



# Cultural Properties Protection Rule

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## CRM Training

### Cultural Resources Office



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cultural-resources-office](https://nmstatelands.org/divisions/cultural-resources-office)





# Rule Development and History

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## 2019

- Creation of the Greater Chaco Region Cultural Buffer

## 2021

- Establishment of the NMSLO Cultural Resources Office
- Proposal of the Cultural Properties Protection Rule
- Public Comment Period and Tribal Consultation

## 2022

- Incorporation of Public Comments to the CPP Rule
- Publication of the CPP Rule

**December 1, 2022 – CPP Rule Takes Effect**



# The Cultural Properties Rule

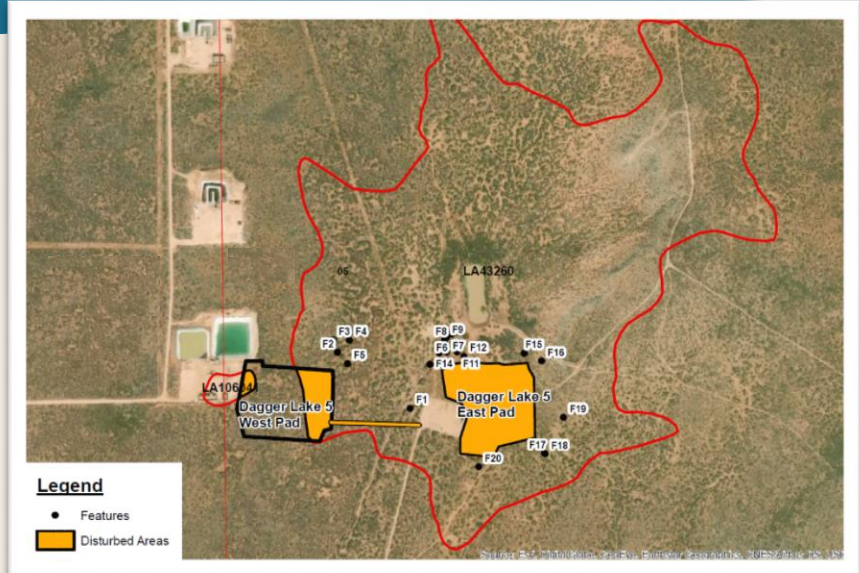
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**Effective December 1, 2022**



*“The previous approach to cultural properties on trust lands was, ‘if you break it, you buy it,’ and that simply isn’t good enough. This rule gives my staff the tools and authority to ensure parcels are thoroughly surveyed for cultural properties before irreparable harm is done. Cultural properties found on state trust lands are very much a part of New Mexico’s story, and it is my duty to protect these resources as much as the land itself.”*



# Cultural Resources Office Team

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**Rachael Lorenzo**

*Assistant Commissioner of Cultural Resources*



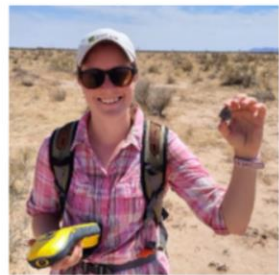
**Ethan Ortega**

*Director of Cultural Resources  
and Archaeologist*



**Dr. Lia Tsesmeli**

*Trust Archaeologist*



**Anne Curry**

*Trust Archaeologist*



**David Eck**

*\*Retiring  
November 30*



# What is Required?

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## “Good Behavior”

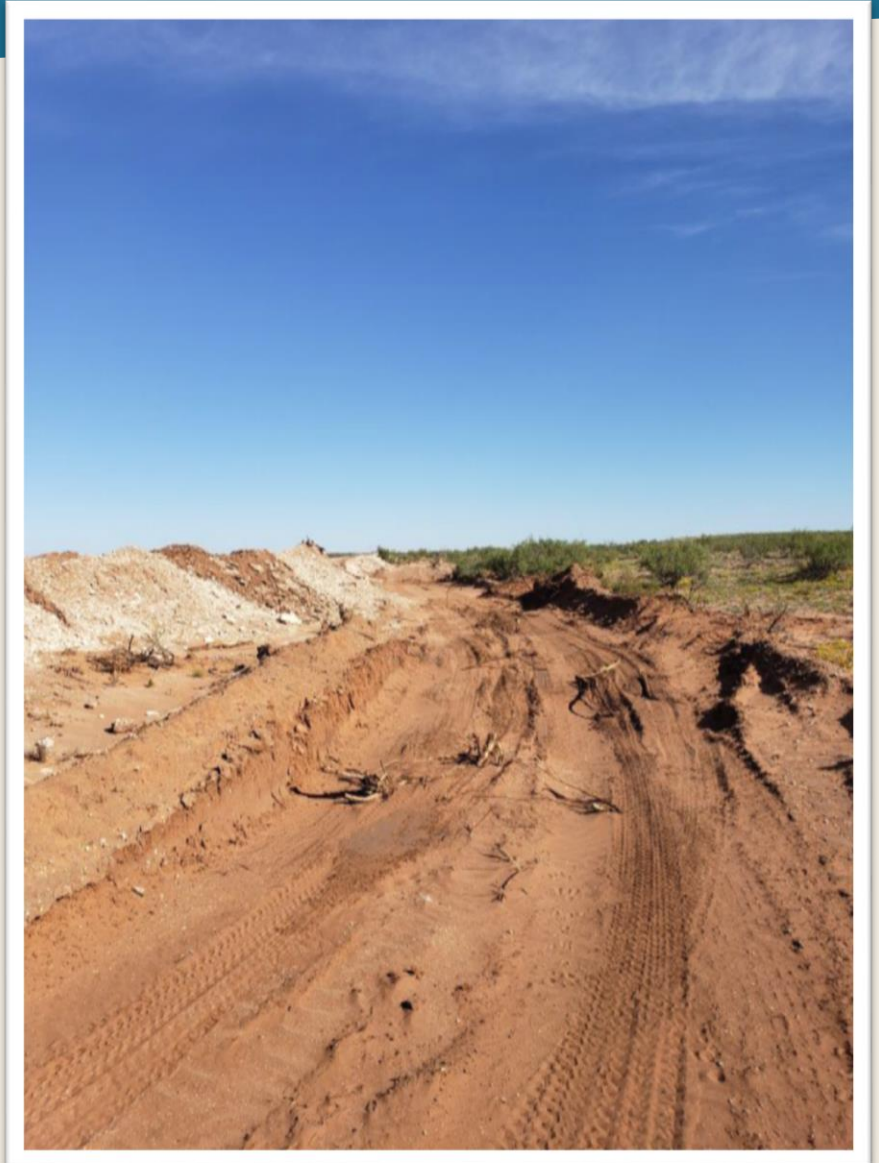
### Clause

### Avoidance of Damage

Persons shall not disturb, dislodge, damage, destroy or remove cultural properties.



