

NEVADA RESOURCE RECORDATION GUIDELINES

There are three ways to record cultural resources: the standard IMACS Long Form, the Nevada Short Form, and the isolate table.

When to use these forms: The IMACS Long Form is the standard form for recording all cultural resources. The IMACS USER'S GUIDE provides for all information on when and how to use the Long Form.

The Short Form may be used to record prehistoric and historic sites that lack depositional, temporal, or structural physical context, such that their data content can be adequately captured on initial recordation. The Short Form is also appropriate for sites that lack historic context and cannot be definitively associated with a specific historic theme, as defined in the *Nevada Comprehensive Preservation Plan*.

Resources for which the Short Form is appropriate vary depending upon physical and historic context. In other words, examine the physical and historic context of the site and choose wisely before using this form. Appendices E, F and G of the Nevada Protocol Agreement (NPA), located on the Bureau of Land Management web page (www.nv.blm.gov), will provide additional guidance.

If you are uncomfortable with using the Short Form, use the Long Form.

If you think you need to expand the Short Form, or develop personal supplemental forms as attachments, use the Long Form.

How to use the Short Form: All items with bold asterisks (administrative and environmental), and material types and artifacts (prehistoric and historic) in the Artifact Summary table, will be encoded onto the Short Form according to codes located in the IMACS User's Guide, Sections 310-Part A, Administrative Data, 320-Part B, Prehistoric Site Data, and 330-Part C, Historic Site Data.

The Artifact Summary table will include the count and density per m² for all artifacts: debitage, bifaces, formed tools, all historic and prehistoric culturally modified materials, as well as the codes for material types and artifacts. The comments section will be used to further describe artifacts, when necessary. If the on site cultural materials cannot be described within this table, then the site should be recorded on the long form.

An Historic Resources Worksheet is attached as an aid to field personnel with limited historic experience. It is not a substitute for, or an attachment to the Short Form.

The isolate table will be used when recording isolates as defined in the NPA, Appendix E.