"ARCHAEOLOGICAL CLEARANCE" PROCESS ON THE NAVAJO NATION

Pursuant to NNC 19 § 1021, "Prior to any ground disturbing activities, an archaeological clearance survey must be conducted." Undertakings include: installation of power/water, construction, homesite/ business site leases, road construction, assistance from federal agencies (Housing Improvement, NTUA),new construction/ demolition, utilization of federal money (NTUA, HUD, NAHASDA, IHS, etc.,

1. IDENTIFY UNDERTAKING

2. HIRE CONSULTANT

Consultant/Permittee listing can be requested from NNHPD at 928.871.7880 or tbillie@navajo-nsn.gov

3. CONSULTANT RESPONSIBILITY

1. Archaeologist will request Class "B" Permit from NNHPD.
2. It is illegal to survey on Navajo Nation Lands without a valid permit pursuant to NNC 19 §1034

4. REPORT PREPARATION PROCESS

1. Collection of project information
   a. Records check of files & maps at NNHPD
   b. Legal Survey Plat
2. Fieldwork
   a. In-field Survey
   b. Ethnographic data collection
   c. Site recording/mapping (if necessary)
3. Report Preparation (Copies should be distributed to sponsor)

5. NAVAJO NATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION (NNHPD)

1. Receive & Log in the report
2. Assign HPD Number
3. Review report (Usually 30-days from receipt date)
4. Issue Compliance Form

6. BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

1. Cultural Resource Compliance Form received from NNHPD.
2. Reviewed by Area Archaeologist
3. Archaeological Approval granted by Navajo Regional Director (Signature)

7. NNHPD

1. The signed Compliance Resource Compliance Form is returned to NNHPD
2. HPD distributes copies to contractor, SHPO, Sponsor
3. Sponsor is responsible for submitting compliance form to Land Dept., Housing, NTUA, etc.
4. The process from Step 5 is approximately 6-8 weeks.

Any questions, Please contact the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department (NNHPD) at 928.871.7198.

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