Any persons engaged in activities on state trust lands are subject to the requirements of the Cultural Properties Act, the Cultural Properties Protection Act, and 19.2.24.13 NMAC. Persons shall not disturb, dislodge, damage, destroy, or remove any cultural properties on state trust lands. Any project on state trust lands that has the potential to directly or indirectly damage cultural properties is additionally subject to the requirements of Subsections B, C, D, and E of 19.2.24.8 NMAC.



# What is Required?

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## Signed Acknowledgment

Parties must understand, agree, and comply with the Cultural Properties Protection Rule.

Only One Signed Acknowledgment per Lease



Parties shall acknowledge, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, that they understand and agree to comply with applicable laws and rules pertaining to the protection of cultural properties on state trust lands.



Stephanie Garcia Richard, Commissioner of Public Lands  
State of New Mexico

### CULTURAL PROPERTIES PROTECTION ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

All lessees, operators, grantees, permittees, and/or applicants (collectively, "Parties") requesting any authorization from the Commissioner of Public Lands, or conducting any project or activity on state trust land, are expected to review and abide by all applicable laws and rules related to the protection of cultural properties on state land, including the New Mexico State Land Office's ("NMSLO") Cultural Properties Protection Rule, 19.2.24 NMAC. The Cultural Properties Protection Rule can be viewed at <https://www.nmstatelands.org/culturalproperties/>.

Parties conducting surface-disturbing activity on state trust land must follow the procedures and timelines outlined in 19.2.24.8 NMAC. To minimize processing delays, Parties are strongly encouraged to supply NMSLO with appropriate documentation as early as possible pursuant to 19.2.24.8 (C), (D), (E) & (F) NMAC. Parties are advised to always exercise due caution to ensure that cultural properties on state trust land are not inadvertently excavated, disturbed, dislodged, damaged, destroyed, or removed by any person, pursuant to the Cultural Properties Protection Rule, 19.2.24.8 (A) NMAC and Section 18-6-9 (A) and (B), NMSA 1978.

By signing this acknowledgment form, Parties affirm that they have read this document, including the accompanying Instructions for Compliance, and have reviewed and agree to comply with NMSLO's Cultural Properties Protection Rule. If a Party is other than a natural person, the individual signing below attests that they have the authority to execute this acknowledgment on behalf of and bind that Party.

**Type and Number of Instrument (Lease Number):** \_\_\_\_\_

(Required for Oil & Gas Leases-eg. VB06320001; include if available for other leases: Business, Renewables, Minerals, Water Bureau, ROW or Agricultural leases-eg. BL05220001, GR0232, R40893, SW0520, HA0102)

**Name of Party** (Company Name, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Signatory** (Person Signing): \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Party/Title** (position): \_\_\_\_\_  
(eg. lessee, operator, grantee, applicant, self or other)

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# What is Required?

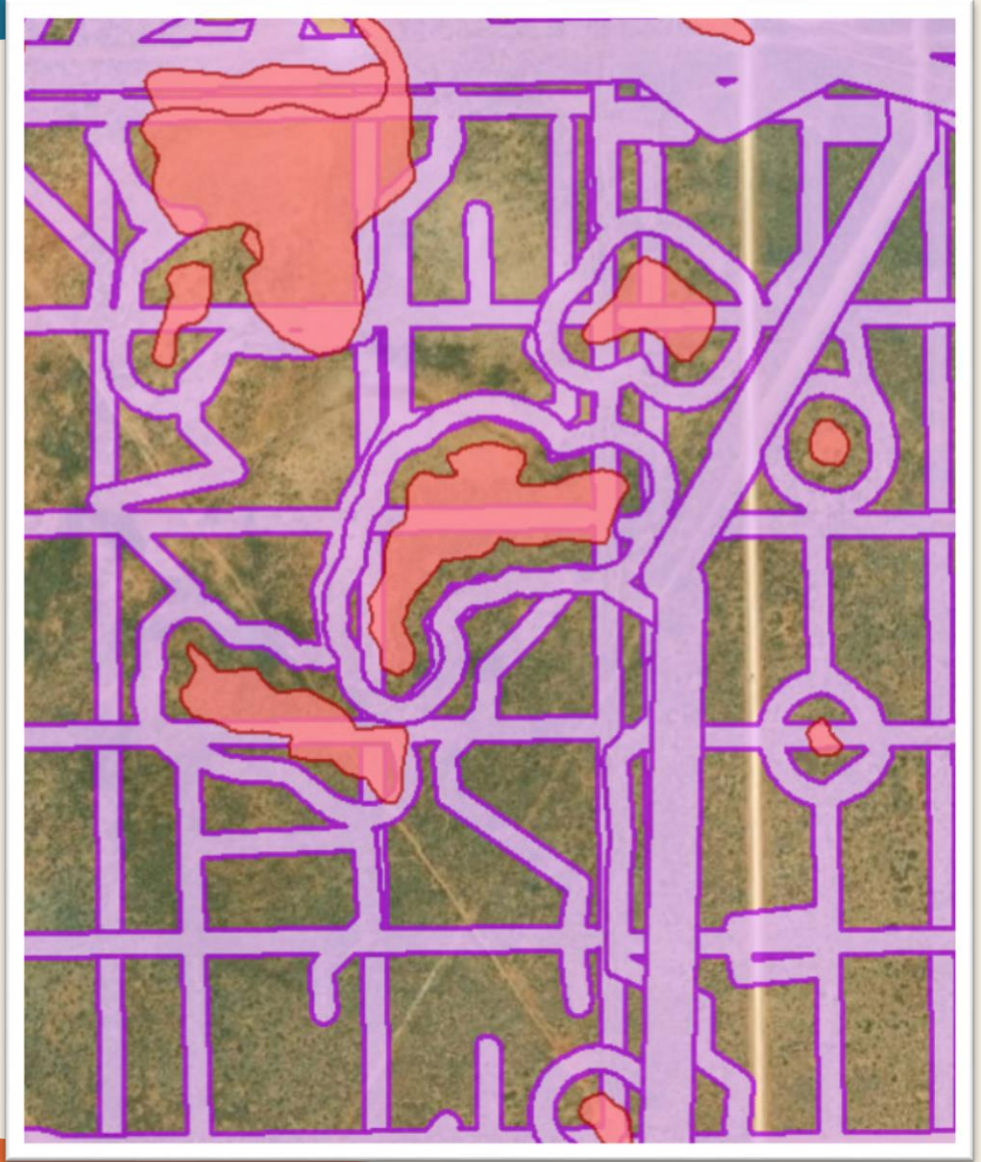
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## ARMS Inspection and Survey

Archaeological Resource Management System inspections help to know if a survey have been, or need to be completed.

