

MEMORANDUM

To: Entities Issued an Arizona Antiquities Act Permit

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Ref: Monitoring Ground Disturbance outside Site Boundaries

Effectively immediately, monitoring of ground disturbance on state-owned or state-controlled lands under an Arizona Antiquities Act (AAA) Blanket Permit will not be authorized by ASM. AAA Blanket Permits are valid only for non-collection surveys on state-owned or state-controlled lands. Survey means an activity with the purpose of locating, identifying, and evaluating archaeological or paleontological sites without causing any disturbance of the ground. A new Notification of Intent to Conduct Non-collection Survey (NOI) is enclosed and must be used effectively immediately.

ASM understands that monitoring of ground disturbance may be required or requested by other governmental or private entities. If such monitoring is required or requested, the following provisions apply:

1. If monitoring of ground disturbance is conducted on state-owned or state-controlled land outside a site boundary, and if archaeological, paleontological, or human remains are discovered that are in excess of 50 years old, then ground disturbance must cease and the ASM must be notified of the discovery within three working days.
 - a. If human remains are not involved, and if the discovery meets the definition of a site as administered by ASM, then the discovery can be preserved in place or the monitoring consultant must apply for an AAA Project-specific Permit and be issued an AAA Project-specific Permit before ground disturbance can resume.
 - b. If human remains are involved, then the monitoring consultant must contact the ASM Repatriation Coordinator.
2. If monitoring of ground disturbance is conducted on private land, and if human remains in excess of 50 years old are discovered, then ground disturbance must cease and the monitoring consultant must promptly contact the ASM Repatriation Coordinator.

Circulate this memorandum as appropriate within your organization. Please contact me with any questions.

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