

INFORMATION PAPER

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide information to Military Components on procedures for evaluating the impact of training activities on Cultural Resources.

2. **INFORMATION:**

a. Federal law and Army regulations require the preservation and protection of significant cultural resources. On Fort Drum these resources include historic buildings like the LeRay Mansion, and prehistoric and historic archeological sites. The majority of historic archeological sites are late nineteenth to early twentieth century farmsteads and villages, while significant prehistoric sites on post include villages, camp sites, and stone tool production areas.

b. Fort Drum's cultural resources are important to local and regional history, and physical damage to them must be avoided in all instances. Significant historic and prehistoric sites are marked with "OFF LIMITS" signs and/or Seibert Stakes, and shall be avoided. Large prehistoric occupation areas may also be designated as "No Dig Areas" with mapped boundaries available at Range Control.

3. **PROCEDURES:**

a. Military operations and construction projects in the Training Areas are reviewed by the Environmental Division to determine their effect on known and potential site locations. Archeological clearance for activities is obtained through a Record of Environmental Consideration (REC). REC forms must be submitted at least 14 business days in advance of project dates. Any additional review time would be greatly appreciated.

b. Bivouacking, excavation, demolition, driving tracked or wheeled vehicles, and other training activities within 30 meters of the marked boundaries of protected sites are strictly prohibited. Other restrictions are listed on the REC application form or are available at Range Control. Intentional digging for or collecting artifacts from protected cultural resources is a violation of federal law and is also prohibited. If prehistoric artifacts are discovered during an operation, the work shall cease within a 30-meter radius of the find. The unit must then contact Range Control (2-7152) and the Fort Drum Archeologist (2-4165) immediately.

4. **CONCLUSION:** Planning and coordination are needed to comply with the requirements of the Federal laws and Army regulations pertaining to cultural resources. Additional guidance can be obtained from the PW, Environmental Division at (315) 772-4165; DSN 772.