



What is Save History & the ARPA Assistance Initiative?

The Bureau of Indian Affairs and Archaeology Southwest are partners in a multi-year Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) agreement to provide Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) assistance.



Our team collaborates with Tribes to prevent, detect, and respond to archaeological resource crimes. We create educational resources for practitioners and the public, facilitate ARPA training events, and help remediate archaeological sites damaged by looting and vandalism. Our website, **SaveHistory.org**, provides educational resources and a confidential crime reporting mechanism for the public.

We provide these resources at no cost to Tribal Nations.

Mission

To eliminate archaeological resource crimes from all Tribal lands.

Goals

- **Prevent** archaeological resource crime through education that centers Tribal perspectives on the value of heritage sites
- **Detect** archaeological resource crimes through monitoring, reporting by community members, and emerging technologies
- **Respond** to reported crimes by coordinating investigations with a network of trained professionals, including archaeologists and law enforcement
- **Restore** damaged sites to aid in remediation, healing in Tribal communities, and stewardship enactment
- **Build capacity and collaborate** with Tribes to protect and restore sites, support ARPA response networks, and develop strategies to prevent and address archaeological resource crimes in culturally appropriate ways

What We Offer for Historic Preservation Offices and Law Enforcement

- Customizable ARPA training courses for Tribal cultural resources staff, archaeologists, and law enforcement on how to conduct ARPA damage assessments and investigations
- Investigation support, including personnel, equipment, and assistance with ARPA Damage Assessments
- Tools to protect and monitor sites, including no-trespassing signs, surveillance cameras, and fencing materials
- Templates for Tribal cultural resource protection laws
- Restoration support and training to remediate damage at archaeological sites
 - Backfilling looters' holes
 - Graffiti cleanup on rock imagery panels

Literature

- Request form: <https://forms.gle/nG8RcECdCf7pBUV47>
- For cultural resource specialists and law enforcement:
 - *A Guide to Field Investigation and Documentation of Archaeological Resources Protection Act Violations*
 - *Critical Tasks for Field Investigation of ARPA Violations*
 - *Ranger Cards* with pertinent cultural resource ordinances
 - *Technical Guidelines for Backfilling Archaeological Sites*
- For public education and awareness:
 - *Respect the Land You Stand On* magazine (grades 9–12, adults)
 - *Save Indigenous History: An Activity Book for Children* (grades 3–5)
 - *Protect the Past for the Future* comic (grades 6–12)
 - Save History Fact Sheets, Postcards, and Stickers (grades 9–12, adults)
 - Save History Digital Toolkit for Social Media Outreach



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Public Outreach & Education

- Customizable cultural resource awareness trainings to promote citizen stewardship
- Respecting Archaeological Sites presentation/activity for Grades 3-12 in classroom and/or outdoor settings
- Guest lectures for academic, professional, and public audiences
- Tabling at events

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