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RE: Non-Mandated Reviews

Effective immediately and due to a significant increase in workload associated with consultations required under federal and state historic preservation laws, SHPO will no longer conduct reviews of Class III inventories and architectural plans not mandated for compliance with the State and National Historic Preservation Acts. This shift in policy is necessary to ensure that office resources are allocated appropriately to regulatory compliance and that SHPO reviews are completed in a timely and thorough manner. This policy supplants SHPO Guidance Point No. 11 until further notice. **Exceptions include continuing consultation, reports requesting SHPO determination of eligibility, and General Plans – please continue to submit to azshpo@azstateparks.gov.**

We encourage local governments to use the AZSITE database as a planning tool. It provides information about known archaeological sites and previous survey within the area under review; see <https://azsiteapp.rc.asu.edu/Azsite/index.html>. For the built environment, refer to the National Register of Historic Places database and maps at <https://www.nps.gov/maps/>; also see the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation at <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/treatment-standards-rehabilitation.htm>.

Consultants assisting local governments, private developers, and applicants with cultural resources documentation should coordinate with their clients to gauge their awareness of the likelihood of state or federal regulatory nexus (e.g. grants, permits, licenses, funding.) If such a nexus is suspected, the agency should consult with SHPO.

SHPO staff remain available to discuss any technical questions related to historic preservation; please contact us via email at azshpo@azstateparks.gov for assistance.