PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT
AMONG
U.S. ARMY GARRISON FORT GORDON,
THE GEORGIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER, AND
THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
REGARDING
OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, TRAINING, AND DEVELOPMENT OF FORT GORDON, RICHMOND, COLUMBIA, MCDUFFIE, AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, GEORGIA
(HP-060410-014)

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Gordon (Fort Gordon) plans to continue to coordinate and administer an ongoing program of operations, maintenance, training, and development (Project); and

WHEREAS, Fort Gordon, a federally owned and operated facility, plans to carry out the Project pursuant to Army regulations, thereby making the Project an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 USC § 470f , and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR Part 800; and

WHEREAS, Fort Gordon has defined the undertaking's area of potential effect (APE) as described in Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, Fort Gordon has determined that the aforementioned program, including undertakings performed by Fort Gordon lessees, permitees, and tenant units, may have an adverse effect on historic properties eligible for listing in or listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NHRP), and has consulted with the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to consultation conducted under 36 CFR § 800.14(b), the signatories have developed this Programmatic Agreement (PA) in order to establish an efficient and effective program alternative for taking into account the effects of the Project on historic properties where routine management of activities are undertaken at Federal installations; and

WHEREAS, Fort Gordon has notified and requested comments from the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, the Catawba Indian Nation, the Cherokee Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, the Kialegee Tribal Town, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, and United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (Tribes), all with potential concerns for properties of traditional, religious, or cultural significance at Fort Gordon; and

WHEREAS, none of the Tribes submitted any comments nor did they request to be concurring parties on the PA; and

WHEREAS, the Catawba Indian Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians requested Memorandums of Understanding be developed, with the Tribes, as an alternative to address the process outlined in this PA; and

WHEREAS, Fort Gordon has signed *Memorandum of Understanding Pursuant to the Native American Graves Repatriation Act and Other Federal Acts and Orders* with the Catawba Indian Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, and the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town (2012), and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (2013); and

WHEREAS, Fort Gordon has afforded the public an opportunity to comment on this PA in accordance with 36 CFR 800.14(b)(ii) by publishing a Notice of Availability in the Augusta Chronicle notifying the public that this PA was available for a 30 day review through the Fort Gordon Environmental webpage and received no comment; and

WHEREAS, Fort Gordon has notified both the Augusta Archaeological Society and Historic Augusta, Inc with a letter and copy of this PA for a 30 day review and received no comment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.6(a)(1), Fort Gordon has notified the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) of its adverse effect determination with specified documentation, and the ACHP has chosen to participate in the consultation pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6(a)(1)(iii); and

WHEREAS, the Cantonment Area (as defined in Appendix B) shall be exempt for further survey and inventory for archaeological sites because of extensive disturbance due to construction and troop activities, and

WHEREAS, the unexploded ordnance and dudded impact areas (as defined in Appendix B) shall be exempted from future Section 106 review because these areas are not safe for cultural resource inventory surveys; and

WHEREAS, Fort Gordon has completed architectural surveys of all buildings built between 1942 and 1989 and has completed archaeological surveys at the Phase I level for all areas of the installation with the exception of approximately 119 acres in Training Areas 1 and 23 (Appendix C), which are not included in the above excluded areas; and

WHEREAS, the SHPO has reviewed all of Fort Gordon's existing cultural resources surveys and has concurred with the NRHP eligibility determinations of the identified buildings (Appendix E) and archaeological sites in these surveys; and;

WHEREAS, undertakings at properties for which effects have been taken into account through the *Program Comment for Capehart and Wherry Era Army Family Housing and Associated Structures and Landscape Features (1949–1962)*, the *Program Comment for World War II and Cold War Era (1939-1974) Ammunition Storage Facilities*, the *Program Comment for Cold War Era Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (1946-1947)*,

and the *Program Comment for DoD Rehabilitation Treatment Measures* are not part of this PA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Army Regulation 200-1, *Environmental Protection and Enhancement*, the Army has designated the Garrison Commander (Commander) to serve as the agency official responsible for compliance with the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Fort Gordon, the SHPO, and the ACHP agree that undertakings shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effects of the undertakings on historic properties.

