

STEP ONE: INITIATE THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

D: Requirements for Consultation with Others

Once an agency has established that it has an undertaking with the potential to affect Historic Properties, the agency must notify SHPO and/or relevant Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) in writing. However, consultation with SHPO/THPOs alone is not enough to ensure compliance with the NHPA or 36 CFR 800. Federal agencies must seek and consider the views of potentially interested parties that would include government agencies, Indian Tribes, city and county historic preservation offices, preservation interest groups, and the public.

A number of Montana communities participate in the National Park Service's Certified Local Government (CLG) Program and have local Preservation Officers and citizen commissions with associated local preservation ordinances. Appendix 8 includes a list of CLG contacts.

Under 36 CFR 800 federal agencies are required to consult with tribes whether or not a tribe has a THPO. Appendix 9 has a list of Tribal and Culture Committee contacts. The ACHP provides detailed guidance on the consultation process in its online [Section 106 Applicant Toolkit](#).