

Fort Jackson Cultural Resources Program
Calendar Year 2013 Program Summary

Programmatic Agreement with the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office for
the Management of Historic Properties on Fort Jackson, South Carolina

A. Personnel: All work required to meet agreement stipulations is currently completed under the supervision of personnel meeting the Secretary of Interior Standards and Guidelines for Archeology.

B. Planning/Exempted Areas and Actions / Internal Reviews: An automated environmental review database is utilized for all installation undertakings. Projects are reviewed on a case by case basis for potential impacts to cultural resources. If not exempted from review per this agreement, the project is reviewed internally per the methods outlined in the agreement. Projects with no potential to impact cultural resources are cleared. Any potential impacts to cultural sites and historic structures are coordinated with the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office. Previous survey methodologies are considered during all planning actions with the potential to impact unidentified resources. Additional archeological investigations in previously surveyed areas are considered on a case by case basis as per the methodologies utilized in the original work.

C. Project Reviews Summary: In 2013, approximately 350 undertakings were submitted for environmental review. Of those, approximately 200 were exempt under this agreement. These included projects associated with the following:

1. Mechanically assisted excavations conducted for training and other purposes.
2. Routine relocation of construction to avoid adverse impacts to historic properties.
3. Timber harvesting.
4. Agricultural activities.
5. Prescribed burning in areas where no new firebreaks are necessary.
6. Routine alteration, maintenance, repair or demolition of buildings less than fifty (50) years of age.

Additionally, approximately 150 projects were internally reviewed for impacts to cultural resources. These included projects associated with the following:

1. Infrastructure additions and demolitions (fences, lightning shelters, temporary classrooms, street repair, etc.).
2. New running tracks, buildings, and ranges.
3. Landscape and trail maintenance and repair.
4. Waterline and sewer upgrades.
5. Building renovations.
6. Monitoring well installations.

Archeological field assessments (combined Phase I and II) were conducted by SCIAA in selected areas to evaluate eight late discoveries (mostly historic home sites) in 2012 and 2013. A draft report of the 2012 work was submitted in 2013 and reviewed but was considered insufficient due to lack of context development. A draft report combining the 2012 and 2013 field seasons is pending for 2014 after adequate context is synthesized for the region.

A draft of the 2009 archaeological site mitigation completed by SCIAA in Training Area BA-2 was submitted in December 2013 and is currently under internal review prior to coordination with SCSHPO and FRNAIT.

One archaeological site / 38RD1381 / Palmetto Forward Operating Base (FOB) / was determined not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places after cultural materials were discovered, evaluated, and reported by the South Carolina Army National Guard (SCARNG).

D. Native American Consultation – No formal consultations occurred during 2013. Fort Jackson has ten signed MOU's with federally recognized Tribes. The MOU's are scheduled to be renewed/resigned in 2014.

D. Accidental Discoveries – No NAGPRA related items were identified on post in CY 2013 and no Notice of Violations were issued to installation personnel for impacts to eligible resources in 2013.

E. Emergency Situations – No cultural resource emergencies were reported in CY 2013.

F. Interested Parties – No adverse effect findings occurred in CY 2013 necessitating an interested party notification and/or query.

G. Dispute Resolution – No cultural resource management disputes occurred in CY 2013.

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