



Purpose, Need and Objectives

What is the Purpose of the Plan?

Purpose is a statement of goals and objectives that NPS intends to fulfill by taking action.

The purpose of the Archeological Resources Management Plan is to provide a framework for comprehensive archeological resources management.

What is the Need of the Plan?

The *Need* Statement explains why this action is being proposed at this time.

Archeological resources are threatened by river bank erosion, vegetation encroachment, burrowing mammals, facility placement, and other impacts. Managers need a suite of management actions to address threats to the park's primary resources. These actions should:

- provide a proactive and coordinated approach
- maximize archeological resource preservation, while allowing natural processes to the extent possible
- allow for management that adjusts to the resource condition with an appropriate response mechanism, and
- provide for visitor use, traditional tribal use, education, and research opportunities.

What are the Objectives of the Plan?

- Preserve archeological sites in an undisturbed condition unless it is determined through an informed decision-making process that disturbance or natural deterioration is unavoidable.
- Improve preservation and storage of archeological resources in the museum collection.
- Promote tribal involvement in archeological resource management and decision making.
- Foster tribal collaboration in preservation, research, and interpretation of archeological resources.
- Develop archeological resource interpretation and research opportunities to expand knowledge of Northern Plains tribal history, culture, and ways of life.

What do you think?