

Kansas Field Office Technical Guide -Section II

Special Environmental Concerns

5. Cultural Resources

Authority:

In 1966, Congress passed the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) which directed all Federal agencies to establish a preservation program based on the framework outlined in the NHPA, as amended. It also required all Federal Agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. NRCS has established policy, procedural references and guidance to comply with NHPA and several related authorities, including the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1996); Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. Sections 3001-3013); Executive Order (EO) 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments (2000); EO 13007, Indian Sacred Sites (1996); and a range of Executive Orders, Presidential memoranda, and secretarial memoranda. NRCS policy and procedures are found in the General Manual 420 Part 401 and the National Cultural Resources Procedures Handbook 190 Part 601.

Follow Kansas Protocol:

1. Refer to Undertaking List contained in Kansas Social Sciences [Technical Note KS-3](#)- if there is no ground disturbing practice then no further review is needed. Just document *Not Applicable* on CPA-52 form and move on
2. If practice is ground disturbing, check the [Kansas Historical Society database](#) to search by section, township, and range for listings of recorded National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) sites.
3. If the database returns a hit, submit a map with the planned practice location and legal description to your Area Cultural Resources Coordinator:
 - Area 1-Robert Schiffner
 - Area 2-Loren Frees
 - Area 3-Charles Jones
 - Area 4-Alan Boerger

Wait for clearance or further guidance from State Cultural Resources Coordinator, Kristen Chaffin.

For additional information, refer to Kansas Amendment to the General Manual ([420-GM, Amend. KS5, Sept. 2007](#)).