

Check sheet for Review practices and field inspections

__ Practice ranked as Review (R)

(Consult - *Classification of Conservation Practice Effects on Cultural Resources*)

__ **Establish the Area of Potential Effect (APE)** - determine all direct and indirect impacts of the proposed activity. The APE should cover the “footprint” of the actual conservation practice/structure, as well as all access and haul roads, borrow areas, areas where spoil will be deposited, temporary storage areas, and staging areas. Other kinds of indirect effects may also need to be considered on a case by case basis.

Conduct a background review for cultural resources

__ Interview the owner/operator

__ Check historic maps, aerial photos, soil surveys, USGS topographic quadrangle maps, old conservation plans, and other relevant sources.

__ Check the State Archaeological Site File Section Grid and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listing located in the Cultural Resources folder on the Farm Bill Programs server:

\\Msjackson3c001\farm_bill_programs. Section Grid also located on the County Server at:
F:\geodata\cultural_resources.

__ Check the field office cultural resources information file for other historic properties.

Conduct Field Inspection

__ Visually examine project area for environmental and cultural indicators.

__ Look for artifacts in all areas of bare ground surface visibility

__ Document results (positive or negative) of field inspection on MS-CR-1 and notify the CRC.

Proceed with Planning if:

A. No archaeological sites are listed in the Mississippi Archaeological Site File Section Grid within the same Section as the proposed practice, **and** no National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) properties are located within or near the APE.

and;

B. No cultural resources are found during the field inspection,

and;

C. One or more of the following:

- 1) There is Good to Moderate (100-30%) bare ground surface visibility, or;
- 2) The practice is located on a Slope greater than **10%** vertical gradient, or;
- 3) Soils in the practice area consist of heavy clay or are poorly-drained gley soils, or;
- 4) Area is severely eroded or deflated, or orange clay subsoil is evident at the surface, or;
- 5) The disturbance that will be caused by the practice will not exceed the depth of previous disturbances, or;
- 6) The area of potential disturbance is of minimal size (less than 1 acre or a narrow, linear area of disturbance like a pipeline trench).

● Indicate the decision to proceed with planning in the “Additional Comments” field on the MS-CR-1 form and describe which conditions under “C” above were met.

● If the decision to proceed with planning is made by the field office, the CRC/CRS will not notify the field office of the outcome of the site file review unless a potential cultural resources concern is discovered by the CRC/CRS.

Avoid Cultural Resources

__ If cultural resources are present, work with the landowner and CRS to avoid adverse impacts to the resource.