

The WSDOT Cultural Resources Program

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Cultural Resources

- Archaeological artifacts, features, and sites are protected by a variety of state and federal laws
 - BUT laws DO NOT require preservation (although 4(f) might require avoidance...)
 - Human remains and burials are protected under separate state laws
- Buildings and structures have different requirements
- Cultural resources have value to WA's citizens, both Indian and non-Indian



WSDOT CR Program Mission Statement

- The mission of the Cultural Resources Program is to provide WSDOT with cultural resources management expertise that meets the highest standards of our profession and best serves the citizens of Washington State.



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What The WSDOT CR Program Does...

- Implements the terms and stipulations of statewide Programmatic Agreements
- Review scopes of work, consultant proposals, reports, and work performance
- Conduct in-house fieldwork and report preparation
- Assists with EO 05-05 and Section 106 compliance
- WSDOT Historic Bridge Program



... And The CR Program Also:



- Provides cultural resources training statewide.
- Provides public and professional outreach and education.
- Provides professional expertise to WSDOT environmental managers, project engineers, and other decision makers.
- Provides technical points of contact with professional community in state and federal agencies, tribes, and other stakeholders.



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Our Goal?

To provide real public benefit: to move beyond “just” compliance to cultural resources management that provides tangible benefits to the public through preservation, documentation, and education, and that increases our knowledge and understanding of our shared history.



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