Mississippi Archaeological Sites Files – Section Grid

The Mississippi Archaeological Site Files – Section Grid shape files are organized by NRCS Area and are located on the County Servers at: F:\geodata\cultural_resources\

The old spreadsheets can still be found in the Cultural Resources folder on the Farm Bill Programs server: \\199.158.135.15\farm_bill_programs

The Section Grid will be regularly updated on the County Server to include newly recorded sites. The old spreadsheets were created in 2005 and will not be updated.

The information contained in these files was taken from the Statewide Archaeological Inventory maintained by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (**MDAH**). This information is not for public distribution and is protected by state and federal laws. Only those who have a legitimate need should be supplied with information contained in these files. The individuals who qualify are landowners who need to know for management reasons and cooperators/contractors who must know of the existence of a site in order to avoid it. Other requests for site information should be referred to the State Cultural Resources Specialist or the Historic Preservation Division of MDAH.

The Statewide Archaeological Inventory reflects a number of recording biases as the information it contains has been collected over nearly a century by a wide variety of individuals. Information included in the inventory has not necessarily been updated to modern standards and many sites have not been visited by professional archaeologists to verify the data. However, the Statewide Archaeological Inventory is the most comprehensive list of sites available and represents our current knowledge of archaeological resources in Mississippi.

The archaeological sites highlighted in the Section Grid and listed in these Section Data spreadsheets represent only those that are eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places (**NRHP**), National Historic Landmarks, Mississippi Landmarks, or those that have not been evaluated for NRHP eligibility. A large number of previously identified sites listed in the Statewide Archaeological Inventory that were determined ineligible for NRHP listing are not included here. In addition, an unknown number of archaeological sites have not been documented by archaeologists and new sites are added to the statewide inventory every day. Therefore, the list should not be read as the final word on the presence or absence of archaeological sites within a practice area. Only a field inspection by trained NRCS personnel or a cultural resources survey by a professional archaeologist can confirm the occurrence or lack of archaeological remains within a practice area.

The data in these files should be used to determine if a previously known archaeological site is recorded within the same Section, Township and Range as the proposed conservation practice. If a known site is located within the same Section, document the finding on the Cultural Resources Review Form, MS-CR-1 and submit the form according to cultural resources procedures.

The Section Grid shape file only includes a "Count" field for the number of known archaeological sites within that Section. The spreadsheets include additional information about known sites. Fields in the spreadsheets are defined below.

Spreadsheet Field Definitions:

AREA = NRCS Area   **COUNTY** = County Name

TRINOMIAL (AKA: State Site Number or Site Number) = Nationwide three part code assigned to archaeological sites. The first part identifies the state; the second part identifies the county within the state, and the third part identifies the number of the site within the county. For example, archaeological site 22-AD-501 would be read right to left as site #501 in Adams County, in the state of Mississippi. All states in the U.S. use this code so anyone familiar with it can identify the state and county at a glance.

NRHP STATUS = This is the National Register of Historic Places status of the site.
●**NRHP** = A property formally listed in the National Register of Historic Places (can be of local, state, or national significance)
●**NHL** = National Historic Landmark. A nationally significant historic place designated by the Secretary of the Interior because they possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States.
●**Mississippi Landmark** = A historic property designated by MDAH as significant to the State's cultural heritage. Alterations to a Mississippi Landmark must be approved by the permit committee of MDAH.
●**Eligible (DOE)** = A property formally determined NRHP eligible by the Keeper of the National Register, but not formally listed.
●**Eligible** = A site that has been determined eligible through the consensus opinion of an agency or individual and MDAH.
●**Unevaluated** = A site that has not been formally evaluated for NRHP eligibility.
●**Ineligible?** = A site that may be ineligible for NRHP listing but should be evaluated for current conditions during planning. Cemeteries listed in the Statewide Inventory are also included in this category because cemeteries are usually not considered NRHP eligible, but are protected by other laws.

QUAD 7 = The USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle on which the site is located.

SEC_TWN_RN = The Section, Township and Range where the archaeological site is located. 12 24N 15E = Section 12, Township 24N, Range 15E.

SEC = Section   **TWN** = Township   **RNGE** = Range

SDESCRIPT = Site Description. A brief description of the archaeological site - if documented in the Statewide Inventory.

MATCOLL = Material Collected. A brief list of artifacts collected from the site - if documented in the Statewide Inventory.