STIPULATIONS

Fort Gordon shall ensure that the following measures are carried out:

I. Personnel

A. Fort Gordon shall employ, maintain a contract with, or, obtain through other means, qualified professionals that meet the *Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards* (36 CFR 61; 48 FR 44738-9), in disciplines appropriate to the Installation's historic properties, to serve as technical support to the Installation cultural resource management staff.

B. The Commander shall designate an installation "Cultural Resource Manager" (CRM) to coordinate the installation's cultural resources management program. The Cultural Resources Manager (CRM) will participate in installation-level planning for projects and activities that may affect historic properties and shall ensure that the CRM reviews are carried out in accordance with the terms of this PA.

II. Planning and Coordination of Installation Activities

A. Section 106 Coordination with SHPO

Fort Gordon shall conduct the Section 106 consultation process in the following manner:

1. Determine the Undertaking

a. The CRM shall determine if the proposed project is an undertaking as defined in 36 CFR § 800.16(y).

i. If the CRM determines the proposed project is an undertaking that has no potential to cause effects on historic properties as defined in 36 CFR § 800.16(i), the CRM shall document this determination for inclusion in the

Annual Report (Stipulation VI), and Fort Gordon has no further obligations under this stipulation.

ii. If the CRM determines the proposed project is an undertaking with the potential to cause effects on historic properties, the CRM will continue the Project Review process.

2. Define the Area of Potential Effects and Identify Historic Properties

a. The CRM shall determine and document the undertaking's APE taking into account direct, indirect, and cumulative effects.

b. The CRM shall review existing survey information and a review of any potential impact to the 119 acres currently unsurveyed in Training areas 1 and 23 to determine if cultural resources surveys are required for the APE.

i. If identification efforts are not adequate in part or all of the APE for an undertaking, the CRM will ensure that adequate identification is completed by professionals as appropriate to the kinds of historic properties likely to be within the APE.

ii. If there are properties requiring evaluation present in the APE, the CRM will evaluate the property for eligibility to the NRHP and will forward documentation supporting the evaluations to SHPO for review and concurrence. Properties, both archaeological and historic buildings, which would require reevaluation, are listed as potentially eligible in Appendix E.

(a) The SHPO shall be afforded 30 calendar days to respond to the Fort Gordon's determinations of eligibility.

(b) If Fort Gordon and the SHPO agree that the properties in the APE are not eligible for inclusion on the NRHP, the CRM may proceed to Stipulation II.A.2.c.

(c) If Fort Gordon and the SHPO do not agree on determinations of eligibility, the CRM will either resolve the disagreement through further consultation with SHPO or will consult the Keeper of the National Register pursuant to 36 CFR Part 63.

c. If the CRM does not identify historic properties within the APE, the CRM shall document this determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for inclusion in the Annual Report; and Fort Gordon has no further obligations under this stipulation.

d. If the CRM identifies historic properties that may be directly, indirectly, or

cumulatively affected within the APE, the CRM shall continue the Project Review process.

3. The CRM will apply the criteria of effect for all historic properties located within an APE.

a. If the project will have no effect or no adverse effect on the property or falls under Stipulation III, Exempt Activities, the cultural resource staff will document and file the assessment, which will be included in the annual report, and the undertaking may proceed.

b. If the staff finds that an undertaking will have an adverse effect to a historic property, Fort Gordon will notify the SHPO of the adverse effect finding by providing a description of the project, its APE (with photographs, maps, and drawings as necessary), a description of the steps taken to identify historic properties, a description of affected historic properties, a description of the undertaking's effects on historic properties, an explanation of why the criteria for adverse effect were found, as per 36 CFR § 800.11(e).

4. Fort Gordon and the SHPO will continue consultation to resolve the adverse effect until either the project is modified to avoid the adverse effect or a mitigation plan, including the development of a Memorandum of Agreement, is developed and implemented per 36 §§ CFR 800.5-6.

