# Inadvertent Discovery Plan for Cultural Resources

For the duration of the response, or until replaced by an updated version, this plan will be followed to identify, report and protect potential cultural materials which are discovered during the course of emergency response operations being conducted to protect human health and the environment. This does NOT include significant ground disturbing activities involving excavation, dredging, drilling, etc. which would be covered by a project specific plan. This plan also is also not intended to protect sites in areas where cultural resources have already been documented which should have site-specific project plan to protect cultural resources.

**This Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) should be followed if cultural materials, including human remains, are encountered during any field or site activities including but not limited to: excavation, berming, under/overflow dam construction, boom deployment, development of staging areas, access paths/routes, or during reconnaissance activities such as SCAT Surveys.**

## When to stop work:

Construction work or other ground disturbing activities may uncover previously unidentified Native American or Euro-American artifacts. Work must stop when the following types of artifacts and/or features are encountered:

***Native American artifacts may include (but are not limited to)-***

- ☐ Flaked stone tools (arrowheads, knives scrapers etc.);
- ☐ Waste flakes that resulted from the construction of flaked stone tools;
- ☐ Ground stone tools like mortars and pestles;
- ☐ Layers (strata) of discolored earth resulting from fire hearths. May be black, red or mottled brown and often contain discolored cracked rocks or dark soil with broken shell;
- ☐ Human remains;
- ☐ Historical structural remains- wooden beams, post holes, fish weirs.
- ☐ Petroglyphs (carvings in stone) or petrographs (drawings in stone).

***Euro-American artifacts may include (but are not limited to)-***

- ☐ Glass (from bottles, vessels, windows etc.);
- ☐ Ceramic (from dinnerware, vessels etc.);
- ☐ Metal (nails, drink/food cans, tobacco tins, industrial parts etc.);
- ☐ Building materials (bricks, shingles etc.);
- ☐ Building remains (foundations, architectural components etc.);
- ☐ Old Wooden Posts, pilings, or planks (these may be encountered above or below water);
- ☐ Remains of ships or sea-going vessels, marine hardware etc.;
- ☐ Old farm equipment may indicate historic resources in the area.
- ☐ Even what looks to be old garbage could very well be an important archaeological resource;

***When in doubt, call it in!***

**Protocol for coordination in the event of inadvertent discovery:**

In the event of an inadvertent discovery of items suspected to be cultural materials, including possible human remains, stop all work immediately in the vicinity of the find. Notify your Division/Group Supervisor or Task Force Leader as soon as possible.

The area should be secured and protected. A 30 meter buffer should be placed around the discovery with work being able to proceed outside of this buffered area unless additional cultural materials are encountered.

The Operations Section Chief, the Planning Section Chief, the Tribal On-Scene Coordinator (if one has been established within the ICS) and the Liaison Officer are to be notified immediately by the Division/Group Supervisor or Task Force Leader. The Planning Section Chief will direct his staff to notify the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the US Dept. of the Interior or designated representative (U.S. Fish & Wildlife), if present within the ICS established for the incident.

**If possible human remains are encountered, the Oregon State Police, Oregon Commission on Indian Services (CIS), SHPO, and appropriate Tribes will also be notified.**

- Oregon State Police: Chris Allori 503-731-4717
- Oregon Commission on Indian Services: Karen Quigley 503- 986-1067
- Appropriate Tribes: As designated by CIS
- SHPO: Dennis Griffin 503-986-0674, John Pouley 503-986-0675, or Matt Diederich 503-986-0577.

No work may resume within the secured area until consultation with the SHPO has occurred and a professional archaeologist is able to assess the discovery.

If human remains are encountered, do not disturb them in any way. *Do not call 911*. Do not speak with the media. Secure the location. Do not take Photos. The location should be secured and work will not resume in the area of discovery until all parties involved agree upon a course of action.

A professional archaeologist may be needed to assess the discovery; they will consult with SHPO and appropriate Tribal Governments to determine an appropriate course of action.

Archaeological excavations may be required after the emergency response phase of the incident. This is handled on a case by case basis by the professional archaeologist and project manager, in consultation with SHPO and appropriate Tribes.

**Proceeding with Construction or other Ground Disturbing Activities**

Construction can proceed only after the proper archaeological inspections have occurred and clearance to proceed is obtained. This requires close coordination with SHPO and the Tribes.

After an inadvertent discovery, some areas may be specified for "**Close Monitoring**" or '**No Work Zones**'.

Any such areas will be identified by the professional archaeologist, and relayed to the Operations Section Chief and the Planning Section Chief, who will relay to appropriate Division/Group Supervisors and/or Task Force Leaders.

In coordination with the SHPO or professional archaeologist, the Operations Section Chief will verify these identified areas and be sure that the areas are clearly demarcated in the field, as needed.

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