

**STATEMENT OF WORK
Cultural Resources Identification Surveys
Kansas
September 2004**

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These deliverables apply to this individual cultural resources compliance activity. For other planned compliance deliverables, refer to those specific statements of work.

Note: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) retains responsibility for all decision-making and consultation required of federal agencies related to compliance with several resources protection laws, including but not limited to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Technical Service Providers (TSPs) are expected to gather information to enable NRCS's compliance with the NHPA and must meet the Secretary of the Interior's professional qualification standards as specified in Section 112(a)(1)(A) of the Act and implementing regulations for Section 106 of the NHPA at 800.2(a)(1) and 800.2 (a)(3). TSPs shall work with the program participants to ensure that all approvals, authorities, rights, permits, and easements necessary for conduct of this cultural resources activity have been obtained prior to implementation of the work.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

The principal investigator and anyone functioning as lead field investigator must meet the minimum professional qualifications listed in the "Archaeology and Historic Preservation: Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines" for the following type of services needed:

- History
- Archeology
- Architectural history
- Architecture
- Historic architecture

IDENTIFICATION SURVEYS

Identification surveys are conducted for the purpose of locating cultural resources within a project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) and consists of a number of activities which may be used independently or in combination with one another as appropriate for the level of investigation needed for the size and complexity of the project. All work must comply with federal, tribal, state, and local laws. The following is a list of these activities:

Research Design

1. Historic context (Consult State Preservation Plan, if applicable)
2. Methods used to obtain information (for example, archival research, informant information, oral history, field survey)
3. Expected results

Archival Research

Background research sources (for example, state site files, historical maps, other studies)

Field Survey

This section lists the types of surveys that may be utilized to obtain information about cultural resources that may be present.

1. Reconnaissance survey - This shall document the following:
 - a. Kinds of properties looked for
 - b. The boundary of area surveyed
 - c. The methods of survey (for example, pedestrian walkover, subsurface testing)
 - d. The kinds of cultural resources identified, if any

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2. Intensive survey - This shall document the following:
 - a. Kinds of properties looked for
 - b. The boundary of area surveyed
 - c. The methods of survey (for example, pedestrian walkover, subsurface testing)
 - d. Record of precise location of all properties identified
 - e. Information on the appearance, significance, integrity, and boundaries of each property sufficient to permit an evaluation of its significance
3. Special techniques
Remote sensing

DELIVERABLES

Report

Identification survey reports shall contain enough information to permit NRCS to make an informed decision and/or finding and be presented in such a manner that an outside party can understand the basis for that decision or finding. This report shall contain at minimum the following information which should include any appropriate pictures, maps, and drawings:

1. Historic context; for example, types of sites likely to be found, includes information gathered from any archival and other background research conducted
2. Area researched or surveyed; namely, project APE
3. Research design (how and why the methods used were chosen)
4. Methods used (which methods were chosen and how were they carried out [for example, reconnaissance survey])
5. Results
 - a. Outcome of survey (cultural resources identified)
 - b. Analysis of any artifacts, features, structures
 - c. Recommendations

Backup Data

All field notes, pictures, and drawings not contained in the above report are the property of NRCS and shall be returned to NRCS as soon as possible after appropriate analysis is completed and final report accepted.

Curation

All artifacts found during the identification survey are the property of the landowner and shall be returned to the landowner as soon as possible after appropriate analysis is completed and final report is accepted by NRCS.

REFERENCES

- Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines, Archaeology and Historic Preservation
- National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106
- 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 800, Protection of Historic Properties
- NRCS National Cultural Resources Handbook
- NRCS General Manual Title 420, Part 401
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- Kansas NRCS State Level Agreement