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To: Soil & Water Conservation Program; DNR.Soil and Water Conservation Districts staff
Cc: DNR.MGS SWC Staff
Subject: Cultural Resources Reviews

Good afternoon,

To help the Soil and Water Program better handle the current backlog of State Cost-Share projects currently needing a Cultural Resource review, the Program has recently hired two part-time positions. These positions will be strictly working on state-cost share projects gathering any background information as well as field work when needed to assist Lee Johns the Program's Archeologist. Currently these positions are filled by Cody Kaufmann and Gavin Easley. If they contact your office please assist them with any needed information or assistance requested to help with the process.

In an effort to expedite the review process, please see the link below that contains a list of needed information for Program Archeological staff to be able to perform a timely review of cost-share contracts. In many cases staff have been able to perform the needed review with information available such as attached maps supplied by the district in conjunction with information available to archeological staff from other sources. Multiple examples have been found where no maps were attached to the contract when submitted in Geoportal. When the exact location of a project is not available this could dramatically increase the review time or make a review impossible. For example when only a farm boundary map is submitted without the practice location a whole farm review may be required in the field, but if a project map is provided there is a good possibility we could only be required to perform a desk review and no site visit needed for approval. Practices that have been mapped in the DNR mapping system with a link entered in Geoportal will receive top priority for review. This will allow the part-time positions to have immediate access to review your project. Without this information the part-time positions will not have timely access to make that review.

We appreciate your District's understanding and assistance as we address the current backlog of Cultural Resource reviews that are currently needed.

If you have any questions please contact your District Coordinator.

<https://mosoilandwater.land/sites/mosoilandwater/files/CR%20Review%20Guide%20for%20FO%20rev.pdf>

Thank you,

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We'd like your feedback on the service you received from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Please consider taking a few minutes to complete the department's Customer Satisfaction Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MoDNRsurvey>. Thank you.