

PART 401 – CULTURAL RESOURCES (ARCHEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES)

SUBPART C – POLICY

ME401.26 Training of NRCS Personnel and Partners

Per National Policy, the Maine State Level Agreement with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, and the Consultation Protocols with the Penobscot Indian Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe, preliminary cultural resources evaluations will only be completed by NRCS personnel and Technical Service Providers who have completed the official NRCS training series. However, untrained personnel may work with trained personnel or the Cultural Resources Coordinator (CRC) Cultural Resources Specialist (CRS) to complete the NRCS Preliminary Cultural Resources Review Worksheet (ME-CR-1). Cultural Resources training and updates will be provided to NRCS personnel when national training modules are developed or revised. This instruction will be done in cooperation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Passamaquoddy Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and the Penobscot Indian Nation's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. Interim training may be provided by the CRC/CRS at workshops, meetings, and individually, if new information is available that may be useful to NRCS programs and activities. NRCS employees who have not had official cultural resources training (updated for Maine) are to work with other trained employees. These trained employees need to complete the ME-CR-1 worksheets. The CRC/CRS will then provide guidance on complying with additional requirements for cultural resource reviews.