

Cultural Resources, Standard Stipulation

The operator is responsible for informing all persons associated with this project that they may be subject to prosecution for knowingly damaging, altering, excavating or removing any archaeological, historical, or vertebrate fossil objects or site. If archaeological, historical, Native American, or vertebrate fossil materials are discovered, the operator is to suspend all operations that further disturb such materials and immediately contact the Authorized Officer. Operations are not to resume until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer (AO).

The authorized officer will evaluate, or will have evaluated, such discoveries not later than five working days after being notified, and will determine what action shall be taken with respect to such discoveries. The decision as to the appropriate measures to mitigate adverse effects to significant cultural or Paleontological resources will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.

The BLM is responsible for the cost of any investigations necessary for the evaluation, and any mitigative measures required by the Authorized Officer. The AO will provide technical and procedural guidelines for the conduct of evaluation and mitigation. Upon verification from the AO that the required evaluation and/or mitigation has been completed, the operator will be allowed to resume operations.

Cultural Resources

All actions contemplated within the allotment on public lands that would have an effect on cultural resources would be considered pursuant to existing legislation, regulation, manuals, and agreements pertaining or applicable to cultural resources. The determination of whether an action is an undertaking that is likely to produce effects to cultural/paleontological resources would be made by the field office archaeologist or field office paleontologist.

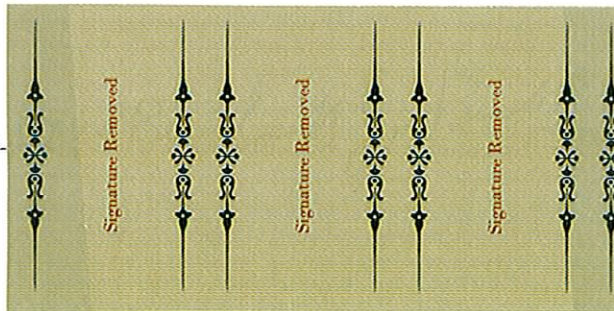
Native American Resources

The area under consideration contains known areas or locations of religious or cultural concern to Native Americans. If other areas are subsequently identified or become known through the Native American notification or consultation process they would be considered during the implementation phase. The operator/holder/BLM would take no action that would adversely affect these areas or locations without consultation with the appropriate Native Americans.

Human Remains

If human remains are discovered or suspected the holder shall suspend operations immediately, physically guard the area, and notify BLM immediately.

Permittee Signature _____



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