

# **V&T Shops**

## **Geocon Consultants Inadvertent Cultural Resource Discovery Plan**

### **The Process**

The following inadvertent discovery process serves to identify those situations that require detailed technical appraisal, while offering a protocol for administering to situations that do not. To this point, formal project monitoring by cultural resources professional has not been required on the project. As a result, it is understood that individuals involved in sampling and exploring of the project site will be responsible for initiating actions called for in this inadvertent discovery plan.

#### ***Is It an Isolated Historic Period Artifact?***

The project is located at an abandoned railway yard and shop area with numerous tracks and related storage, water and fueling facilities. As a result, it is reasonable to expect that individual artifacts will be found that reflect the construction, use, maintenance, and removal of the buildings and related features. Examples of isolated historic period artifacts might include brick, sheet metal, glass, bottles, railroad spikes, tie plates, rail fragments, and related hardware.

If an isolated historic period artifact is encountered, the following actions may occur:

- The artifact can either be left in place, or it can be collected.
- If the artifact is collected, it will be placed in a bag along with a provenience tag.
- The following information will be provided on the provenience tag: artifact type, location found (based on available stationing), date collected, and the name of the collector.
- All bagged artifacts will be stored in a temporary facility.
- A catalog of all collected items will be prepared under the supervision of a person that meets the Secretary of the Interior Standards as a historical archaeologist.
- Ultimate disposition of the collected artifacts will be administered in accordance with provisions described below in the section on curation.

#### ***Is It a Small Isolated Historic Period Feature?***

It is also reasonable to expect that small, individual features will be found that reflect construction and use of the grade. Whereas an artifact is an item that can be transported, a feature is something constructed and left in place. Subject to this section of the process are small, isolated features located in the yard areas. Examples of isolated

historic period features might include switches, pipe lines, material containers, fence posts, and telegraph posts.

Isolated historic period features as described herein are not likely to be contributing elements to the overall National Register eligibility of the V & T Railway Shops. As a result, their identification does not require that project activities be suspended, nor does it require formal agency notification.

If an isolated historic period feature is encountered, the following actions may occur:

- At least two digital photographs will be taken of the feature. A photo log will be maintained that identifies the feature designation and the date of the photograph.
- The following information will be collected: feature type and description, location found (based on available stationing), date, and the name of the recorder.
- A catalog of all recorded features will be prepared under the supervision of a person that meets the Secretary of the Interior Standards as a historical archaeologist.
- It is assumed that all isolated features will be left in place.

### ***Is It Something Other than a Historic Isolate?***

It is possible that other types of cultural resources may be encountered during the exploration of the site.

- Historic period site (an area that contains a number of artifacts and/or features that reflect a specific activity in a specific location)
- Historic period building or structure foundations
- Retaining walls
- Pipes or culverts or other constructed features associated with the facility.
- Any prehistoric artifact(s)
- Any human remain, regardless of age

In the event that any such cultural resource is identified, the following activities shall occur:

- The contractor shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of the discovery.
- The contractor shall immediately report the discovery by telephone to the following SHPO and Carson City representatives:

SHPO –	775 684-3448
Carson City Heidi Herrmann	775 283-7068

- The contractor shall also provide written confirmation of the discovery to all notified agency personnel.

- After consulting with SHPO, the appropriate agency will make a decision as to resource eligibility and the need for and nature of mitigation required.
- The contractor shall protect the discovery area during the consultation process. Operations may resume in the discovery area only upon written authorization to proceed from the appropriate agency.

### ***When in Doubt***

When in doubt, shout. Call either Mike Drew 775 560-5074 and ask if he will participate in a field review. They can determine how the find can best be managed within terms of this inadvertent discovery plan.

### **Curation**

Since the site is entirely on private land, curation is not required. Disposition of any artifacts are at the sole responsibility of the property owner.