

Identification of Historic Properties

Objective

THE OBJECTIVE of this CRM SOP is to provide a framework to ensure routine evaluation of above ground properties at Fort Bragg that are or may become eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), to guard against inadvertent damage to potentially eligible historic properties that might adversely affect their eligibility prior to evaluation, and to provide for routine maintenance, repair, operation, and the treatment of facilities that are over 50 years old (45 years old in the case of proposed demolition). An overview of the evaluation standards for National Register eligibility is included in this ICRMP as Appendix IV.

Policy

Fort Bragg will proceed with caution in the maintenance, repair, renovation and operation of all above ground structures, monuments, and landscapes that are 50 or more years old and have not been determined to be ineligible for inclusion in the NRHP. No major maintenance, repair or new construction project will be implemented for these resources without first obtaining concurrence on a determination of eligibility with the SHPO and/or the ACHP or the Keeper of the Register.

Fort Bragg may implement actions affecting these resources which comply with the provisions of the Programmatic Agreement between Fort Bragg and the NCSHPO, treating these resources as if they were eligible for the NRHP. Fort Bragg will include documentation of these actions in an Annual Report.

Fort Bragg will not demolish any above ground structure or monument, nor substantially alter a designed landscape (including ranges and training areas) that is 45 or more years old without first consulting with

SHPO, the ACHP or the Keeper of the Register to determine the eligibility of the resource for inclusion in the NRHP.

Implementing Procedures

Inclusion of Unevaluated Above Ground Structures in Work Management Databases

All above ground buildings, structures, or objects, fifty (50) or more years old will be identified as being potentially eligible for inclusion in the NRHP until such time as they have been determined to be ineligible for inclusion as a result of consultations with SHPO and/or the ACHP, or the Keeper of the Register.

Preliminary Professional Review by Fort Bragg

- 1) The implementing activity proposing an action which may affect any above ground buildings, structures, or objects, fifty (50) or more years old will provide the Cultural Resources Manager with copies of project documentation for proposed undertakings in compliance with the provisions of CRM PA SOP #1, as noted above.
- 2) The implementing activity proposing an action to demolish any above ground buildings, structures, or objects, 45 or more years old will provide the Cultural Resources Manager with copies of a notice of intent to demolish any of these potential resources and copies of project documentation for proposed demolition.
- 3) The Cultural Resources Manager will ensure that the project documentation for proposed actions which may affect any above ground buildings, structures, or objects, fifty (50) or more years old, are reviewed by a professional, who meets the applicable standards included in 36 CFR 61 - Appendix A, to determine if the action will have an effect upon the resource which would warrant immediate eligibility determination consultations with the SHPO and/or the ACHP, or the Keeper of the Register.
- 4) Proposed actions which are included at Attachment A of this SOP may be implemented after successful completion of Step 1 above. Once Step 1 has been successfully completed, no further consultation with the SHPO or the ACHP will be required. Fort Bragg will include documentation of these actions in an Annual Report.

Attachment A: Undertakings to be reviewed
Annually by Cultural Resource
Manager/SHPO/ACHP

1. Maintenance work on existing features such as roads, fire lanes, mowed areas, active disposal areas, and manmade ditches, waterways, and ponds when no new ground disturbance is proposed.
2. Outdoor recreational programs including hunting, fishing, and non-consumptive uses in accordance with Fort Bragg and Army regulations.
3. The following Natural Resources Management activities: timber harvests, tree planting, maintenance of wildlife food and shrub plots in previously disturbed areas, prescribed burning of rangeland and the improvement of existing stream crossings.
4. Existing hay and hayseed harvest activities or planting, cultivation, and harvest of existing crops not exceeding the depth of existing activities. Removal and replacement in kind of plant materials when they pose an imminent hazard to personnel or structures.
5. Ordnance disposal in accordance with prescribed Fort Bragg, Army and Department of Defense regulations.
6. Paving and repair of streets, driveways, parking lots, curbs and gutters as they now exist. When historic materials exist, they are to be retained.
7. Repair and replacement of existing utilities in their present configuration and alignment. Replacement, removal or upgrading of electrical wiring. Replacement, removal or upgrading of water and plumbing systems when historic features such as handpumps or plumbing fixtures are retained.
8. All maintenance and repair work on elements that are not visible and do not contribute to the historic significance of a property.
9. Refinishing of surfaces with chemically compatible materials of historic or existing color. Removal of non-contributing wall coverings, paneling, or wainscoting.

