

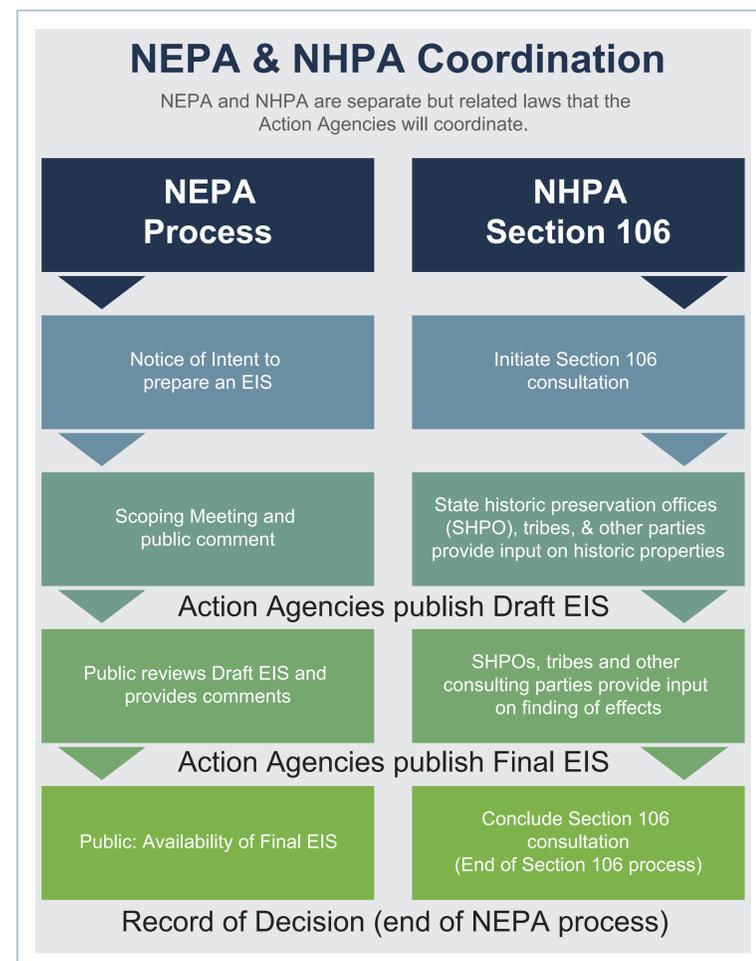


Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

Your Comments are Invited

NHPA requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their actions on historic properties. As a part of this process, the agencies must "seek and consider the views of the public." The Action Agencies are using the CRSO EIS scoping meetings to solicit public comment about historic properties. Your comments are an important part of this process.

Public comments about the steps taken to identify and evaluate historic properties will help the Action Agencies make an informed decision. We also invite comments about the steps that might be taken to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects that would result from changes in system operations.



Cultural Resources Program

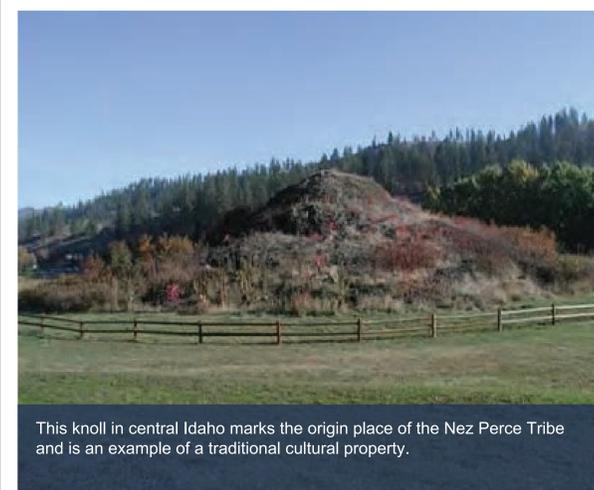
The Action Agencies manage historic properties at 14 Federal dams and reservoirs in the Columbia River basin. **More than 4000 cultural resources have already been identified.**

The cultural resources and historic properties are managed for the benefit and enjoyment of the American people while also fulfilling important missions to the public, including providing hydroelectric energy, flood control management, management of endangered species and habitat, and recreation.

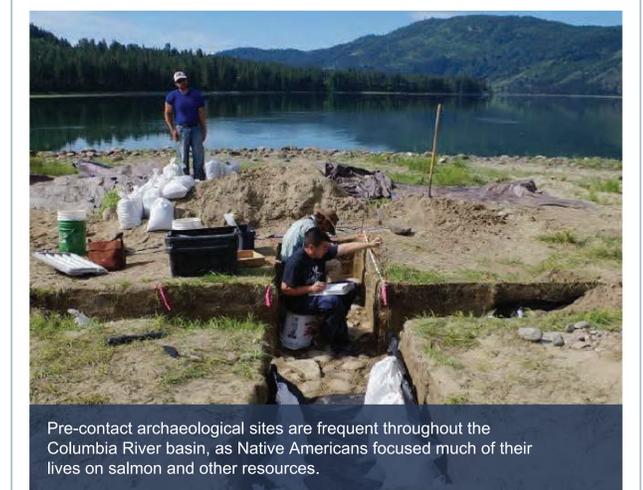
What are "Cultural Resources" and "Historic Properties?"

Cultural resources are objects or places of human activity, occupation, or use that are assigned a value by social or cultural groups.

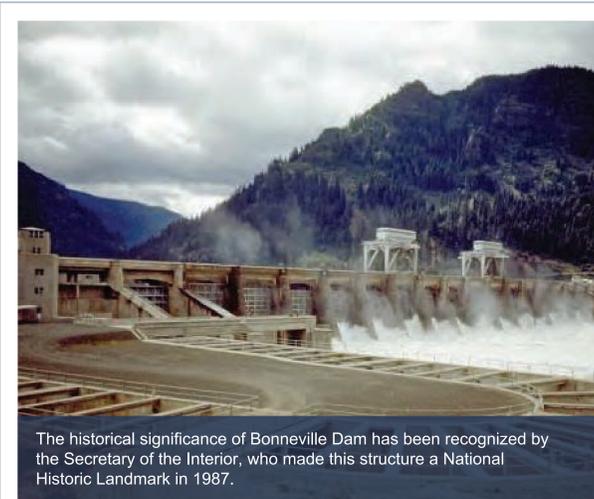
Historic properties are a legally defined subset of cultural resources, and refers specifically to cultural resources that have been determined to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.



This knoll in central Idaho marks the origin place of the Nez Perce Tribe and is an example of a traditional cultural property.



Pre-contact archaeological sites are frequent throughout the Columbia River basin, as Native Americans focused much of their lives on salmon and other resources.



The historical significance of Bonneville Dam has been recognized by the Secretary of the Interior, who made this structure a National Historic Landmark in 1987.



Sometimes, it is not feasible to address adverse effects where they occur. The Action Agencies supported restoration of this historic building as a form of off-site mitigation.