

Cultural Resource CPA52 Examples

Under cultural resources there are six sections of the 2013 revised CPA52 form that need to be given attention when completing the form. These sections are: G. Special Environmental Concerns; Section J. Impacts to Special Environmental Concerns; Section K. Other Agencies and Broad Public Concerns; Section O. Determination of Significance or Extraordinary Circumstances; Section L. Mitigation, and Additional Notes.

Section G. Special Environmental Concerns

Cultural resources are included under Special Environmental Concerns. Column G (Figure 1) is where the benchmark conditions are described. Benchmark conditions are the existing conditions. If the cultural resource survey has identified archaeological sites within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) the under the benchmark conditions for cultural resources enter “**archaeological sites identified during the cultural resource survey**” include the field number where the sites were located. If no archaeological sites were identified during the cultural resource survey enter under benchmark conditions “**No archaeological sites identified during the cultural resource survey.**”

Special Environmental Concerns: Environmental Laws, Executive Orders, policies, etc.						
In Section "G" complete and attach Environmental Procedures Guide Sheets for documentation as applicable. Items with a "●" may require a federal permit or consultation/coordination between the lead agency and another government agency. In these cases, effects may need to be determined in consultation with another agency. Planning and practice implementation may proceed for practices not involved in consultation.						
G. Special Environmental Concerns (Document existing/ benchmark conditions)	J. Impacts to Special Environmental Concerns					
	No Action		Alternative 1		Alternative 2	
	Document all impacts (Attach Guide Sheets as applicable)	√ if needs further action	Document all impacts (Attach Guide Sheets as applicable)	√ if needs further action	Document all impacts (Attach Guide Sheets as applicable)	√ if needs further action
●Clean Air Act <i>Guide Sheet FS1 FS-2</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
●Clean Water Act / Waters of the U.S. <i>Guide Sheet Fact Sheet</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
●Coastal Zone Management <i>Guide Sheet Fact Sheet</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coral Reefs <i>Guide Sheet Fact Sheet</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
●Cultural Resources / Historic Properties <i>Guide Sheet Fact Sheet</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Figure 1. CPA-52 Sections G, J, and Alternatives.

Section J. Impacts to Special Environmental Concerns

Section J (see Figure 1) is where impacts to special environmental concerns are documented. Space for documenting up to three alternatives is provided. The first space is for documenting impacts if no action is taken. No action means that the project impacts if not funded or impacts if project is not done. If archaeological sites that are considered historic properties (eligible for National Register inclusion) have been found within the original APE then in the drop down box for no action select **“May Effect.”** Document this by writing in the box **“As proposed by producer the project will affect historic properties see NVEVC-01 form.”** If the archaeological sites are not eligible for National Register inclusion or no archaeological sites is within the original APE the document this by writing **“As project is proposed by producer No historic properties affected see NV-EVC-01 form.”** If no cultural resource survey was needed write **“N.A.”** or **“Not Applicable.”** If consultation or cultural resource compliance is not completed place a check mark in box labeled **“Needs Further Action”**. Leave check mark until action is completed.

Under Alternative 1 (see Figure 1) document effects to archaeological sites under alternative 1. If the NRCS has avoided archaeological sites found within the original APE then select **“No Effect”** from the drop down box and document this by writing **“Historic Properties mitigated by avoidance see attached documentation”** or write **“Archaeological sites tested for National Register and found to be Not Eligible, see attached documentation”** if the sites were tested by the State Cultural Resource Specialist. Occasionally it will be necessary to select **“No Effect”** and document by writing **“Archaeological sites testing for National Register and found to be eligible, see attached documentation.** Archaeological sites found are always mitigated through avoidance or testing for National Register eligibility. If no cultural resource survey was needed write **“N.A.”** or **“Not Applicable.”** Complete similar process for Alternative 2 if needed.

Section K. Other Agencies and Broad Public Concerns-Easements and Mitigation

Section K (Figure 2) is for documenting agency and public concerns and consultation. Under No Action no documentation is needed for cultural resources. Under Alternative 1 and or Alternative 2 Reference SHPO consultation if consulted, NRCS determination of no effect on historic properties (see letter from SCRS for exact wording) and easements required if project is on BLM land.

Section L. Mitigation

Section L. (See Figure 2) is for documenting mitigation measures taken. Under No Action nothing is required or put **“N.A”** here. Under Alternative 1 if historic properties were avoided (APE was moved) enter **“Historic Properties were avoided see attached archaeological documentation.”** If Historic Properties were not avoided and damage to site was minimized by investigations by an SCRS enter **“No Adverse Effect on Historic Properties”**. The language to use should be similar to that provided by the NRC S determination letter provided by the SCRS to the field office. Complete the same procedure for Alternative 2 if applicable.

K. Other Agencies and Broad Public Concerns	<i>No Action</i>	<i>Alternative 1</i>	<i>Alternative 2</i>
Easements, Permissions, Public Review, or Permits Required and Agencies Consulted.			
Cumulative Effects Narrative (Describe the cumulative			

Additional Notes

Add any additional notes here (Figure 4.).

I have considered the effects of the alternatives on the Resource Concerns, Economic and Social Considerations, Special Environmental Concerns, and Extraordinary Circumstances as defined by Agency regulation and policy and based on that made the finding indicated above.

S. Signature of Responsible Federal Official:

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Signature	Title	Date

Additional notes

Figure 4. Additional Notes.