10. Repair and/or replacement in kind of existing roofing material provided the color meets the standards of the Fort Bragg Installation Design Guide or the historic color. Adequate anchorage of the roofing material to guard against wind damage and moisture penetration shall be provided.
11. Repair of existing doors and/or replacement in kind when beyond repair and done to match the existing material and form.
12. Repair of existing window frames and sashes by patching, splicing, consolidating, or otherwise reinforcing or replacing only those parts that are extensively deteriorated or missing provided no changes results to the interior or exterior appearance of the window. Adjusting of counterweights is acceptable.
13. Replacement of broken clear glass with clear glass of similar thickness when no modification or damage to adjacent surfaces will result.
14. Repair of existing materials and small scale in kind replacement of wood siding, trim, porch decking, porch rails, joists, columns, and stairs (including framing).
15. Repair of footings, foundations, and retaining walls or in kind replacement of those portions done to match existing material and design. Any associated mortar replacement shall be with a mortar mix that matches exactly historic mortar mixes. Excavation for the repair or replacement within two feet of existing footings, foundations and walls.
16. Removing deteriorated or damaged paint or coatings down to the next sound layer by hand scraping or sanding. Abrasive methods, sandblasting and waterblasting are specifically prohibited. Encapsulation of lead-based paint is acceptable.
17. Repair of existing historic cabinetwork and cabinet hardware. Replacement in kind of only those elements that have deteriorated beyond repair when done to match the existing design and materials.
18. Replacement of kitchen and bathroom appliances, fixtures, fittings, accessories, and cabinets that are less than 45 years old with compatible items.

19. Installation of hardware to include: dead bolts, door hinges, latches and locks, window latches, locks and hinges and door peep holes provided historic materials are not removed. New hardware shall be of contemporary design and made of the same material as remaining historic hardware.
20. Installation of fire, smoke, and security detectors provided all affects to historic materials are reversible.
21. Repair, refinishing and/or replacement in kind of non-historic flooring and floor coverings to include vinyl tile and/or carpet when done in kind to match existing materials and design that when attached to historic materials is done in a reversible manner.
22. Repair and replacement in kind of only those portions of historic flooring that are extensively deteriorated.
23. Removal of animals, birds, insects and their associated debris when no loss of historic materials will result.
24. Replacement of signs in kind. Installation of traffic signs as required by law when circulation and quantity of traffic adjacent to historic properties or within historic districts will not be affected.
25. All exterior maintenance and repair of non-historic structures within the viewshed of historic properties provided no change in the overall appearance or color of materials results.
26. Repair of existing window, door, and porch screens and storm windows or doors.
27. Energy conservation measures to include repair of existing heating and cooling plants and duct work, modification of HVAC control systems, insulation of roofs, crawl spaces, ceilings, attics, floors and around pipes/ducts as long as these measures do not induce, retain, or introduce moisture into a building, interior modifications when the interior space is not considered significant based on CRMP inventories, caulking and weather stripping consistent with appearance of the building and replacement or modification of the lighting systems. These measures should not be visible or alter or detract from those qualities that make the resource eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Part 2: Standing Operating Procedures _____

28. All ground disturbance reviewed through the Kansas ONE CALL and Fort Bragg DIGSAFE programs.

29. All tactical excavations reviewed through the Tactical Excavations Permit program.

30. Observed or reported inadvertent, but not extensive damage to subsurface historic properties as a result of training and/or maneuver.