

## CULTURAL RESOURCES (Heritage Sites)

### Goal

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#### CULTURAL RESOURCES

The Alaska Historic Preservation Act establishes the state's basic goal: to preserve, protect, and interpret the historic, prehistoric, and archaeological resources of Alaska.

### Management Guidelines

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#### A. CULTURAL RESOURCES IDENTIFICATION

Identify and determine the significance of all cultural resources on state land through the following actions:

1. Cultural resources surveys conducted by the Department of Natural Resources personnel.
2. Research about cultural resources on state land by qualified individuals and organizations.
3. Cooperative efforts for planned surveys and inventories between state, federal, and local or Native groups.

#### B. CULTURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION

Protect significant cultural resources through the following actions:

1. Reviewing construction projects or land uses for potential conflict with cultural resources.
2. Cooperating with concerned government agencies, Native corporations, statewide or local groups, and individuals to develop guidelines and recommendations on how to avoid or mitigate identified or potential conflict.

#### C. CULTURAL SURVEYS PRIOR TO LAND OFFERINGS

Cultural surveys or inventories should be conducted prior to the design of land offerings in areas the state Office of History and Archaeology determines have high potential to contain important cultural sites and for which information is inadequate to identify and protect these sites

#### **D. CULTURAL RESOURCES ADJACENT TO RECREATION FACILITIES**

Recreation facilities that might subject cultural sites to vandalism because of the increased public use should not be placed adjacent to the cultural sites.

#### **E. REPORTING**

In the event any site, structure, or object of historic or archaeological significance is discovered during the conduct of any operations on state land, the lessee or permittee will immediately report such findings to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land and Water Management, Southeast Regional Manager, and will make every reasonable effort to preserve and protect such site, structure, or object from damage until the Manager, after consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, has given directions for its preservation.

#### **F. PERMANENT STRUCTURES**

Permanent structures that could destroy or significantly degrade a site listed on the Alaska Heritage Resource Survey maintained by the State Historic Preservation Officer will, to the extent feasible and prudent, be sited or designed to avoid negative impacts on the site.

#### **G. OTHER GUIDELINES AFFECTING CULTURAL RESOURCES**

Other guidelines will affect cultural resources. See in particular the following sections of this chapter:

- Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Harvest Areas
- Forestry
- Public and Private Access
- Recreation, Tourism, and Scenic Resources
- Shorelines and Stream Corridors
- Trail Management