Unit 6.3: Archaeological Review Procedures for CAL FIRE Projects

CAL FIRE Certified Archaeology Surveyor Course
2019
Cultural Resource Review Procedures

CAL FIRE PROJECTS:
CAPITOL OUTLAY
UNIT PROJECTS
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLANS
CA FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

CAL FIRE EXTERNAL GRANTS:
GREEN HOUSE GAS REDUCTION
URBAN FORESTRY
CAL FIRE PROJECT PROPOSED
Compile Project Scope (maps, all proposed activities, land ownership, funding information, etc)

Consult with CAL FIRE Archaeologist

Determine whether or not the proposed project has potential to affect archaeological resources

Any project utilizing ground disturbing practices shall be considered to have potential to affect cultural resources

List of Exempt Practices: practices considered unlikely to impact cultural resources
CAL FIRE PROJECT PROPOSED

Complete PRELIMINARY STUDY
to determine potential for impacts
to Cultural Resource

Impacts Possible
CAL FIRE PROJECT PROPOSED

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- Impacts Possible
- Conduct Records Check
- Native American Project Notification
- Conduct Pre-field Research
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- Consult with Cal Fire Archaeologist
- Survey
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- Survey
- Record Sites
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- Consult with Cal Fire Archaeologist
- Survey
- Record Sites
- Develop Protection Measures & Consult with Native Americans (if applicable)
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- Conduct Records Check
- Native American Project Notification
- Conduct Pre-field Research
- Consult with Cal Fire Archaeologist
- Survey
- Record Sites
- Develop Protection Measures & Consult with Native Americans (if applicable)
- Complete Archaeological Survey Report
Complete **PRELIMINARY STUDY**
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- Impacts Possible
- Conduct Records Check
- Native American Project Notification
- Conduct Pre-field Research
- Consult with Cal Fire Archaeologist
- Survey
- Record Sites
- Develop Protection Measures & Consult with Native Americans (if applicable)
- Complete Archaeological Survey Report
- Obtain Cal Fire Archaeologist’s Signature
Complete **PRELIMINARY STUDY**

to determine potential for impacts
to Cultural Resource

**Impacts Possible**

**Conduct Records Check (7.1)**

**Native American Project Notification (6.4)**

**Conduct Pre-field Research (7.2)**

**Consult with Cal Fire Archaeologist**

**Survey (7.3)**

**Record Sites (8.1)**

**Develop Protection Measures & Consult with Native Americans (if applicable) (11.3)**

**Complete Archaeological Survey Report (8.4)**

**Obtain Cal Fire Archaeologist's Signature**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL CLEARANCE COMPLETE**

**CAL FIRE PROJECT PROPOSED**
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Complete PRELIMINARY STUDY to determine potential for impacts to Cultural Resource

No Impacts Expected

EXAMPLES OF EXEMPT PRACTICES:

Shaded Fuelbreaks (handwork ONLY):
Thinning and pruning of trees, generally along both sides of a road or along the crest of a ridgetop, to create an effective fuelbreak to potentially stop a wildfire, provided such trees are not part of a historic landscape. The accomplishment of such projects involves removal of vegetation by hand, lopped and scattered or chipped and scattered.

Shaded fuelbreak projects involving mechanical timber harvesting or the piling and burning of slash are not exempt.
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No Impacts Expected

Cultural Resource Survey NOT REQUIRED

EXEMPT FROM:

- Record Search
- Native American Notification
- Pre-Field Research
- Survey Report
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No Impacts Expected

Cultural Resource Survey NOT REQUIRED

Complete LETTER-TO-FILE documenting why survey not required
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL CLEARANCE COMPLETE

Impacts Possible

Conduct Records Check

Native American Project Notification

Conduct Pre-field Research

Consult with Cal Fire Archaeologist

Survey

Record Sites

Develop Protection Measures & Consult with Native Americans (if applicable)

Complete Archaeological Survey Report

Obtain Cal Fire Archaeologist’s Signature
Post-Review Discovery
CAL FIRE Project: Cultural Resource

- All work within 100 feet of discovery shall cease
- Appropriate CAL FIRE Archaeologist notified immediately
- CAL FIRE Archaeologist evaluates site and develops protection measures
- CAL FIRE Archaeologist investigates how the project was reviewed and if the resource should have been identified earlier
- Ensure site is recorded
- Ensure its discovery and protection procedure documented in project file
- Federal agency contacted (if necessary)
- Native American Individuals & NAHC contacted (if necessary)
- Work in Find’s vicinity will not resume until approved by CAL FIRE Archaeologist
CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 7050.5:

(b) In the event of discovery or recognition of any human remains in any location other than a dedicated cemetery, there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent remains until the coroner of the county in which the human remains are discovered has determined that the remains are not subject to the provisions of Section 27491 of the Government Code or any other related provisions of law concerning investigation of the circumstances, manner and cause of any death, and the recommendations concerning the treatment and disposition of the human remains have been made to the person responsible for the excavation, or to his or her authorized representative, in the manner provided in Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

(c) If the coroner determines that the remains are not subject to his or her authority and if the coroner recognizes the human remains to be those of a Native American, or has reason to believe that they are those of a Native American, he or she shall contact, by telephone within 24 hours, the Native American Heritage Commission.

(Amended by Stats. 1987, Ch. 404, Sec. 1.)
Post-Review Discovery
CAL FIRE Project: Human Remains

- All work within 100 feet of discovery shall cease
- Appropriate CAL FIRE Archaeologist contacted immediately
- County Coroner shall be contacted within 24 hours of discovery
- Work within vicinity will not resume until approved by CAL FIRE archaeologist
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AVAILABLE AT:
http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/archaeology/downloads/archrevproc.doc
**CAL FIRE Funded Grants**

**CAL FIRE AS LEAD AGENCY**

1. Conduct Preliminary Study with CAL FIRE Archaeologist
2. If practices not found to be Archaeologically exempt:
   - Conduct Records Check
   - Notify Native Americans of Plan Preparation
   - Conduct Pre-field Research
   - Conduct Field Survey
   - Record Sites
   - Develop Protection Measures
   - Provide Native American Site Notification
   - Complete Archaeological Survey Report
   - Submit Report to CAL FIRE Archaeologist for Review and Approval

**PROJECT PROONENT AS LEAD AGENCY**

1. CAL FIRE Certified Archaeological Surveyor Credential CANNOT be Utilized
2. Contract Archaeological Evaluation to Qualified Professional Archaeologist
3. Incorporate Archaeologist’s Findings into Project CEQA Analysis