

Part 401- Cultural Resources (Archeological and Historic Properties)

Subpart C-Policy

WV401.20 General Policy

- (a) When to fill out the Request for Cultural Resources Review Form [WV-180-4](#).

The form is to be sent to the State Cultural Resources Specialist for all NRCS assisted undertakings **PRIOR** to installation or funding of a practice. After the form has been **COMPLETED AND STAMPED** by the Cultural Resources Specialist it is to be filed with the conservation plan. An undertaking is defined as any project, activity, or program under the direct or indirect jurisdiction of a Federal agency that can result in changes in the character or use of historic properties, if any such historic properties are located in the area of potential effects. It includes any project, activity or program that:

- is carried out by or on behalf of the agency
- is financed in whole or in part with Federal financial assistance
- requires a Federal permit, license, or approval, including agency authority to disapprove or veto the project, activity, or program
- is subject to State or local regulation administered pursuant to a delegation or approval by a Federal agency

- (b) Undertakings include new and continuing projects, technical assistance related to the provision of Federal financial assistance, activities, or programs, renewals or reapprovals of such assistance, activities, or programs, and any of their elements not previously considered under Section 106.

NRCS practices are classified into three categories: Ground Disturbing (G), Potential Ground Disturbing (PG), and Non-Ground Disturbing. A Cultural Resources Request Form needs to be filled out only for practices classified as (G) or (PG). **“G” Ground Disturbing**: Conservation practices with this designation have the potential to effect cultural resources and as such will need a Cultural Resources review form completed before installation. **“PG” – Potential Ground Disturbing**: Conservation practices with this designation have the potential to effect cultural resources if the installation exceeds the depth of previous cultivation, the area has not been previously cultivated or other reasons as stated in the decision matrix. In these instances, a cultural resources review form is to be completed. **“NG” Non-Ground Disturbing**: These conservation practices do not have the potential to effect cultural resources and as such do not need a cultural resources review.

Please consult the [Electronic Filed Office Technical Guide](#) for a complete list of classified practices. This list is located under Section II, Part B-Cultural Resources Information, 1- WV State Instruction and Reference Material, and then select *Practice List*.

For practices classified as “G” or “PG” the Request For Cultural Resources Review Form [WV-180-4](#) needs to be filled out and sent to the Cultural Resources Specialist. If you are unable to access the form, contact the State Cultural Resources Coordinator.