



## NRCS WASHINGTON CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES FOR SOIL SURVEY

- Only hand-dug auger and small-scale shovel testing soils investigations on Private land are covered under the streamlining process, per the 2015 Prototype Programmatic Agreement (PPA).
- For larger-scale investigations (i.e. mechanically excavated pits), cultural resources compliance will follow Section 106 regulations (36 CFR 800), which includes consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Tribes, landowner, and may require a cultural resources survey.
- Projects on state or federally-managed lands require additional procedures and permissions directly from the land managing agency.
  - For projects on federal land (i.e. NPS, BLM), the NRCS Area CRS will coordinate with the other agency's CRS to determine who will be the Lead agency for compliance with Section 106. If the other agency is Lead, then the 2015 PPA streamlining process cannot be used.

