

CULTURAL RESOURCES

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Zia provides expertise, conducts fieldwork, analyzes data, and prepares a variety of technical reports for a wide range of Cultural Resource Management and Historic Preservation clients, including federal, state, municipal, as well as the private sector.



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WHAT IS CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT?

When federal or state funds/lands will be impacted by a project's construction (or undertaking), cultural resource investigations are often required. Federal, state, and local compliance laws, such as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), may require a pedestrian survey to inventory, assess, and map archaeological sites, buildings, structures, and objects to determine if they are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Cultural resources may be eligible for the NRHP because of their association with a significant event, important people, architectural or artistic significance, or important information potential.

Sites within a project area are recommended as eligible/not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP based on certain criteria, and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and other agencies, as appropriate, provide concurrence on Zia's recommendations.

If eligible cultural resources are located within a project area, efforts are then made to either avoid or reduce impacts to the location through data recovery (or mitigation) efforts. Data recovery is generally a destructive process, in which a site is often excavated to exhaust its research potential.

CLIENTS

Over the past several years, Zia has worked with a variety of government and commercial clients including:

- Spaceport America
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- City of Las Cruces, NM
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Bureau of Reclamation
- Various Solar Clients
- White Sands Military Reservation, NM
- Holloman AFB, NM
- Doña Ana County, NM
- Parkhill, Smith and Cooper
- Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation

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Zia offers the following Cultural Resources Services tailored to our clients' needs, the applicable laws and regulations, and the scope of the project:

- Archaeological Pedestrian Surveys
- Archival Research
- Testing, Data Recovery, Monitoring
- Damage Assessments
- Construction Training
- Construction Monitoring
- Displays and Interpretive Design
- Ethnographic Research and Interviews
- Historic Building Documentation
- Historic Property Surveys
- Nominations for NRHP
- Section 106 Cultural Resource Overviews

We have a dedicated staff of archaeologists, anthropologists, historians, and other historic preservation professionals who understand the laws and regulations governing environmental and cultural resources including:

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
- Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA)
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)
- Governmental, local, and state agency regulatory permitting and compliance requirements

PERMITTING

Zia conducts cultural resource projects on a wide variety of public and private lands, each requiring their own permit to work on that land type. We hold permits for New Mexico State Trust Lands as well as New Mexico Bureau of Land Management.

Zia also has a New Mexico State burial permit, as well as curation on agreements with the Museum of New Mexico. In Texas, permits are issued on a project-specific basis.

Zia strives to preserve our nation's historical and cultural heritage through comprehensive cultural resources. We are qualified under the U.S. Department of the Interior's requirements (36 CFR 61).

