

Section II

Cultural Resource Compliance–MONTANA

Montana NRCS Cultural Resource Compliance Policy

NRCS field office personnel consider cultural resources during the planning process as established in General Manual policy, national, and state programmatic agreements. Personnel determine if previously recorded cultural sites exist in the planning area by checking the following link: <http://svc.mt.gov/sad/viewer.aspx>. Trained field office personnel conduct field reviews and complete documentation for review by the NRCS State Cultural Resource Specialist.

Landowners who seek technical assistance outside the NRCS must use cultural resource contractors who meet the qualifications established by the Secretary of the Interior. Reports produced by contractors must be sent to the NRCS State Office for consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office.

The cultural resources portion of the General Manual, the National Cultural Resources Procedures Handbook, and other links is found at <http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/ecs/cultural/>

State-based Prototype Programmatic Agreement which outlines how Montana NRCS will meet the NHPA compliance requirements (see 16-page agreement filed after Page 1B).

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CULTURAL RESOURCE LINKS

These links are supplied for reference purposes. They provide easy access to state and national web sites that have a variety of information about historic and cultural resources.

Montana State Historical Society–Access to the State of Montana Historical Society Homepage.

<http://mhs.mt.gov/default.asp>

National Register of Historic Places–

Access the US Department of Interior– National Park Service National Register of Historic Places. Contains the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation.

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/>

National Historic Landmarks– Access to the US Department of Interior– National Park Service, National Landmarks Homepage. National Historic Landmarks are nationally significant historic places designated by the Secretary of the Interior because they possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States.

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/landmarks.htm>

Montana State Historic Preservation

Office (SHPO)– A link to the State of Montana Historic Preservation Office Homepage is through the Historical Society Homepage. The homepage provides information and links to programs, events, collections, education, etc. The SHPO page provides information and links to surveys and planning, compliance, and other assistance available through their office.

<http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/>