



# OHA Archaeological Survey and Permitting 2018

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# What's New (and in process)

- New Archaeological Survey Permit Form
- New Archaeological Survey Permit Stipulations and Conditions
- OHA Survey Manual
- Historic Artifact Curation Guidelines

# New State Cultural Resource Investigation Permit (SCRIP) for 2018

State Cultural Resources Investigation Permit (SCRIPT) Application  
Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of History and Archaeology  
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Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Reset Form

## A. Applicant Section (refer to instructions before completing form, use continuation sheets if needed)

1. Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Institutional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Contracting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
6. Brief Description of Project Area: \_\_\_\_\_  
7. Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Dates of Proposed Work: \_\_\_\_\_ 9. USGS Map Sheet(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
10. MTRS: (ex. S021N005W): \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Acres to be Investigated: \_\_\_\_\_  
12. Permit Type: \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Proposed Artifact Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Curation Agreement Attached: \_\_\_\_\_

The following items must be attached to the permit application:

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- (3) **Location of Work:** Attach a 1:63,360 USGS (ITM or "inch to mile") map that depicts the location(s) or area(s) of the proposed work. Project (i.e., "engineering") maps are desirable but should be supplemented by an ITM map. Substitutes (such as military maps) are acceptable only if ITMs are not available.
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15. Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
17. Signature of Field Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Agency Land Manager Authorization

1. Signature of Land Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## C. Office of History and Archaeology Authorization

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# New SCRIP Stipulations and Conditions for 2018

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- Permitting Authority
  - 1. Permit Application
  - 2. Permit Fieldwork
  - 3. Permit Reporting
  - 4. Land use Stipulations from DNR
  - 5. Special Permitting Stipulations
  - Frequently Asked Questions




# Changes to the 2018 SCRIP Stipulations

## ► Permit Application:


The Permit Applicant determines which State Land Agencies administer land to be surveyed, and lists them by MTRS and Agency

1. Some State Land Managers require a land use permit from them before they will sign SCRIP's
  2. State Land Managers (MHT and UA) have been declining access for archaeological surveys
  3. Issues of trespass have arisen because applicant was not aware of land boundaries and ownership
  4. Declining OHA Staff
- OHA will post guidance online for using the Alaska Mapper state land ownership system, and will assist with unclear land ownership issues



# Changes to the 2018 SCRIP Stipulations

- Permit Application:
- Old language on permit form: "New permits may be withheld pending the receipt of delinquent reports."
- New language in Stipulations: "SCRIP eligibility is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of prior SCRIPs. Applicants are not eligible for further SCRIPs until the requirements of SCRIPs from previous field seasons are satisfied."
- This does not include surveys that were permitted for one season but the survey was delayed until the next season.




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- ▶ Permit Application:

Monitoring now requires a SCRIP.






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## Permit Fieldwork:

OHA expects subsurface testing and screening in areas that may contain prehistoric and historic subsurface resources.

If the Field Supervisor determines subsurface testing is not warranted, the survey report will provide an explanation and images (i.e., landforms and ground surfaces) showing why subsurface testing was not appropriate.




# Changes to the 2018 SCRIP Stipulations



## Permit Fieldwork:

Standard survey documentation will not be held confidential.




# Changes to the 2018 SCRIP Stipulations

## ► 4. Land use Stipulations from DNR

Old text on permit form:

"Camps, including all gear and equipment, must be relocated a minimum of 2 miles at least every 14 days. Sites must be left in clean, safe condition. All trash, food and litter should be removed from the site and disposed of properly. Establishment and use of any camp requiring occupancy for more than 14 consecutive days requires authorization of the Division of Mining, Land and Water, and may require a permit from the Division of Environmental Conservation."

► The change here is DNR plans on enforcing it.



# Changes to the 2018 SCRIP Stipulations



## 5. Special Permitting Stipulations

1. This section will be blank on most permits.
2. For very large or sensitive projects, this is where OHA may stipulate that an OHA employee be included on the survey crew.




# And...

- ▶ Please now send permit communications to:

[oha.permits@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.permits@alaska.gov)






# OHA Archaeology Survey Manual/ Survey Guidelines

- Draft by Fall of 2018?  
Stay tuned.
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# Historic Artifact Curation Guidelines

- Working with UAMN on a first-cut guide for dealing with historic artifacts recovered from test pits
  - Hoping to have an interim 2018 guide to circulate for comment in 1-2 weeks, available by June.
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