5. An incident of emergency or inadvertent discovery will be handled per Standard Operating Procedure 4 in Fort Gordon's Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP). Any NAGRPA related burials or items will be handled per Standard Operating Procedure 7 in the ICRMP. Both of these sections are included in Appendix F.

III. Exempt Activities

A. Projects Exempt from External Review

1. The following activities are considered to have no effect on historic properties and shall be exempt from further consideration from the SHPO under the terms of this agreement:

a. Roadway, parking lot, and firebreak repair, resurfacing, or reconstruction that takes place within the previously maintained roadway or parking lot or firebreak surfaces;

b. Maintenance, repair, or replacement in-kind of existing sidewalks and curbs, not including historic pavements such as bricks or cobblestones;

c. Routine foot trail maintenance that does not involve new ground disturbance;

d. Repair, maintenance, or installation of utility poles, pedestals, and lines (including underground installations) that takes place within the existing disturbed utility right-of-way or trench;

e. Approved active landfill operations in previously disturbed and formerly active landfills that are now closed;

f. Approved active previously disturbed borrow pits and formerly active borrow pits that are now closed;

g. Removal, repair, or replacement within existing locations of underground fuel and storage tanks;

h. The repair or installation of railroad warning devices, signs, lighting, guide rail, fencing, and traffic signals within the existing right-of-way or area of disturbance;

i. Routine maintenance including grass cutting and tree trimming throughout the Installation;

j. Routine cross-country passage of military field vehicles, including tracked vehicles on unprotected areas;

k. Routine firing of ordnance during the course of training and maneuvers on designated firing ranges;

l. Training activities that do not involve mechanically-assisted excavation or excavation in unsurveyed areas;

m. Removal of asbestos-containing materials in buildings neither eligible nor potentially eligible to the National Register;

n. Energy conservation measures in buildings neither eligible nor potentially eligible to the National Register that include, but are not limited to the following:

i. Modifications to HVAC control systems or conversions to alternative fuels;

ii. Insulation in roofs, crawl spaces, ceilings, attics, walls, floors, and around pipes and ducts;

iii. The installation of storm doors or windows or insulated double or triple glazing;

v. Caulking and weather-stripping, provided the color of the caulking is consistent with the appearance of the building; and

vi. Replacement or modification of lighting systems

o. Mechanically-assisted excavations conducted for training and other activities in areas of prior ground disturbance and/or completed archaeological surveys, where no archaeological sites eligible for the NRHP have been identified;

p. The approval of tracts for natural resources and/or forest management activities in areas of prior ground disturbance and/or completed archaeological survey, where no archaeological sites eligible for the NRHP have been identified;

q. The alteration, maintenance, repair, or demolition of buildings less than fifty (50) years of age, unless it has been determined by CRM staff, in consultation with the SHPO, that such buildings possess characteristics of exceptional significance or significance associated with the Cold War era;

r. The alteration, maintenance, repair, or demolition of buildings that have been surveyed and their recommendation of ineligibility for the NRHP has been agreed upon by the CRM staff, in consultation with the SHPO; and

s. Agricultural activities restricted in tillage depth to a level no deeper than previously practiced on a particular tract.

IV. Native American Consultation

A. Consultation Procedures

1. Fort Gordon shall consult with the Catawba Indian Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians per Section II of the *Memorandum of Understanding Pursuant to the Native American Graves Repatriation Act and Other Federal Acts and Orders* finalized individually with these four tribes.

2. For the other tribes (Appendix C), Fort Gordon shall consult in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800 and Executive Order 13175 with the Tribal leaders and/or other designated Tribal Representative on effects to historic properties on Fort Gordon that have traditional religious and/or cultural significance to each tribe.

V. Anti-Deficiency Act Compliance

The stipulations of this PA are subject to the provisions of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341. If compliance with the Anti-Deficiency Act alters or impairs Fort Gordon's ability to implement the stipulations of this PA, Fort Gordon will consult in accordance with the amendment and termination procedures found at Stipulation VIII and IX of this PA.

