

## **Heritage resources**

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### **A. Investigations on public land**

The state will continue to protect heritage resources of local, regional, or statewide importance by encouraging and recommending heritage resource investigations on public lands.<sup>16</sup> Such investigation will be conducted according to professionally accepted standards and practices established by the Chief of the Office of History and Archaeology, DNR Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.<sup>16</sup>

### **B. Surveys for heritage resources prior to land disposals or other authorizations**

The DNR Office of History and Archaeology will determine which state lands have high potential to contain important heritage resource sites, but for which there is inadequate information to identify and protect the sites. In these potential heritage resource areas, DNR land managers should contact the Office of History and Archaeology prior to project implementation, land offerings, or other DNR authorizations. Surveys or inventories of heritage resources should be conducted prior to development.

### **C. Evaluating heritage resources**

Those heritage resources discovered through survey or known from records already on file with the state must be evaluated for their significance and for research and preservation potential. DNR will achieve this by:

1. continued consultation with appropriate agencies, private groups, and concerned professionals; and
2. using established federal, state, and local guidelines and regulations to evaluate significance.

### **D. Heritage resources adjacent to recreation facilities**

Recreation facilities should not be placed adjacent to heritage sites if increased public use might allow vandalism or unintentional damage to the site, unless the recreation facility includes heritage resource interpretation and protection.

### **E. Heritage resources adjacent to developed facilities**

Developed facilities will not be located near known heritage resource sites if adverse impacts are likely to occur.

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<sup>16</sup> The state, the federal government, and Native corporations have cooperative roles in protecting heritage resources and should continue to work together toward this goal. Federal and Native land managers provide information on heritage resources on their lands to the Office of History and Archaeology. Data from all sources is entered into the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS), an inventory of reported historic and prehistoric sites, which is available to land managers for use in management decisions.