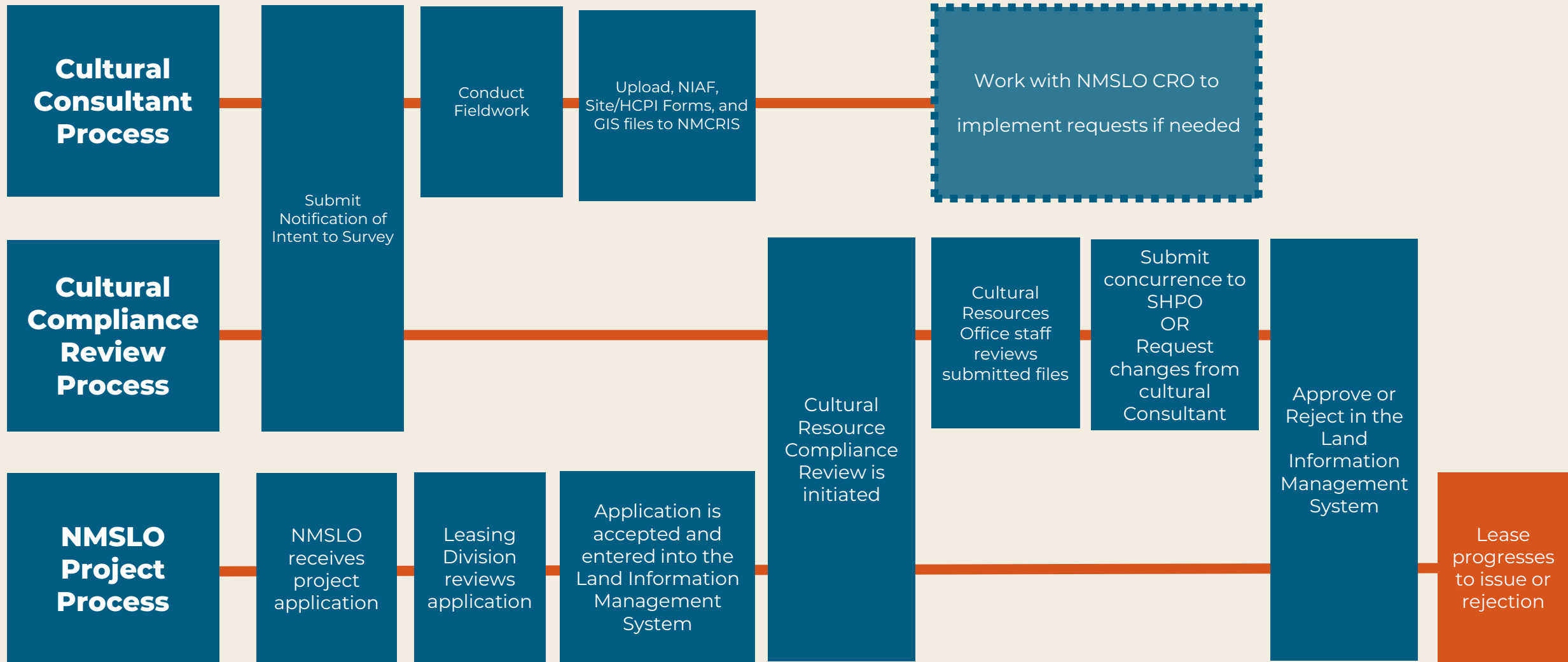


Prior to conducting surface disturbing activities, parties shall cause a permitted archaeologist to submit to the state land office an ARMS inspection of the entire area of potential effect... In the best interest of the trust, the commissioner, in the commissioner's discretion, may elect to provide the ARMS inspection for any particular portion of state trust land.



# High-Level Process Overview

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The image shows a web portal login page for the New Mexico State Land Office Cultural Compliance Portal. The page is split into two main sections: a dark blue sidebar on the left for login and account creation, and a large background image on the right showing a group of people hiking on a rocky trail with ancient stone ruins in the background.



### LOGIN

Please enter your credentials and login below.

Email \*

Password \*

Login

[Forgot Your Password?](#)

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### CREATE AN ACCOUNT

To start using the Cultural Compliance Portal, please create an account.


Create Account

## New Mexico State Land Office

### Cultural Compliance Portal

# Web Portal Dashboard

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## Dashboard

**Lessees / Operators**

**Cultural Properties Protection Acknowledgment**[Start Form](#)

**Oil & Gas Project Description**[Start Form](#)

**For Cultural Resource Consultants**

**ARMS Inspection/Records Review**[Start Form](#)

**Notification of Intent to Conduct Archaeological Survey**[Start Form](#)

Form Type

▼

Lease Number

Project Name

Consultant Report No.

