POLICY AND PROCEDURES REGARDING LARGE-SCALE NON-COLLECTION SURVEYS AND LONG-TERM NON-COLLECTION SURVEYS

Arizona Board of Regents Policy Manual, Rules Implementing A.R.S. § 15-1631 and § 41-841, et seq., The Arizona Antiquities Act, Policy 8-201(A), Definitions; Policy 8-202(A), Types of permits issued; Policy 8-202(B), Permit application requirements; Policy 8-202(E), Amendments to permits; Policy 8-203(C), Survey; Policy 8-203(E), General reporting requirements; Policy 8-203(F), Basic records; and Policy 8-203(H), Information included in research reports

I. Definitions
A. “AAA” is the Arizona Antiquities Act.

B. “Survey” means an activity with the purpose of locating, identifying, and evaluating archaeological or paleontological sites without causing any disturbance of the ground.

C. “Non-collection survey” means a survey that does not include the collection of archaeological or paleontological specimens.

D. “State lands” means lands owned or controlled by the State of Arizona or by any agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of the State of Arizona, including any county or municipal corporation.

E. A “project-specific permit” is a type of AAA permit issued for a single survey or excavation project to be conducted on State land at a location specified in the permit application and is valid for no more than one year from the permit effective date. Permits may be amended and extended.

F. A “large-scale non-collection survey” is any non-collection survey that will encompass 640 or more acres, or 10 or more linear miles, of state lands.

G. A “long-term non-collection survey” is a non-collection survey of state lands that will involve fieldwork lasting 90 or more calendar days.


II. Policy
A. An AAA project-specific permit must be issued in advance of any non-collection survey that will encompass 640 or more acres, or 10 or more linear miles, of state lands, regardless of the length of time anticipated to complete the work.

B. An AAA project-specific permit must be issued in advance of any non-collection survey conducted on state lands that will involve fieldwork that is planned to last for 90 or more calendar days.

C. Exemption requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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III. Procedures
A. A project-specific permit application and a treatment plan should be submitted to ASM prior to the initiation of any large-scale non-collection survey or long-term non-collection survey. Work may not begin until a project-specific permit has been issued by ASM.

B. The treatment plan submitted for a large-scale non-collection survey or a long-term non-collection survey must address applicable standards to guide fieldwork, as outlined in the Rules, Policy 8-203(C).

C. All AAA project-specific permit application requirements listed in the Rules, Policy 8-202(B) must be met when conducting a large-scale non-collection survey or a long-term non-collection survey.

D. A Notification of Intent to Survey need not be submitted for a large-scale non-collection survey or a long-term non-collection survey.

E. All requirements of a research report, as listed in the Rules, Policy 8-203(H), must be met for all large-scale non-collection survey and long-term non-collection survey projects.

F. All project materials resulting from large-scale non-collection surveys and from long-term non-collection surveys must be curated at ASM.

G. A separate ASM Repository Agreement must be requested for each large-scale non-collection survey or long-term non-collection survey.

H. If a non-collection survey will: (1) cross multiple land jurisdictions; (2) encompass 640 or more acres (or more than 10 linear miles); and (3) involve fieldwork lasting 90 or more calendar days, a project-specific permit is not required if both of the following conditions are met: fewer than 640 acres (or fewer than 10 linear miles) of the survey area include state lands and fewer than 90 calendar days of fieldwork will occur on state lands.