VI. Reporting and Annual Review

A. The Commander shall provide the SHPO with an annual report on or before January 31 of each year summarizing activities carried out during the previous year under the terms of this PA.

1. Annual reports shall include a list of projects and program activities that affected historic properties, a summary of treatment or mitigation measures implemented to address the effects of undertakings, and a summary of consultation activities and the views of the SHPO and interested parties where appropriate.

2. Activities that are to be reported annually to the SHPO under Fort Gordon's ICRMP Section 5.3.3.4 will be included in this report (Appendix G).

B. The Commander shall ensure that the annual report is available for public inspection, that interested members of the public are made aware of its availability, and that interested members of the public are invited to provide comments to Fort Gordon.

VII. Dispute Resolution

Should any signatory party to this PA object at any time to any actions proposed or the manner in which the terms of this PA are implemented, Fort Gordon shall consult with such party to resolve the objection. If Fort Gordon determines that such objection cannot be resolved, Fort Gordon will:

A. Forward all documentation relevant to the dispute, including the Fort Gordon's proposed resolution, to the ACHP. The ACHP shall provide Fort Gordon with its advice on the resolution of the objection within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving adequate documentation. Prior to reaching a final decision on the dispute, Fort Gordon shall prepare a written response that takes into account any timely advice or comments regarding the dispute from the ACHP, signatory parties, and provide them with a copy of this written response. Fort Gordon will then proceed according to its final decision.

B. If the ACHP does not provide its advice regarding the dispute within the thirty (30) calendar day time period, Fort Gordon may make a final decision on the dispute and proceed accordingly. Prior to reaching such a final decision, Fort Gordon shall prepare a written response that takes into account any timely comments regarding the dispute from the signatory parties to the PA, and provide them and the ACHP with a copy of such written response.

C. Fort Gordon's responsibility to carry out all other actions subject to the terms of this PA that are not the subject of the dispute remain unchanged.

VIII. Amendment

This PA may be amended when such an amendment is agreed to in writing by all signatories. The amendment will be effective on the date a copy signed by all of the signatories is filed with the ACHP.

IX. Termination

A. If any signatory to this PA determines that its terms will not or cannot be carried out, that party shall immediately consult with the other parties to attempt to develop an amendment per Stipulation VIII.

B. If within thirty (30) calendar days (or another time period agreed to by all signatories) an amendment cannot be reached, any signatory may terminate the PA upon written notification to the other signatories.

C. Once the PA is terminated, and prior to work continuing on the undertaking, Fort Gordon must either (a) execute an MOA pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6, or (b) request, take into account, and respond to the comments of the ACHP under 36 CFR § 800.7. Fort Gordon shall notify the signatories as to the course of action it will pursue.

X. Duration

This PA shall take effect on the date it is signed by the last signatory and will remain in effect for 10 years from the date it goes into effect. No extension or modification will be effective unless all signatories have agreed in writing per Stipulation VIII.

XI. Severability

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Agreement is, for any reason, held to be invalid or ineffective, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Agreement.

EXECUTION of this PA by the Fort Gordon, SHPO, and ACHP and implementation of its terms evidence that Fort Gordon has taken into account the effects of undertakings on historic properties and afforded the ACHP an opportunity to comment.

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U.S. ARMY GARRISON FORT GORDON, GEORGIA