Date Submitted From Date

mm/dd/yyyy

Date Submitted To Date

mm/dd/yyyy

[Clear Filters](#)

### Activity Log

[Generate Report](#)

Form ID	Form	Lease No.	Project Name	Proponent / Signatory	Consultant Report No.	County	Date Submitted	PDF Form & Uploaded Documents	Request Edit
N-20221013-000020	<a href="#">Notification of Intent to Conduct Archaeological Survey</a>	VB2356809	Thelonious Monk Exit to Brooklyn	EOGAC Resources	BARC 22-08-09	Grant, Guadalupe, Lea	10/12/2022	<div><a href="#">Notification of Intent to Conduct Archaeological Survey.pdf</a><a href="#">C_SCW_Cavin_Kithcen_66227_F.jpg</a><a href="#">Zip File</a></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Web forms will replace the paper forms you have been emailing or mailing SLO:

- ARMS Inspection/Review
- Notification of Intent to Conduct Archaeological Survey

The screenshot displays a web portal interface for cultural resource consultants. A red rounded rectangle highlights the top section, which includes a header "For Cultural Resource Consultants" and two form options: "ARMS Inspection/Records Review" and "Notification of Intent to Conduct Archaeological Survey", each with a "Start Form" button. Below this, there are input fields for "Project Name" and "Consultant Report No.". At the bottom right, a "Generate Report" button is visible. The bottom section features a table with the following data:

Consultant Report No.	County	Date Submitted	PDF Form & Uploaded Documents	Request Edit
BARC 22-08-09	Grant, Guadalupe, Lea	10/12/2022	<div>Notification of Intent to Conduct Archaeological Survey.pdf</div> <div>C_SCW_Cavin_Kithcen_66227_F.jpg</div> <div>Zip File</div>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ARMS Inspection/Review

- Mimics all fields from the paper template
- Fields with **\*red asterisk** are **REQUIRED**
- Clear instructions on most fields based on testing feedback

### ARMS Inspection/Review

[View or Download Form Instructions](#)

Please enable your browser to view, save, or download files

Note: \* is a required field

To

Cultural Resources Office, New Mexico State Land Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico

From (Permittee Company Name) \*

Phone \*

Email \*

email@gmail.com

Consultant Report No.

Lease Number (Required for Oil & Gas Leases - i.e., VB06320001; include if available for other leases: Business, Renewables, Minerals, Water Bureau, ROW, or Agricultural leases - i.e., BL05220001, CR0232, R40893, SW0520, HA0102)

Project Details

Proponent Name \*

Project Name \*

Lead Agency For This Project (Use short abbreviations for the agency involved. Example: BLM, NRCS, NMDGF.) \*

The proposed project is located on New Mexico State Trust Lands in:

Project Location (Township, Range, Section) \*

Examples: for a single entry T23S R27E S22- multiple sections on the same Township/Range as T23S R27E S22, 27, 32- multiple townships/ranges as T23S R32E S32, 36; T17S R22W S12, 15

County (select all that apply)\*

<input type="checkbox"/> Bernalillo	<input type="checkbox"/> Catron	<input type="checkbox"/> Chaves	<input type="checkbox"/> Cibola
<input type="checkbox"/> Colfax	<input type="checkbox"/> Curry	<input type="checkbox"/> De Baca	<input type="checkbox"/> Doña Ana
<input type="checkbox"/> Eddy	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Guadalupe	<input type="checkbox"/> Harding
<input type="checkbox"/> Hidalgo	<input type="checkbox"/> Lea	<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Alamos
<input type="checkbox"/> Luna	<input type="checkbox"/> McKinley	<input type="checkbox"/> Mora	<input type="checkbox"/> Otero



## ARMS Inspection/Review Continued

- Submission of Required Documents contains a link to the updated fillable NMSLO Cultural Resources Cover Sheet
- You can upload many documents at the same time
- To complete the uploading process, **Save as Draft**
- Once you know all correct data is there, **Submit** the form

<input type="checkbox"/> Quay	<input type="checkbox"/> Rio Arriba	<input type="checkbox"/> Roosevelt	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandoval
<input type="checkbox"/> San Juan	<input type="checkbox"/> San Miguel	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Fe	<input type="checkbox"/> Sierra
<input type="checkbox"/> Socorro	<input type="checkbox"/> Taos	<input type="checkbox"/> Torrance	<input type="checkbox"/> Union
<input type="checkbox"/> Valencia			

Date the ARMS Inspection/Records Review associated with this project has been conducted per the pre-field requirements of 4.10.15.9 NMAC \*

mm/dd/yyyy

The review was conducted for the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and 500 meters surrounding the APE. Information regarding the review results can be found in Table 1-Cultural Surveys within 500 meters of proposed project and Table 2-Cultural Resources within 500 meters of proposed project.

Recommendation \*

### Submission of Required Documents

A. Upload the following in one combined pdf file, if possible:

1. NMSLO Cultural Resources Cover Sheet - [Download Empty Fillable PDF](#)
2. Review Results (Tables 1 and 2)
3. ARMS Map, and
4. Project Location Maps and Cadastral Plats, if available

B. Upload digital files for the proposed project in ArcGIS shapefile, or kmz/kml format

Upload Files (Click "Save as Draft" to complete uploading the files you chose) \*

