

Archaeological Isolated Find/Feature Form Instructions

To be used *only* for phenomena that meet the requirements of the recorder's definition. This form is **not** to be used for phenomena that are eligible for the National Register or are part of the built environment. Typically, isolated finds are transportable artifacts representing a single activity. A single feature may be considered an isolated feature and recorded on this form.

Please note that isolated finds (IFs) may be eligible for the N.R.H.P.. The *Colorado Cultural Resource Survey Manual (Revised 2007 Version)* changed the characterization of isolated finds. The current language is, "Because of the limited information provided on an Isolated Find Form, SHPO staff will invariably find these resources not eligible. If you are recommending the resource is eligible or are recommending further work, the resource needs to be documented on the appropriate form." This form is the sole documentation for the cultural resource occurrence.

Be sure that you attach a map in 1:24,000 scale with the IF clearly plotted.

1. Resource Number: Please place the site number (Smithsonian trinomial number) here. Contact OAHF staff (303-866-5216) to obtain a number.
2. Temporary Resource Number: Indicate any temporary numbers assigned in the field.
3. County: Fill in the appropriate county name.
4. Recorder's Definition of Isolated Find: Describe your criteria for distinguishing isolated finds from sites. Make sure you are in agreement with the land managing agency's definition.
5. Locational Information: Enter the Prime Meridian in the "P.M." cell, and the Township, Range and Section in the following cells. In the "Quarter Sections" cell, identify the aliquot parts ("¼ ¼"), and describe how you aligned them, especially if the section is an odd shape.
6. U.S.G.S. Quad: List the name of the 7.5' U.S.G.S. quadrangle on which the isolate is located.
7. Elevation: Give the elevation of the isolate in feet.
8. UTMs: List the Zone (and the NAD datum), followed by the easting (mE) and the northing (mN). Check the appropriate box for the calculation method, whether manually, corrected or uncorrected GPS.

9. UTM Source: Indicate how UTM's were calculated and if you used a GPS if the data were corrected. There are four ways to correct GPS data: differentially, wide-area augmentation system, satellite service providers using L-band frequencies, and postprocessing. If you used one of these ways, then check the appropriate box. To see a comparison of the four aforementioned methods, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/database/gps/pubs/htmlpubs/htm04712307/>
10. Landowner: Identify the private owner or land managing agency (e.g., BLM, U.S.FS, NPS). Be as specific as possible. (Example: BLM-San Juan Field Office, not just BLM).
11. Describe Artifact(s): List and describe artifacts observed at the isolated find location. Please include drawings or photographs of any diagnostic artifacts. Be sure to mention the dimension and/or distribution of the artifacts. If no artifacts are present, check the "No artifacts" box. The sum total of the artifacts better not exceed what you have listed in your definition!
12. Describe Feature: Describe the feature you are recording, including dimensions. Make sure you include a sketch map. If no feature is present, check the "No features" box. If you have recorded artifacts, and you are tempted to describe an associated feature, you probably need to be filling out a Management Data and appropriate component form.
13. Cultural Affiliation and Justification: Identify the most appropriate cultural affiliation and the basis for your classification.
14. Time Period and Justification: Indicate the approximate time period of the isolated find and the basis for your estimate.
15. Relevant Environmental Information: Describe the natural environment in which the isolated find is located. Include pertinent data about elevation, topography, soils, vegetation, and nearby water sources.
16. Is this isolate located in a cultural landscape? Indicate, by checking the appropriate box, whether the resource is located in a cultural or historic landscape. A cultural landscape is defined as "a geographic area, including both cultural and natural resources and the wildlife or domestic animals therein, associated with a historic event, activity, or person or exhibiting other cultural or aesthetic values." There are four general types of cultural landscapes, which are not mutually exclusive: *historic sites*, *historic designed landscapes*, *historic vernacular landscapes*, and *ethnographic landscapes* (see http://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb30/nrb30_8.htm - National Register Bulletin 30 *Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Rural Historic Landscapes* for more information).
17. Why is this isolated find/feature not eligible for the National Register? By using this form, you are implying that you find the resource not eligible for the National Register. Please justify your reasons for believing the IF is not eligible.

18. Additional Information: Please include any additional information in this cell. It is acceptable to attach additional pages if necessary.
19. Collection: Indicate whether or not the artifact(s) was collected, and list the name of the institution where the artifact(s) will be curated.
20. Report Title and Project Number: Provide the name of the report and any reference number with which the isolated find is associated.
21. Recorder and Affiliation: Enter the full name of the recorder, the name of the organization, agency or company with which the recorder is affiliated (be specific), and the date on which the IF was recorded. The date should be in a MM/DD/YYYY format.

Additional Required Materials

U.S.G.S. Map Location

Attach to the form a copy of the portion of the 1:24,000 United States Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.) quad map clearly showing the location of the isolated find or isolated feature. Do not reduce or enlarge this map. Include the Smithsonian trinomial number, the name of the U.S.G.S. quad, and the township and range in which the IF is located.

Standard quadrangle maps may be obtained through the U.S. Geological Survey Information Services Center. Please visit www.usgs.gov for more information.