

Yakama Nation Timber Fish and Wildlife
Monitoring and Inadvertent Discovery Plan
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1. If the Monitor or any member of the construction work force believes that **they have encountered archaeological materials, the Monitor will direct the onsite foreman or designee to stop excavation work.** If necessary, the Monitor, archeologist, foreman or designee will take appropriate steps to protect the discovery site by installing a physical barrier (i.e., exclusionary fencing) and prohibiting all machinery, other vehicles, and unauthorized individuals from crossing the barrier. The Monitor will inform the Lead Archaeologist, who will then notify the THPO.
2. If it is not possible to reach an Archaeologist (no cell phone coverage etc.) mark the location of the cultural materials on a map and, if possible, take a GPS point and photos (cell phone cameras work if necessary) of the materials and the surrounding areas (including any possible damage). **ALL CULTURAL MATERIALS ARE TO BE LEFT AS THEY LAY.**
3. The discovery of cultural materials should be brought to the attention of the lead Archaeologist as soon as possible along with the location information and photos. **Work within the immediate vicinity of the cultural materials should be halted until an archaeologist can assess the extent of the cultural materials and determine the proper protection measures.**
4. Cultural features and artifacts (**See examples below**) detected at the very minimum will be documented, by the lead archeologist for the project. Depending on the finding, a site treatment plan will be determined in coordination with the THPO, CRP, and Project Archaeologist. The Culture Committee will have the final determination on all decisions regarding the disposition of the finding. Work cannot commence without Yakama Nation Culture Committee Clearance. Questions and concerns can be directed towards the Yakama Nation THPO and the YNCRP Manager. Archaeologists and Cultural Specialists do not have the authority to provide a Cultural Clearance.

Procedures for the Inadvertent Discovery of Human Skeletal Materials

Any human remains, burial sites, or burial related materials that are discovered during construction will at all times be treated with dignity and respect.

5. **If ground disturbing activities reveal human skeletal remains, funerary objects, scared objects or objects of cultural patrimony during the course of construction, then immediately halt construction activity that resulted in the exposure of the discovery** and all other ground-disturbing activity within a buffer deemed appropriate by the Monitor, but no less than 500 ft. of the discovery. The Monitor or foreman (or designee) will immediately call the THPO and Lead Archaeologist (if not on site). The Yakama Nation Tribal Police will be contacted by the THPO to begin the process of determining if the finding is part of a crime scene or Native American.

6. After all construction activity has stopped, the following steps shall be taken to ensure that no further disturbance occurs to the discovery, while Yakama Nation Tribal Police are in route:
 - 1) Secure an area at least 500 ft. in each direction.
 - 2) Prevent vehicle traffic through the area immediately surrounding the discovery beyond that necessary to remove vehicles and equipment already present in the area.
7. The remains will not be touched, moved, or further disturbed or photographed beyond what is needed for identification purposes. Tribal Police will determine if the remains are forensic or archeological in nature. Should the remains be determined archaeological, a site treatment plan will be determined in coordination with the THPO, CRP and Tribal Government. The Culture Committee will have the final determination on all decisions regarding the disposition of the human remains. **Work cannot commence without Yakama Nation Clearance.** Questions and concerns can be directed towards the Yakama Nation Timber Fish and Wildlife Archaeologist and the YN THPO (if project is on reservation lands).

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Old Corrals



Rock flakes (material- chalcedony, jasper, basalt, obsidian, petrified wood)



Projectile points (arrowheads) and tools (knives and scrapers)



Rock Stack Feature (Cairns, fence lines, fire rings etc)