Choose Files

No file chosen

Uploaded Files

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Signature

Permittee/Principal Investigator Name \*

Principal Investigator Signature \*

Clear Signature

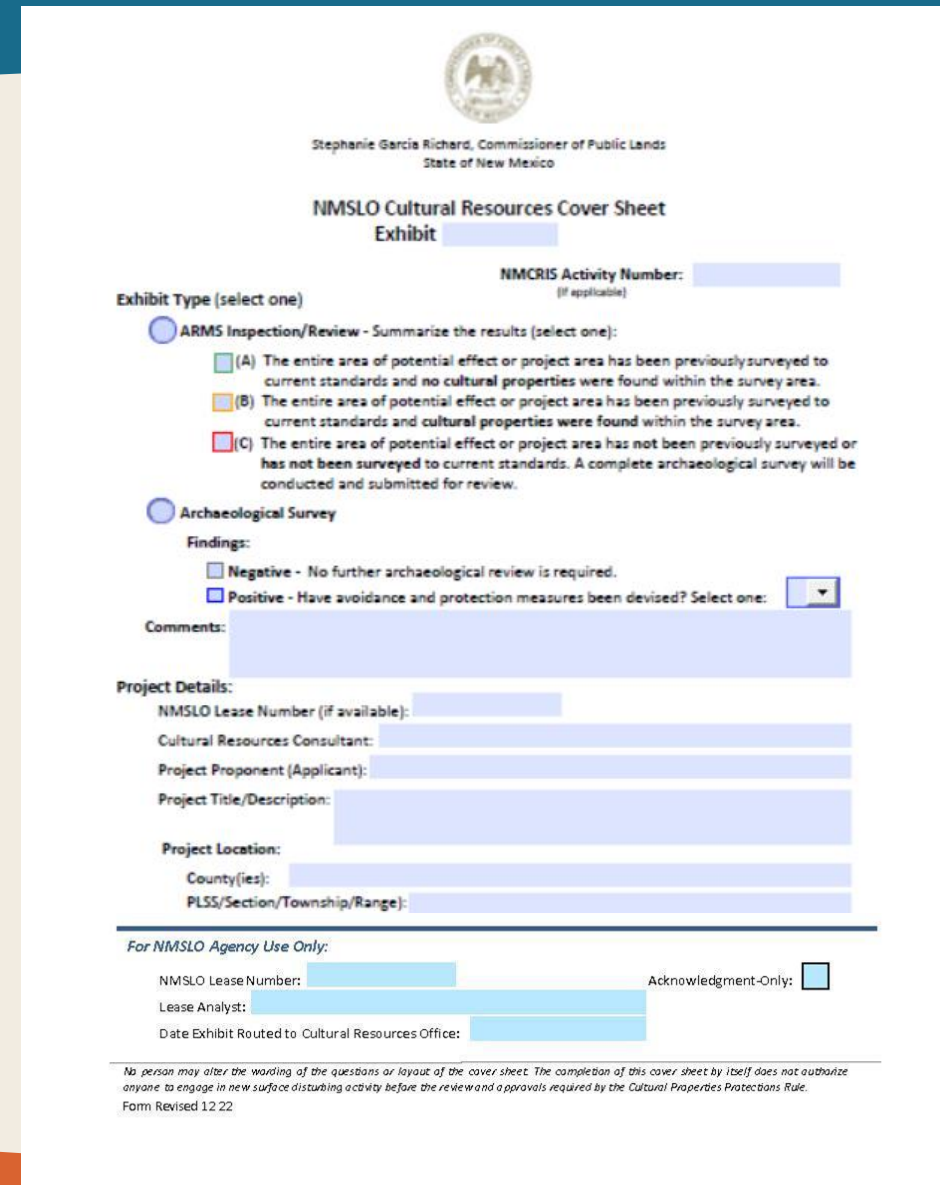
Save as Draft

Submit

Form ID:

## NMSLO Cultural Resources Cover Sheet

- Updated Format to Conform with the Rule Provisions
- Use the **fillable** form-It will help us keep track of all the cover sheets
- Submit the **fillable** Cover Sheet with the ARMS Review on the Web Portal or
- Send the **fillable** Cover Sheet to CRO at [croinfo@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:croinfo@slo.state.nm.us) after you complete a survey



The image shows a sample of the NMSLO Cultural Resources Cover Sheet form. At the top is the State of New Mexico seal and the name of the Commissioner of Public Lands, Stephanie Garcia Richard. Below this is the title 'NMSLO Cultural Resources Cover Sheet' and a field for 'Exhibit' number. To the right is a field for 'NMCRIIS Activity Number:'. The form is divided into two main sections: 'Exhibit Type (select one)' and 'Project Details'. Under 'Exhibit Type', there are two radio button options: 'ARMS Inspection/Review - Summarize the results (select one):' and 'Archaeological Survey'. The 'ARMS Inspection/Review' section has three sub-options (A, B, and C) with checkboxes, describing the survey status. The 'Archaeological Survey' section has a 'Findings:' field with two radio button options: 'Negative - No further archaeological review is required.' and 'Positive - Have avoidance and protection measures been devised? Select one:'. Below this is a 'Comments:' field. The 'Project Details' section includes fields for 'NMSLO Lease Number (if available):', 'Cultural Resources Consultant:', 'Project Proponent (Applicant):', 'Project Title/Description:', 'Project Location:', 'County(ies):', and 'PLSS/Section/Township/Range:'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'For NMSLO Agency Use Only:' which includes fields for 'NMSLO Lease Number:', 'Lease Analyst:', 'Date Exhibit Routed to Cultural Resources Office:', and an 'Acknowledgment-Only:' checkbox. A disclaimer at the very bottom states: 'No person may alter the wording of the questions or layout of the cover sheet. The completion of this cover sheet by itself does not authorize anyone to engage in new surface disturbing activity before the review and approvals required by the Cultural Properties Protections Rule. Form Revised 12/22'.

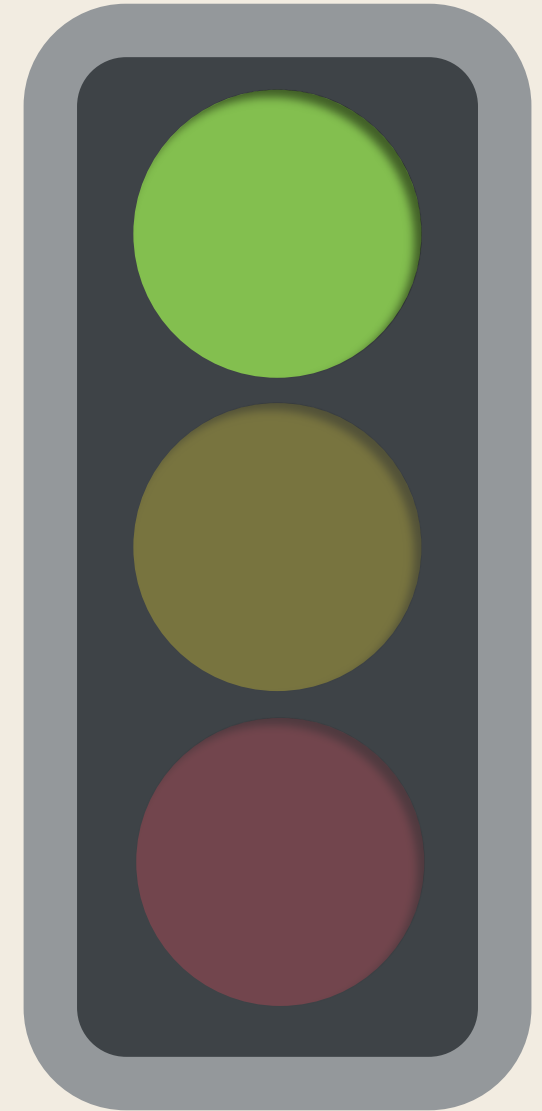


## Green Light (A Memo)

- The entire Area of Potential Effect (APE) has been surveyed
- No Cultural Properties were identified



If the ARMS inspection demonstrates that the entire area of potential effect has been surveyed, and that no cultural properties are located within the area of potential effect, then the party shall cause a permitted archaeologist to submit the ARMS inspection to the state land office, in which case the required archaeological review is complete.

