

NRCS Cultural Resources PRS Information and Definitions

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Information

Report Purpose: Information in this report illustrates the daily accomplishments of progress in the area of cultural resources reviews, investigations, and treatments by NRCS and the conservation partnership for a selected location.

Data Source: All data is from the PRS reporting system.

Data Updating Frequency: PRS (Bi-weekly)

Location: Selections are available for national, regions, sub-regions where applicable, and states. National will show national grand totals for all data, subtotals for each region and state. Region will show regional total and subtotals for each state in the region. Individual state will show a state total and subtotals for each county worked.

Geographic Granularity Currently Available: National, Regional, State, and County.

Period (Time): The time period over which the report represents. Choices include fiscal year to date and individual quarter.

Map Description: The shaded polygon map shows the distribution (in "units" by county) of the selected indicator applied through assistance provided by the conservation partnership. The default map selected reflects sites identified.

Uses: This report can be used to assess the number and extent of NRCS' efforts to identify and protect historic and prehistoric cultural resources.

Cautions: This report does not show sufficient detail to enable evaluation of site-specific conditions (e.g., privately-owned farms and ranches).

Data Quality and Validation: Data contained within this report are continually undergoing review and validation and are subject to change without notification.

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Definitions

Fiscal Year: Based on the federal fiscal year of October 1 to September 30. Fiscal year data is also broke into three month increments referred to as quarters (Oct-Dec, Jan-March, April-June, and July-Sept).

Undertakings Reviewed: Review of project, activity, or program under the direct or indirect jurisdiction of NRCS that is an undertaking as defined in NRCS' Cultural Resources Handbook. Undertakings are recorded both as numbers of undertakings and acres of undertakings.

Undertakings Reviewed that have the Potential to Effect Cultural Resources: Review of project, activity, or program under the direct or indirect jurisdiction of NRCS that is an undertaking that can result in changes in the character or use of National Register listed or eligible historic properties or cultural resources, if any such resources are located in the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Undertakings are recorded both as numbers of undertakings and acres of undertakings.

Field Investigations Conducted: Examinations of areas that may be impacted (a project's APE) by undertakings. Field investigations are designed to locate and document the presence or absence of cultural resources. Multiple visits to one APE constitutes one field investigation. Field investigations are recorded both as the number of field investigations conducted and acres covered by field investigations.

Sites Identified: Historic or prehistoric sites, buildings, structures, objects, cultural landscapes or traditional cultural places, identified by NRCS field investigations or record searches that are within the APE. Sites identified are recorded both as number of properties and acres of properties.

Sites Treated: National Register-listed or -eligible historic or prehistoric sites, buildings, structures, objects, cultural landscapes or traditional cultural places, identified by NRCS field investigations or record searches, and treated (this includes avoidance) to protect the values that qualified the identified site, building, structure, object, or place as eligible for protection. Sites treated are recorded both as number of properties and extent (acres) of properties.

American Indian Tribes Consulted: Federally-recognized tribes, as listed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that were consulted in the identification, investigation, review, and treatment of cultural sites and areas.”