

Digging in the Forest

The Forest Service has asked us to pass along the following message regarding digging in the forest:

Ground disturbance will not be authorized within the boundary of an historic property. It is your responsibility to determine if your project falls within the boundaries of an historic property before you submit your application. The information is available through the WY State Historic Preservation Office and/or the University's Anthropology Department. Ground disturbance is limited to 1 cubic meter, including soil pits. Soil pits should be located on a slope less than 60% and hand dug. Soil pits should be opened for installation and closed within 24 hours and never left open overnight. Soil pits will not be dug in wet conditions or precipitation events where sedimentation could occur from runoff of exposed soil. Soil pits will not be dug within 100 feet of NWI designated wetlands or streams. Upon completion of the project, instruments used in the study will be retrieved from site and reclamation of soil pits and disturbed areas will occur, to include replacing topsoil.