



**THE NAVAJO NATION  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT  
Cultural Resource Compliance Section**

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**Identification of Gravesites, Human Remains, and Funerary Items *and*  
Statement of Wishes for  
Burials *WITH* Lineal Descendants**

**\*\*CONFIDENTIAL\*\***

(NOTE: Complete one form for each individual encountered)

**DATE:**

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**NAME OF DECEASED:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Clan (Maternal):	
Clan (Paternal):	
Sex:	
Age of Death:	
Date of Death (if known):	

**REPORT NO.:**

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**SITE NO.:**

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**REPORT AUTHOR(S):**

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**REPORT TITLE:**

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**LOCATION OF BURIAL:**

Chapter:	UTM Zone:	N	E
Agency:	Land Status:		
County:	Township/Range:		
State:	USGS 7.5 Minute Map:		

**REINTERMENT LOCATION (if applicable):**

<b>Chapter:</b>	<b>UTM Zone:</b> <b>N</b> <b>E</b>
<b>Agency:</b>	<b>Land Status:</b>
<b>County:</b>	<b>Township/Range:</b>
<b>State:</b>	<b>USGS 7.5 Minute Map:</b>

**DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING IN RELATION TO BURIAL:**

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**NAME OF LINEAL DESCENDANT/RESPONSIBLE PARTY:**

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**RELATIONSHIP OF LINEAL DESCENDANT/RESPONSIBLE PARTY TO THE DECEASED:**

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**CLANS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY:**

<b>Maternal Clan</b>	
<b>Paternal Clan</b>	

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF RESIDENCE FOR LINEAL DESCENDANT/RESPONSIBLE PARTY:**

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**NAME/ORGANIZATION ADDRESS OF FIELD RECORDER:**

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**LANGUAGE IN WHICH INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED:**

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**NAME/ORGANIZATION/ADDRESS OF INTERPRETER (if any):**

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**NAMES OF OTHERS PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW:**

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**DESCRIPTION OF BURIAL (i.e. markers, headstone, funerary items, other):**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING:**

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**FIELD METHODS:**

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**Add supplemental sheets if necessary.**

**STATEMENT OF LINEAL DESCENDANT/RESPONSIBLE PARTY**

On, \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of lineal descendant/responsible party)

Was told by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name & address of field recorder)

That the burial was in danger of being disturbed by the following undertaking :

\_\_\_\_\_  
(title of report/description of undertaking)

I understand that the following treatment alternatives are available to me, according to the Navajo Nation Policy for the Protection of Jishchaa': Gravesites, Human Remains, and Funerary Items:

1. The human remains and funerary items may be left in place and shall be avoided forever, without stigma or other sanctions placed against the relatives. To this end, a 50-foot (15.2-meter) radius buffer zone measured horizontally shall be maintained, and the local environment shall be reclaimed and/or stabilized at the end of the disturbance activities. A larger or smaller buffer zone may be delineated with approval of the lineal descendants.
2. The human remains and funerary items may be relocated to a location of the lineal descendant's choice (and with the consent of the land-user at the location of reburial). The integrity of the human remains and funerary items shall be maintained, and they shall be treated with all due respect. Witnesses from the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Office and/or others may be present, especially if desired by the lineal descendant(s), to ensure that the rights of the lineal descendant(s) are protected. The lineal descendant(s) also has the right to request who should participate in the process of disinterment and reburial. In the case of an undertaking, all costs related to treatment shall be borne by the sponsor.
3. The lineal descendant(s) may request that the grave not be protected from any disturbance. However, if the grave is more than 100 years old or is located within an archaeological site, the Navajo Nation has the responsibility to protect the grave from disturbance. Determination of eligibility for protection shall be made with reference to the Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA, as amended), the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA), the Navajo Nation Cultural Resource Protection Act (CRPA; CMY-19-88), and other relevant tribal and federal policies.
4. The lineal descendant(s) may decline to specify wishes regarding treatment of the grave.

**Recordation of Wishes:**

(Note to field recorder: Record the concerns and wishes of the lineal descendants/responsible party fully. If reburial is chosen, the lineal descendants may specify location of the new burial site and any witnesses desired. They may also specify concerns regarding fencing, stabilization, and maintenance of the new burial site. Supplemental sheets may be added if necessary.)

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I understand that information on this form shall be held in confidence among the sponsor or its agent (in the case of an undertaking), HPD, and the lineal descendants. Neither the sponsor nor its agent shall provide any information collected during consultation with lineal descendants to anyone other than HPD. Upon completion of the project, sponsors shall turn over all records to HPD and to the lineal descendants, as requested.

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Signature/Thumbprint: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Witness(es): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Field Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_