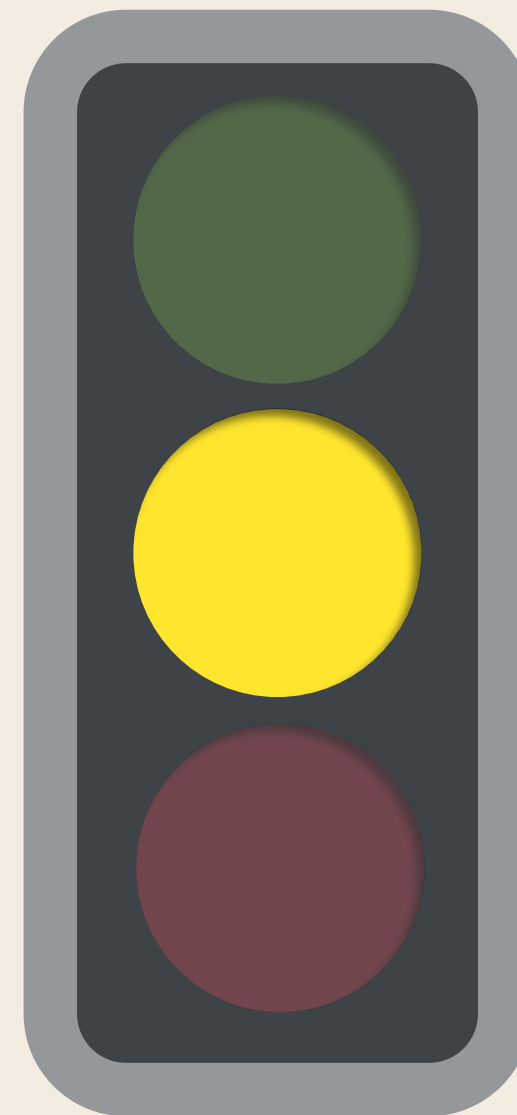


## Yellow Light (B Memo)

- The entire APE has been surveyed
- Cultural Properties were identified
- Avoidance or Mitigation will be required



If the ARMS inspection or survey demonstrates that the entire area of potential effect has been surveyed, and cultural properties are identified within the area of potential effect, the party shall cause a permitted archaeologist to submit the most recent applicable survey(s) to the state land office. If a prior survey is submitted that is more than ten years old, the state land office will determine if the survey conforms to the requirements of 4.10.15 NMAC and if it does not, may require an updated survey.

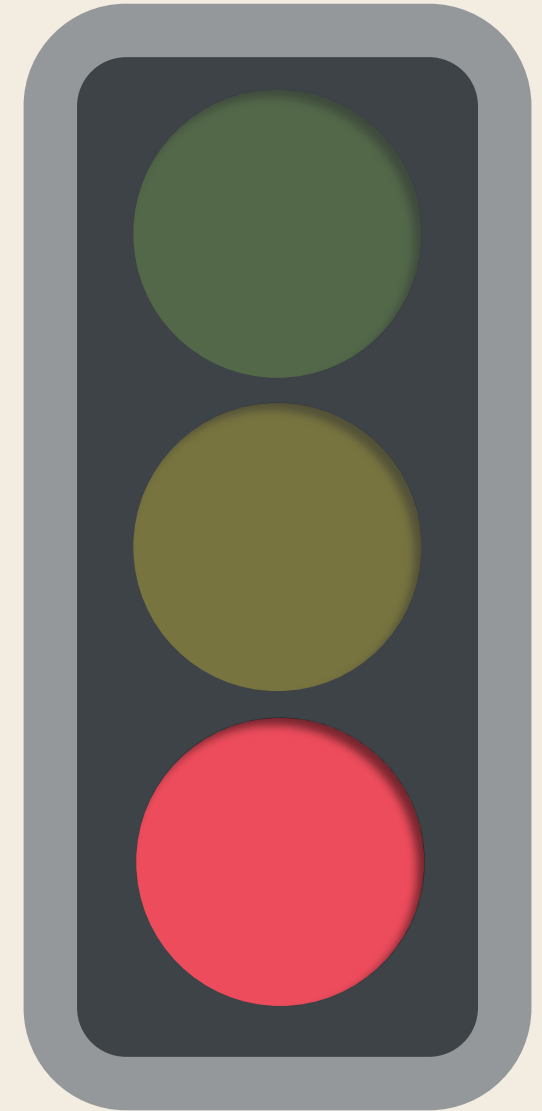


## Red Light (C Memo)

- The entire APE has not been surveyed
- Survey will be required



If the ARMS inspection demonstrates that the entire area of potential effect has not been surveyed, a complete archaeological survey must be conducted by a permitted archaeologist in accordance with the requirements of 4.10.15 NMAC and submitted to the state land office. The new survey need not include areas already subjected to acceptable surveys. The party shall be subject to the requirements of Subsection D of this section, if cultural properties are identified in the survey.





## Notification of Intent to Conduct Archaeological Survey

- Submit at least 15 days before the survey begins
- Form mimics all fields from paper template
- Fields with \*red asterisk are **REQUIRED**
- Clear instructions on most fields based on testing feedback

### Notification of Intent to Conduct Archaeological Survey

#### View or Download Form Instructions



Please enable your browser to view, save, or download files

Note: \* is a required field

To

Cultural Resources Office, New Mexico State Land Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico

From (Permittee Company Name) \*

Phone \*

Email \*

email@gmail.com

This survey will be conducted under the auspices of:

New Mexico Annual State Land Archaeological Survey Permit Number \*

Consultant Report No.

