

Cultural Resources Coordination Plan

North Steens Transmission Line Project Harney County, Oregon

This plan addresses the coordination protocol in the event of a discovery of a cultural resource during the construction of the North Steens Transmission Line. Coordination is necessary in order to (a) protect National Register eligible cultural resources and (b) develop a plan to proceed with construction while avoiding and minimizing impacts to the cultural resource.

1. Protocol for coordination in the event of inadvertent discovery

In the event of an inadvertent discovery of possible archaeological materials, the Project Lead shall adhere to the following protocol:

- (a) all work will stop immediately in the vicinity of the find;
- (b) The area will be secured and protected within a 50 foot buffer;
- (c) The Project Lead shall notify the following representatives using the contact information set forth in Section 3 of the Programmatic Agreement between the BLM, Oregon SHPO and Echanis:
 - (i) Echanis archaeologist;
 - (ii) BLM archeologist;
 - (iii) BLM Construction Manager
 - (iv) Burns Paiute representative;
 - (v) Harney County representative;
 - (vi) State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).
- (d) If possible human remains are encountered, the Oregon State Police, Commission on Indian Services (CIS), will also be notified.
 - Oregon State Police: Chris Allori 503-731-4717
 - CIS: Karen Quigley 503- 986-1067

No work at the discovery location may resume until Echanis and BLM Archaeology staff are on-site and able to assess the situation. Depending on the nature of the discovery, evaluation and, potential treatment, may be required. Until these activities, and the required consultation with the Oregon SHPO and Burns Paiute Tribe, are completed, the discovery site will continue to be secured and protected.

If human remains are encountered, do not disturb them in any way. *Do not call 911.* Do not speak with the media. Secure the location. Do not take Photos. The Echanis and BLM Archaeologist will consult with Oregon SHPO and Burns Paiute Tribe to determine an appropriate course of action. Additional archaeological excavations may be required. This ~~is~~ will be handled on a case by case basis by the BLM Archaeologist in consultation with SHPO and appropriate Tribes.

2. When to stop work

Construction work may uncover previously unidentified Native American or Euro-American artifacts.

Work must stop when the following types of artifacts and/or features are encountered:

- ***Native American artifacts may include (but are not limited to):***
 - Flaked stone tools (arrowheads, knives, scrapers etc.)
 - Waste flakes that resulted from the production of flaked stone tools.
 - Ground stone tools like manos, metates, mortars and pestles.
 - Layers (strata) of discolored earth resulting from fire hearths. These layers may be black, red or mottled brown and often contain discolored cracked rocks or dark soil with charcoal.
 - Human remains
 - Structural remains- Rings of rocks or round-shaped depressions in the ground surface or underground depressions seen in exposed strata.

- ***Euro-American artifacts my include (but are not limited to):***
 - Glass (from bottles, vessels, windows etc.)
 - Ceramic (from dinnerware, vessels etc.)
 - Metal (nails, drink/food cans, tobacco tins, industrial parts etc.)
 - Building materials (bricks, shingles etc.)
 - Building remains (foundations, architectural components etc.)
 - Old farm equipment that may indicate other historic resources in the area

3. Contact Information

Entity	Representatives	Contact Information
BLM	Scott Thomas, District Archaeologist	541-573-4434, s1thomas@blm.gov
Echanis		
Burns Paiute		
Harney County		
SHPO		