

Proposed initial work plan for Phase 1 Tribal field survey at the Dewey-Burdock ISR Project Area, June 11-22, 2018

The following proposed plan of work would be followed for the first three or four days of the field effort, with subsequent field activities determined in consultation with the participating Tribe(s).

On the first day, we will ask the Powertech person(s) responsible for transporting the team from Edgemont to the project area to provide us a “windshield survey” of the entire project area so that the combined field team can gain an overall perspective of the landscape under scrutiny.

For each of the first few days, a daily approach would be employed that involves field visits to a select number of places, generally 3-5, depending on access and actual time that needs to be spent at each place. Places to be visited will be prioritized according to the following format:

1. Places will be selected from the list of known tribally-identified sites, either from the lists for: 1) previously recorded archaeological sites that were revisited by the Tribes in 2013 and which the Tribes identified additional features of significance within the archaeological site boundaries, or 2) places identified by the 2013 Tribes on the Dewey-Burdock landscape that fall outside previously identified archaeological sites.
2. To prioritize within those two types of places (total number = 58), the initial daily site lists will be focused, at the outset, on Tribal places/features located in the direct impact APE since those will be the most critical for potential effects during construction and operation of the ISR facility. A secondary deciding factor could be the current National Register status for each place, although this is considered to be subsidiary to other concerns since we are seeking the evaluations of potential significance from the 2018 participating Tribes.
3. For each day, SC&A will prepare a “daily package” for each of the participating Tribes, including the known information for each of the places to be visited that day. Further, a discussion will occur at the beginning of each day in which the list of sites is reviewed, including information for why a particular place has been selected, what and where it is, and any other relevant information.
4. Each daily package will include an extra few sites so that if time is left in a workday, additional visits can be undertaken. At the same time, if the short list of sites selected for a day’s field effort cannot be completed on that day, then those unvisited sites would roll over to the next day.

As collectively agreed to at a certain point of time and based on ongoing communication between the contractor field crew and the Tribal field crew(s), additional efforts will be determined for the remainder of the field session. This could include continuing to revisit previously recorded Tribal sites outside the APE if the preceding known site visits have been found to be productive or engaging in field surveys of areas of specified Tribal interest elsewhere within the project area. In either situation, the SC&A field team will be prepared to support the Tribal effort by providing existing information, as applicable, and completing documentation of both revisited places and for any new Tribal places identified on the landscape.