Lease Number (Required for Oil & Gas Leases - i.e., VB0632000); include if available for other leases: Business, Renewables, Minerals, Water Bureau, ROW, or Agricultural leases - i.e., BL05220001, GR0232, R40893, SW0520, HA0102)

#### Project Details

Proponent Name \*

Project Name \*

Lead Agency For This Project (Use short abbreviations for the agency involved. Example: BLM, NRCS, NMDGF...) \*

Start Date \*

mm/dd/yyyy

The proposed project is located on New Mexico State Trust Lands in:

Project Location (Township, Range, Section) \*

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## Notification of Intent to Conduct Archaeological Survey Continued

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☐ Hidalgo

☐ Luna

☐ Quay

☐ San Juan

☐ Socorro

☐ Valencia

☐ Lea

☐ McKinley

☐ Rio Arriba

☐ San Miguel

☐ Taos

☐ Lincoln

☐ Mora

☐ Roosevelt

☐ Santa Fe

☐ Tarrant

☐ Las Alamos

☐ Otero

☐ Sandoval

☐ Sierra

☐ Union

Acres / Acreage this Project will cover \*

All survey will be accomplished on foot with parallel transect intervals spaced no greater than 15 meters (50ft.) apart with additional inspection of any deflated areas in the project area. The survey will conform to a Class III (100%) inventory of the project area. Further information on survey methodology, mapping and recording procedures, collections, analysis, personnel, etc. is available from the State Historic Preservation Division.

### Submission of Required Documents

Upload the following documents in support of this Notification Form:

1. Project Location Map and Cadastral Plats, if available, in one combined PDF file
2. Digital files-in shapefile or kmz/kml format

Upload Files (Click "Save as Draft" to complete uploading the files you chose) \*

Choose Files

No file chosen

Uploaded Files

no file uploaded

Comments

Signature

Permittee/Principal Investigator Name \*

Principal Investigator Signature \*

Clear Signature

Save as Draft

Submit

Form ID:

## Live Demo

- The Web Portal will go live Nov. 28, 2022
- You can use it once it is on the web, but *Not* required to be used until December 1, 2022
- Once Live, Step-by-step instructional material will be available



## Are there any changes to the survey permits for archaeological work on State Land?

### 19.2.24.8 (F) NMAC



**F. Archaeological survey permits and notifications to survey.** Individuals with valid archaeological survey permits issued by the New Mexico cultural properties review committee, as provided in 4.10.8 NMAC, are preapproved to access state trust lands for the sole purpose of conducting archaeological surveys pursuant to this rule, without the need for a separate authorization from the commissioner.

..... The state land office should be notified at least 15 calendar days before an archaeological survey is conducted, except for exigent situations, including but not limited to responses to spills or hazardous conditions, in which case the state land office should be notified as soon as possible and in any event prior to the survey.

## What are the new compliance measures?



**D. Compliance measures.** For any application or project where any survey has identified cultural properties within the area of potential effect, the party shall cause a permitted archaeologist to develop and submit to the state land office compliance measures related to project siting, and avoidance and mitigation of damage to cultural properties; those compliance measures may be included within the survey that is submitted to the state land office on behalf of any party, or may be submitted separately. The state land office will review any applicable compliance measures, and determine if those measures are sufficient to protect or mitigate damages to the affected cultural properties, a review that may include consultation with the SHPO and shall include consultation with any impacted tribe. In the best interests of the trust, the state land office may require additional or different compliance measures as a condition to approval of the application or project. This review process will be completed within 60 calendar days of submission of an administratively complete submission (ARMS inspection or survey, and any applicable compliance measures), but that time period may be extended in the commissioner's discretion for up to an additional 60 calendar days as may be necessary to ensure appropriate review. Upon commissioner approval, the relevant leasing division shall include appropriate compliance measures in the relevant lease, easement, or other instrument, if applicable, consistent with applicable statutes and rules.



## What are Acknowledgment-Only Requirements?



**19.2.24.9 ACKNOWLEDGMENT-ONLY REQUIREMENTS:** The acknowledgement specified in Subsection B of 19.2.24.8 NMAC shall be included with applications for the following, with no ARMS inspection or survey as specified in Subsection C of 19.2.24.8 NMAC or compliance measures as specified in Subsection D of 19.2.24.8 NMAC, unless those additional measures are specifically required by the commissioner for a particular application:

- A. renewals or reissues, assignments, conversions, and subleases of existing grants, leases or permits, and agricultural improvement replacements, where no new surface disturbance will occur, or when the area of potential effect of a new project activity is entirely within a previously disturbed area of the same nature and extent of disturbance;
- B. applications for new agricultural leases in open acreage or through competitive bid; and
- C. applications for non-surface disturbing rights of entry, with the final decision vested with the commissioner about whether or not the relevant activity is surface disturbing.



## What are the exemptions to the Cultural Properties Protection Rule?



19.2.24.10

### EXEMPTIONS:

A. The following activities are exempt from the acknowledgment, ARMS inspection and survey, and compliance measures requirements of this rule. These exemptions do not provide authorization to enter or occupy state trust lands, which must be granted by the commissioner under a valid lease, easement, permit, or other instrument:

(1) law enforcement, emergency response, or natural disaster response (“emergency response”) activities, whether or not undertaken by or in coordination with the state land office, that are necessary to protect immediate threats to public health, safety, or the environment, including but not limited to firefighting, flood management, or for controlling, containing, or capturing releases of hazardous or harmful materials. If the state land office is not already involved in undertaking or coordinating the emergency response, it shall be notified of the response as soon as practicable. Any known cultural property within the area of emergency response should be monitored to the extent practicable so that any adverse effects to the cultural property can be avoided, mitigated, or minimized;

(2) administrative actions performed by the state land office, such as executive orders or rule making activities, and any internal agency processes or decisions that do not create new surface disturbance;

(3) memoranda of understanding or agreements to cooperate executed by the commissioner;

(4) easements, leases, or other instruments granted by the commissioner to any person that do not directly expand current surface uses or create new surface disturbance;

(5) recreational access permits and educational access permits, applications for such permits, non-surface disturbing natural resource authorizations, or activities that already require the presence of an archaeological monitor such as special use agreements;

(6) projects analyzed under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. Section 4321 et seq. and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 16 U.S.C. Section 470 et seq., and their implementing regulations, so long as such analysis includes impacted state trust lands. For such projects, the party shall submit a copy to the state land office of the survey or portions thereof pertaining to impacted state trust lands;

(7) acquisition or disposition of lands through exchange or sale; and

(8) plugging, restoration, remediation, or reclamation activities that do not involve new surface disturbing activity outside the authorized boundaries of any existing roads, rights of way, well pads, associated oil and gas facilities or other structures.

