b>	<b>CR(E)P:</b>	<b>EQIP:</b>	<b>WHIP:</b>	<b>WRP:</b>	<b>Cons. District:</b>	<b>Other:</b>

### Location Information

Tract #(s)	Farm U(s)/Blk	Acres	Field(s)	Section (s)	¼ Section	Township	Range	7.5" USGS quad	15' USGS quad

### Known History of Property and Topographic/Geologic Information:

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### Results of Literature Search (OAHF database, etc.):

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of search:

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### Planned Practice Information and Determination of Undertaking or Non-undertaking:

Practice	Equipment to be used:	Estimated Area and Depth of Disturbance:	Under-taking?	Reason for determination of undertaking:

Estimated size of the Area of Potential Effect (the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may cause changes in the character or use of any cultural resources present) in acres and/or as a width x length dimension:

**NOTE: The appearance of cultural resources can never be predicted with certainty. Should cultural deposits be discovered during any phase of the project application, if the nature of the undertaking changes, or if additional lands are to be included in the project area, please contact the Area Cultural Resources Specialist or State Cultural Resources Specialist immediately. If federal funds are involved, project activity in the area of the discovery must be stopped until the site is evaluated by the Specialist.**

### Cultural Resources Evaluation

	An on-site survey by a Cultural Resources Specialist is not required. The project may proceed.
	Before proceeding with the project a surface field check may have to be conducted and the results documented. For all undertakings, only those persons qualified to perform surveys may do so.
	Do not proceed with the project until a Cultural Resources Specialist has conducted an on-site survey in the project area. The proximity of known cultural resources and/or past use, environment, topography or other features make this a location where cultural resources are likely to be found.

### Results of Surface Field Check or Survey:

Date of site visit:

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### Tribal consultation:

Project on tribal reservation or tribal lands:

Tribe:	Results:

Date Report sent to SHPO/THPO:

Response from SHPO/THPO:

Area Cultural Resources Specialist or CRS Signature:

Date: