

CULTURAL RESOURCE REVIEW DECISION MATRIX

WEST VIRGINIA

Reference the list of conservation practices that have the potential to be installed by NRCS in West Virginia on private and public land and their corresponding “ground disturbing” designation for their potential to effect cultural resources.

“G” Ground Disturbing: Conservation practices with this designation have the potential to effect cultural resources and as such will need a Cultural Resources review completed before installation.

All practices with a designation of “G” will be documented on the NRCS-CPA-WV-52 or similar approved form, “Environmental Effects for Conservation Plans”. A “Request for Cultural Resource Review” will be submitted to the NRCS Cultural Resource Specialist. The request form can be mailed and will be accompanied by:

- 1) A copy of the area on a 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle at the 1:24,000 scale with the farm boundaries clearly delineated.

An “Approval to proceed” must be obtained from the cultural resource specialist, in writing, to authorize project installation.

- Allow up to 20 days for approval or the decision to conduct field investigations.
- Allow an additional 20 days for field investigations to be completed.

“PG” – Potential Ground Disturbing: Conservation practices with this

designation have the potential to effect cultural resources if the installation exceeds the depth of previous cultivation, the area has not been previously cultivated or other reasons as stated in the decision matrix. In these instances, a cultural resources review will be completed.

All practices with a designation of “PG” will be documented on the NRCS-CPA-WV-52 or similar approved form, “Environmental Effects for Conservation Plans”.

- No further action is needed when the District Conservationist can certify “No effect”.
- A “Request for Cultural Resource Review” will be submitted to the NRCS Cultural Resource Specialist when the decision Matrix indicates the District Conservationist cannot certify a decision of “no effect”. The request form can be faxed or mailed and will be accompanied by:
 - 1) A copy of the area on a 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle at 1:24,000 scale with the farm boundaries clearly delineated.

An Approval to proceed must be obtained from the cultural resource specialist, in writing, to authorize project installation.

- Allow up to 20 days for approval or the decision to conduct field investigations.
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“NG” Non-Ground Disturbing: These conservation practices do not have the

potential to effect cultural resources and as such do not need a cultural resources review.

All practices with a designation of “NG” will be documented on the NRCS-CPA-WV-52, or similar approved form “Environmental Effects for Conservation Plans”. No further action is needed.