

**Appendix 4. Recommended Report Format**

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**A CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY OF**

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in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Montana

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(Senior Author)

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(Month Year)

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(Signature of P.I.)  
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Consulting Organization  
Address

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Office \_\_\_\_\_

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**Abstract:** (ALTER AS APPROPRIATE) A reconnaissance/intensive cultural resource survey was conducted in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

Cultural resources were located in the project area which are (eligible/not eligible) for the National Register of Historic Places. Further work (is/is not recommended prior to agency approval of the project. The following avoidance stipulations are recommended:

A total of \_\_\_\_\_ acres was surveyed to intensive standards.

**Project:**

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ County, Montana.

Legal Location of Area(s) Surveyed:

1/4 1/4 1/4 Section \_\_\_\_\_, T \_\_\_\_\_, R \_\_\_\_\_

USGS 7.5' quadrangle: \_\_\_\_\_

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Project Description: (Discussion of proposed construction, types of anticipated direct and indirect impacts on cultural resources, a real extent of land alterations, long and short-term effects; with map and related information.)

**Environment/Setting:**

(Describe the project area and the soil/general geomorphologic characteristics). The vegetation cover was from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ percent, consisting primarily of  
Description of prominent landforms, dominant tree/grass species, drainages and water sources:

Elevation of the project area is \_\_\_\_\_ feet/meters above mean sea level.

Previous surface disturbance/current land use:

Review of prior cultural resource studies: A files search was conducted on (Date) by (Name) at (Place). (No previous inventories or cultural resources were known for the sections of and adjacent to the project area/The following previous inventories and/or cultural resources are known for the project area): \*Previous inventories can be presented in tabular form.

**Field work:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_; Persons: \_\_\_\_\_;

Type of Survey: (Reconnaissance/Intensive/Other).

The project area was surveyed with a series of parallel pedestrian transects spaced approximately 30 meters) apart. Close examination was made of prominent features,

drainages, plateaus, and other areas with a high likelihood for the presence of sites. The surface visibility was approximately \_\_\_\_\_percent.

Description of any site-testing activity with appropriate maps, photographs and narrative of results.

Photographs/drawings as appropriate.

The artifacts and samples collected are being stored at \_\_\_\_\_, under a curation agreement with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Results:**

A description of identified cultural resources, site maps, solid justifications for National Register eligibility or ineligibility (this should include a discussion of the site's integrity and which NRHP criteria the site meets or does not meet); recommendations for further work if needed.

The probability of finding further cultural resources within the project area is (minimal/uncertain/high/other).

**Recommendations:**

(ALTER AS APPROPRIATE) (No significant/Significant) cultural resources were located. (No further work/Further work) is recommended because... because no National Register eligible sites will be impacted by the proposed project. (All sites/all eligible sites) will be avoided by.... or further cultural resource work is recommended because (all sites/all NRHP eligible sites) cannot be avoided..... is proposed .... The project will have (No Effect/No Adverse Effect/Adverse Effect) on National Register eligible sites: These sites contribute to the management and goals of the State Historic Preservation Plan in the following ways:

(Consider topography and geomorphologic conditions, distribution of sites in the area, negative findings, potential to contribute to further understanding of the context unit and associated management goals, and whatever else might be of value for the management of the State's cultural resources.)

List of attachments (as appropriate). When cultural resources are located the report must include, as appropriate, all Site Forms and maps.