B. Parties or other persons engaged in the activities exempted in Subsection A of 19.2.24.10 NMAC remain subject to the requirements of the Cultural Properties Act, the Cultural Properties Protection Act, and 19.2.24.13 NMAC.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, the commissioner may require an ARMS inspection or survey for any project when determined to be in the best interest of the trust. [19.2.24.10 NMAC - N, 12/01/2022]

## Is the Cultural Properties Protection Rule included in Section 106?

19.2.24 NMAC

### The CPP Rule is **NOT** Part of Section 106

- BLM and other Federal Agencies are required to follow Section 106
- When on State Land, the CPP Rule is the Rule to follow, along with all other NMAC Rules

## Submitting Archaeological Reports to SLO

Any questions?

[croinfo@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:croinfo@slo.state.nm.us)

- No More Hard Copies Mailed to SLO
- Digital Copies Only
  - Upload all relevant documentation to NMCRIS
  - If this is not possible for any reason, or if we have requested you to send us a full copy of the report, email it to: [croinfo@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:croinfo@slo.state.nm.us) with the NMCRIS number included on the Subject Line.

Once you complete a survey, complete also the **fillable** NMSLO Cultural Resources Cover Sheet and email it to us at [croinfo@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:croinfo@slo.state.nm.us)



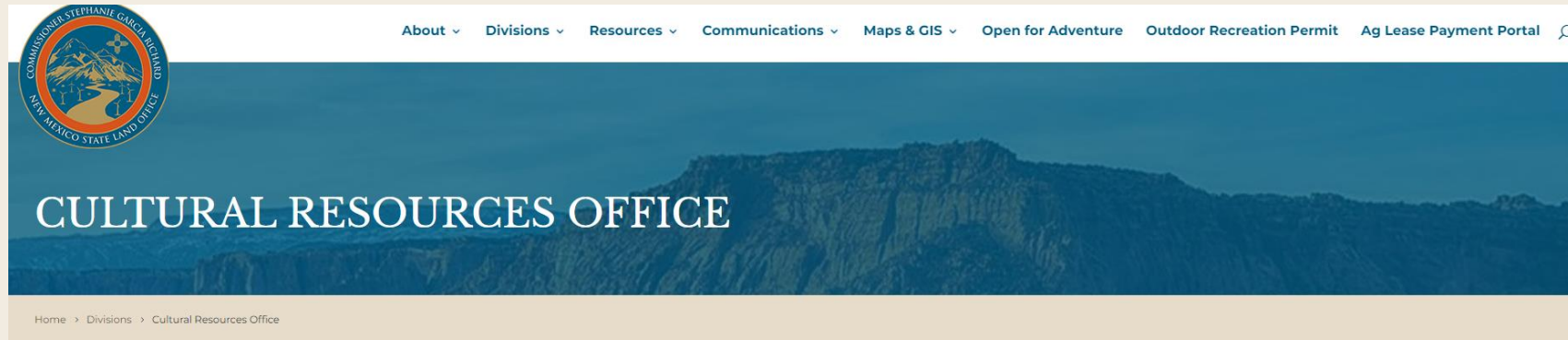
## Information on the NMSLO website:

- Links to the Cultural Resources Office Web Page
- Links to the Cultural Properties Protection Rule web page
- Links to the Cultural Compliance Portal
- Links to Training material

## Documents that will be Available

- NMSLO Cultural Resources Cover Sheet
- Instructions for the Web Portal in pdf for each of the four web forms
- Instructions for Compliance
- Training material
- Upon Request any other forms the Cultural Resources Office is using

[nmstatelands.org/divisions/cultural-resources-office](https://nmstatelands.org/divisions/cultural-resources-office)



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## Cultural Resources Office

The Cultural Resources Office (CRO) was created by Commissioner Garcia Richard in 2021 to improve the stewardship of cultural resources on the 9 million surface acres of trust land. The office reviews lease and improvement applications, conducts cultural resource surveys, assists leasing divisions with cultural compliance for land maintenance projects, and consults with governmental agencies and descendant communities. To date, over 600,000 (6.7%) acres of trust land have been surveyed for cultural resources and over 11,000 cultural properties have been identified and documented indigenous hunting sites that are more than 13,000 years old. Surveys continue almost every day, and are constantly adding to these totals.



**STONE SPEAR POINT**

Late Paleoindian Stone Spear Point Over 7,000 Years Old



**NAVAJO PUEBLITO**

Stone Defensive and Habitation Structure Over 300 Years

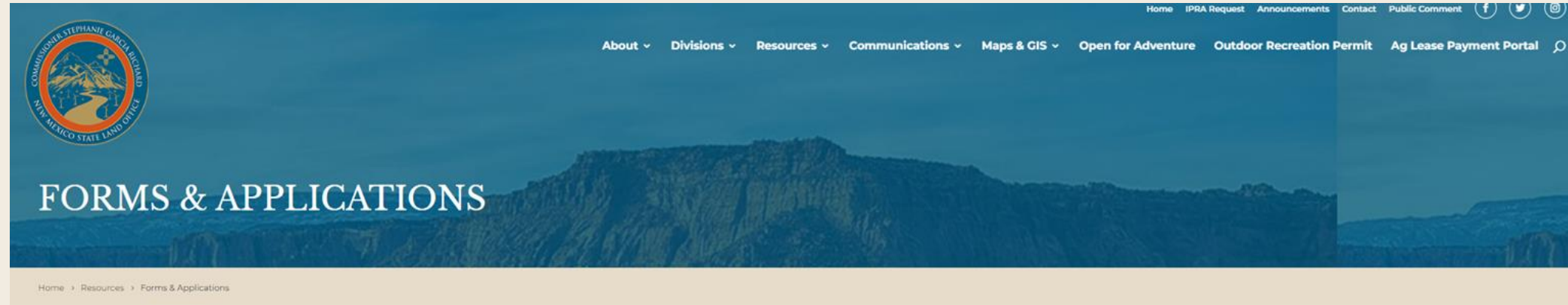


**VINTAGE 7UP BOTTLE**

Glass 7Up Bottle Dating to the 1950s from Southern N



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### State Land Office Forms

NOTE: Please clear your internet browsing history first to make these forms fillable online.

**Agricultural Leasing Forms**

**Business Leasing Forms**

**Cultural Resources Forms**

- Documents updated for the new Cultural Properties Protection Rule will be added in November 2022.





**Thank you**  
for helping to protect  
Cultural Properties on  
New Mexico Trust Land!

**Cultural Resources Office**



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