By: _____ Date: 3 May 2015
SAMUEL E. ANDERSON
Colonel, SC
Commanding

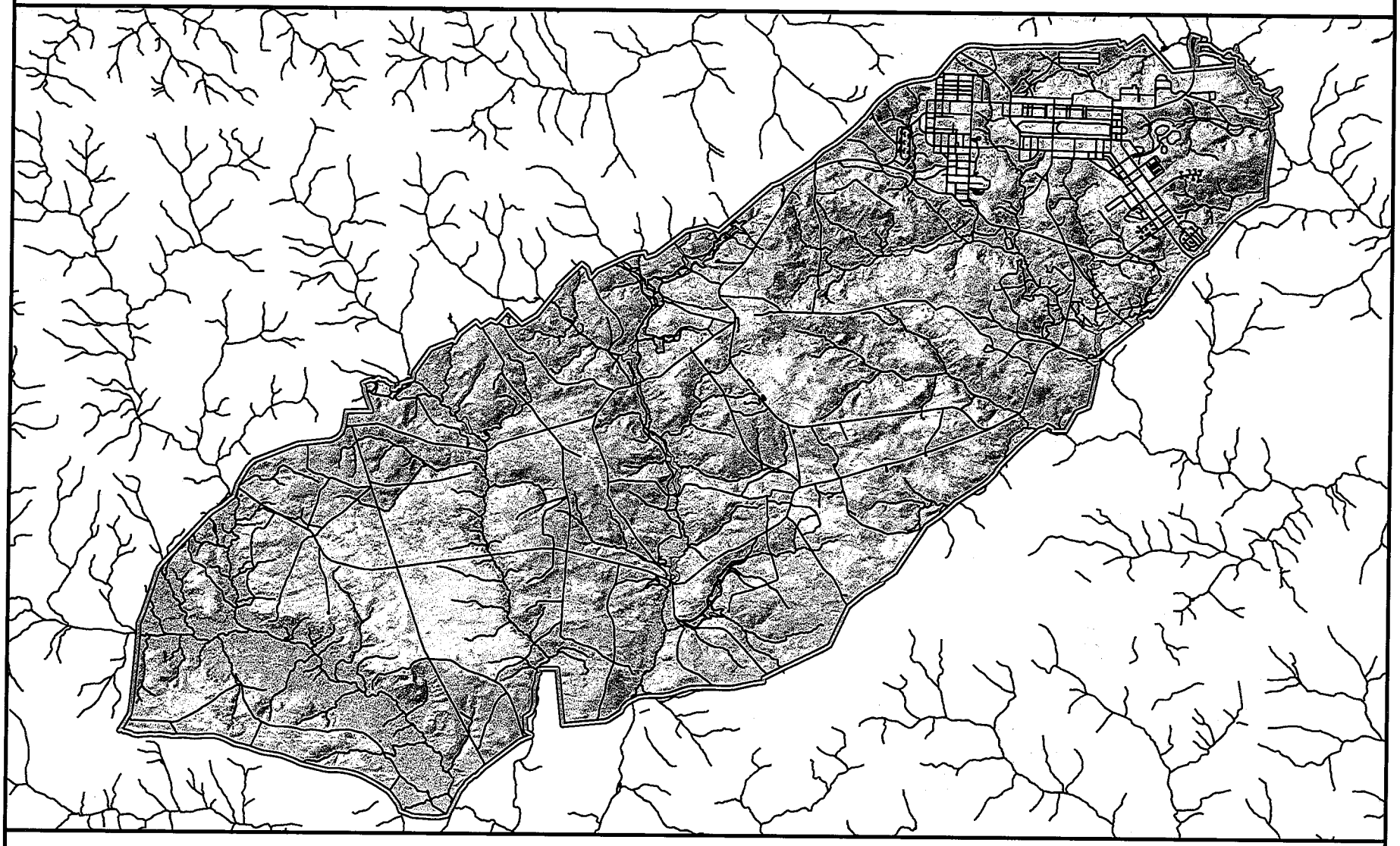
GEORGIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

By: _____ Date: 11 JUNE 2015
DR. DAVID CRASS
Georgia Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer and Division Director

