

**WAC 25-48-060 Summary of information required of an applicant.**

(1) Each application for an archaeological site alteration and excavation permit shall include:

(a) An archaeological site alteration and excavation permit application coversheet;

(b) Sufficient background information and summary of previous field investigation, research and data gaps about the site(s) proposed for excavation such that the reviewers have a comprehensive understanding of the site(s) and current research questions to be able to review the proposal as a complete document;

(c) The nature and extent of the work proposed, including how and why it is proposed to be conducted and the methods proposed for excavation and recovery, number and placement of excavation units, proposed excavation volumes, proposed time of performance, locational maps, and a completed site inventory form;

(d) Summary of the environmental setting and depositional context, with an emphasis on vegetation, past and present available natural resources, geomorphology and formation processes, and their relationship to the archaeological deposits;

(e) An artifact inventory plan detailing the character of the expected data categories to be recovered including the proposed methods of inventorying the recovered data and proposed methods of cleaning, stabilizing, and curating of specimens and recovered data consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for archaeological curation in 36 C.F.R. Part 79;

(f) If human remains are proposed for recovery, a plan for their removal and disposition must be provided; if human remains are not proposed for recovery, a plan for responding to the inadvertent discovery of human remains must be provided;

(g) A professional, scientific research design, including research questions, demonstrating that the work and reporting will be performed in a scientific and technically acceptable manner utilizing methods and techniques designed to address current scientific research questions and cultural resource management plans;

(h) The name and address of the individual(s) proposed to be responsible for conducting the work, institutional affiliation, if any, and evidence of education, training, and experience in accord with the minimal qualifications listed in this chapter;

(i) The name and address of the individual(s) proposed to be responsible for carrying out the terms and conditions of the permit, if different from the individual(s) enumerated under (g) of this subsection;

(j) Financial evidence of the applicant's ability to initiate, conduct, and complete the proposed work, including evidence of logistical support and laboratory facilities and evidence of financial support for analysis and report writing;

(k) A plan for site restoration following excavation activities and evidence of plans to secure bonding to cover the cost of site restoration;

(l) Evidence of an agreement for the proposed work from the owner, agency, or political subdivision with management responsibility over the land;

(m) A site security plan to assure the protection of the site and its contents during the public permit review and excavation process;

(n) A public participation plan detailing the extent of public involvement and dissemination of project results to the public, as appropriate. Examples of appropriate public dissemination can include,

but not be limited to: *Archaeology Month* lectures, slide shows, anthropological conferences, school presentations, newspaper articles, if warranted;

(o) A completed environmental checklist as required by WAC 197-11-100 to assist the department in making a threshold determination and to initiate SEPA compliance;

(p) Evidence of abandonment: Abandonment will be presumed where the applicant presents information that thirty or more years have elapsed since the loss of the resource. If it appears to the department from any source that the resource has not been abandoned or may not have been abandoned, and in the case of all United States government warships, aircraft, or other public vessels, the department will find that the presumption does not arise and will require proof of abandonment. Proof may be satisfied by submission of a statement of abandonment from the owner, his or her successors, assigns or legal representatives, or through final adjudication by a court of law;

(q) Disclosure by the applicant of any previous violation of this chapter or any federal or state law regulating archaeological objects or sites, historic archaeological resources, glyptic or painted records, or native Indian cairns or graves. The applicant shall disclose any such violation by the applicant, by the individual(s) proposed to be responsible for conducting the work, or by the individual(s) proposed to be responsible for carrying out the terms and conditions of the permit, and shall provide details, dates, and circumstances of each violation; and

(r) Disclosure by the applicant of outstanding archaeological excavation permits issued by the department to the applicant.

(2) Each application for an archaeological monitoring permit shall include:

(a) An archaeological monitoring permit application coversheet;

(b) Sufficient background information and summary of previous field investigation and research about the site(s) proposed for monitoring, such that the reviewers have a comprehensive understanding of the site(s) to be able to review the proposal as a complete document;

(c) The nature and extent of the work proposed, including how and why it is proposed to be conducted and the methods proposed for monitoring, proposed time of performance, locational maps showing archaeological and project construction elements and monitoring areas;

(d) A protocol for immediate steps to be taken on-site by the archaeological monitor should they find archaeological resources or human skeletal remains and stating the authority of the archaeologists to halt excavations or other activities that may endanger archaeological resources or human skeletal remains. The protocol must state that if archaeological resources are identified during archaeological monitoring, measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts, collect and curate artifacts and records must be addressed through a permit amendment after additional consultation with the DAHP and interested/affected tribes;

(e) The name and address of the professional archaeologist(s) who will conduct the monitoring work;

(f) The name and address of the individual(s) proposed to be responsible for carrying out the terms and conditions of the permit, if different from the individual(s) enumerated under (e) of this subsection; and

(g) A completed site inventory form.

(3) Where the application is for the excavation and/or removal of archaeological resources on public lands, the name of the Washington

university, museum, repository or other scientific or educational institution meeting the Secretary of the Interior's standards for archaeological curation in 36 C.F.R. Part 79, in which the applicant proposes to store all collections, and copies of records, data, photographs, and other documents derived from the proposed work other than human skeletal remains and funerary objects. The applicant shall submit written certification, signed by an authorized official of the institution, of willingness to assume curatorial responsibility for the collections, records, data, photographs and other documents and to safeguard, preserve, and allow for the future scientific access to these materials as property of the state.

(4) Where the application is for the excavation and/or removal of archaeological resources on private land, the name of the university, museum, repository, or other scientific or educational institution in which the applicant proposes to store copies of records, data, photographs, and other documents derived from the proposed work and all collections in the event the landowner wishes to take custody of the collection. The applicant shall submit written certification from the landowner stating this intention. If the landowner does not wish to take custody of the collection, the name of the university, museum, repository, or other scientific or educational institution in which the collection will be curated. The applicant shall submit written certification, signed by an authorized official of the institution, of willingness to assume curatorial responsibility for the collections, if applicable, and/or the records, data, photographs, and other documents derived from the proposed work and to safeguard, preserve, and allow for the future scientific access to these materials.

(5) An applicant may temporarily curate a collection identified in subsection (3) or (4) of this section in a repository that meets the Secretary of the Interior's standards for archaeological curation in 36 C.F.R. Part 79 until the appropriate Indian tribe has available facilities meeting the Secretary of the Interior's standards for archaeological curation in 36 C.F.R. Part 79 into which the collection may be curated.

(6) Where the application is for the excavation and/or removal of a historic archaeological resource that is an historic aircraft, the name of the Washington museum, historical society, nonprofit organization, or governmental entity that proposes to assume curatorial responsibility for the resource. The applicant shall submit written certification, signed by an authorized official of the institution, of willingness to assume curatorial responsibility for the resource and all associated records, data, photographs and other documents derived from the proposed work and to safeguard, preserve, and allow for the future scientific and public access to these materials.

(7) After review of the application, the department may require additional information to properly evaluate the proposed work and shall so inform the applicant. Field investigation or research may be required of the applicant or conducted by the department at the applicant's cost. A bond in an amount specified by the department may be required of the applicant to ensure payment of the professional expenses incurred by the department. Advance notice of any anticipated cost shall be given to the applicant.

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