

Cultural Resource Program Activity Support and Coordination with Forestry Activities

Objective

THE CULTURAL RESOURCE PROGRAM (CRP) coordinates with the Forestry Section (FS) of the Natural Resources Branch on an annual basis for project scheduling. CRP in order to systematically identify, document, and mitigate any adverse impacts to cultural properties that may be affected by Forestry projects routinely implements archeological reconnaissance, survey, and site clearance. Project review procedures are undertaken in order to assure that any known historic or archeological properties subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will not be adversely affected by Forestry activities. Results of any archeological investigations undertaken by the CRP as part of the review of Forestry projects are reported annually to the SHPO pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36CFR Part 800.

Procedures for Implementation

The Forestry Section {phone number (910) 396-2510} creates an annual schedule for activities including but not limited to, prescribed burning, pine straw raking, and timber harvesting. The CRP takes this schedule into consideration when scheduling cultural resource surveys and site protection measures. The CRP will not conduct surveys or evaluations during the time period that a given area of land is slated for controlled burn. The FS must have cultural resource survey clearance from CRP before prescribed burning to insure that no historic structures are

contained on the land in question, but the land does not need to be surveyed for archeological sites. The FS must have complete cultural resource survey clearance on areas that are to be timber harvested and where road maintenance requiring the widening and/or construction of new roads, trails, and firebreaks are to be undertaken. All excavations and other ground disturbing activities that are essential to the mission of the FS projects are subject to CRP review and must be coordinated through ENRD (AFZA-PW-E){phone number (910) 396-8207}. Other branches of ENRD, including the CRP must review FS projects that require a 4283 work-order request as well as those that are out-sourced or contracted. In all cases, it is the responsibility of the FS to notify ENRD of pending forestry activities.