

# CULTURAL RESOURCES

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## Goals

**Cultural Resources.** The Alaska Historic Preservation Act establishes the state's basic goal which is to preserve and protect the historic, prehistoric, and archaeological resources of Alaska.

## Management Guidelines

**A. Cultural Resource Identification.** Identify and determine the significance of all cultural resources on state land through:

1. Surveys conducted by Department of Natural Resources personnel,
2. Encouraging research about cultural resources on state lands by qualified individuals and organizations, and,
3. Cooperative efforts for planned surveys or inventories between state, federal, and local or Native groups.

**B. Cultural Resource Protection.** Protect significant cultural resources by:

1. Reviewing construction projects or land uses for potential conflict with cultural resources.

2. Cooperating with concerned government agencies, statewide or local groups, and individuals to develop guidelines and recommendations on how to avoid or mitigate identified or potential conflicts.

3. Where feasible and prudent, conduct cultural resource surveys or inventories prior to the design of land offerings in the areas the state Office of History and Archaeology determines have high potential to contain important cultural sites and for which existing information is inadequate to identify and protect those sites.

**C. Other Guidelines Affecting Cultural Resources.** Several other guidelines may affect cultural resource management practices. See the following sections of this chapter:

- Fish and wildlife habitat
- Forestry
- Lakeshore management
- Public access
- Stream corridors and instream flow
- Trail management
- Wetlands management