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Subject: Cultural Resources Fire Damage Assessment Reports

The Interagency Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Handbook requires preparation of Fire Damage Assessment Reports. These reports must address, among other things, effects to cultural resources from suppression-related activities that were not addressed by the suppression organization. The Handbook states that charges relating to these activities are normally charged to suppression accounts.

For cultural resources, determination of the extent and nature of damage from suppression-related activities will be established by Class III-level inventory. Dozer lines and areas of similar suppression phase surface disturbance (e.g., temporary fire camps) will be examined by means of Class III inventory. Reporting requirements for such inventories will follow the Statewide Protocol Agreement with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office. Results of inventory will be summarized for inclusion in the Fire Damage Assessment Report, usually in a separate appendix. Costs for inventory and related reporting activities will be charged to the appropriate fire suppression account (fire number). Similarly, measures made necessary to evaluate sites affected by suppression-related activities for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places, or to mitigate effects from suppression-related activities, will also be charged to the appropriate fire suppression account. These procedures and accounting practices for suppression-related effects to cultural resources apply equally to Federal and non-Federal property.

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