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

By: _____ Date: 2/14/15
JOHN M. FOWLER
Executive Director

Appendix A: Fort Gordon Boundary



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- Installation Boundary
- Roads
- Lakes
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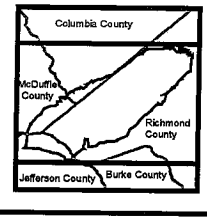
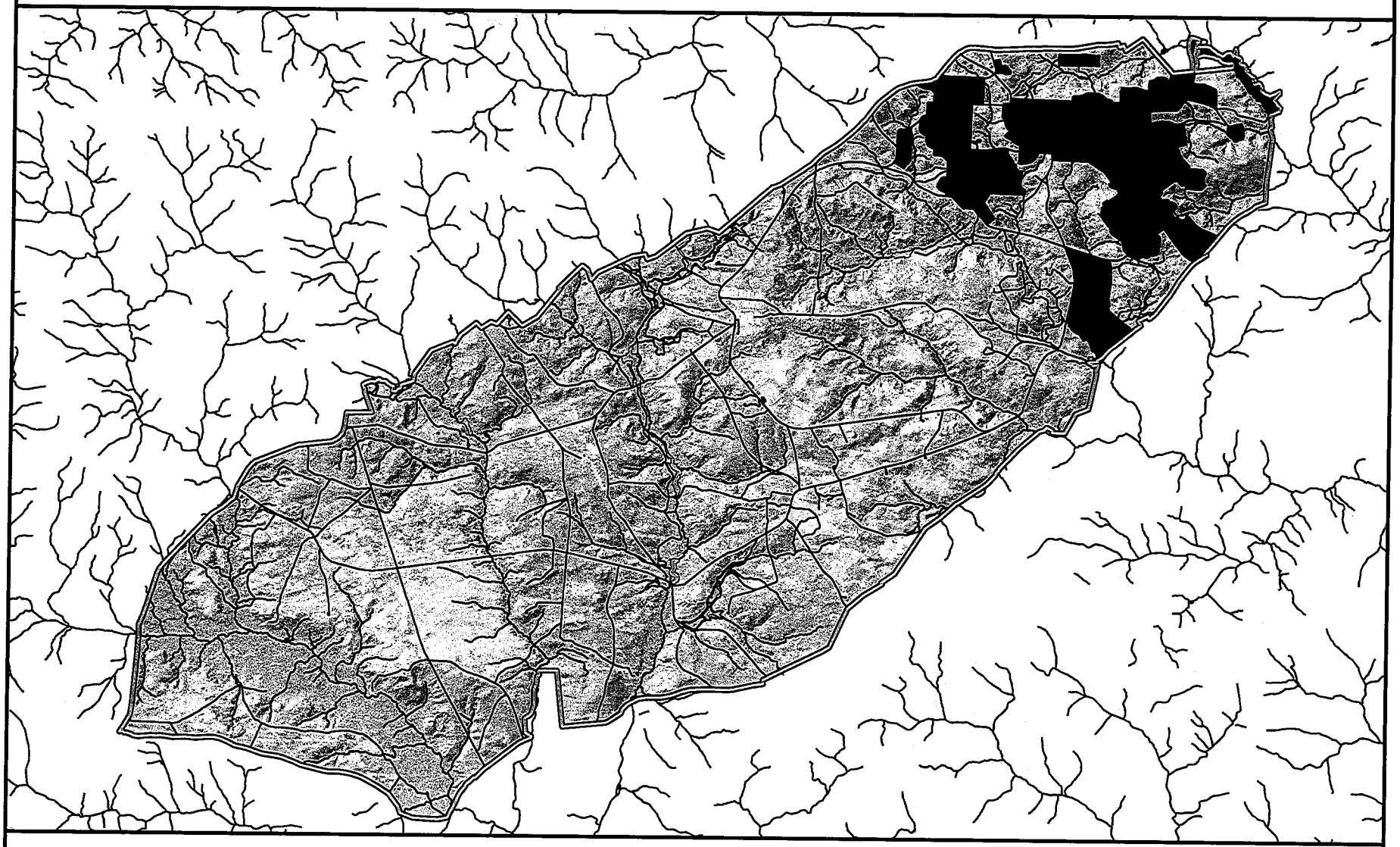


Appendix B: Previously Disturbed Area of Cantonment



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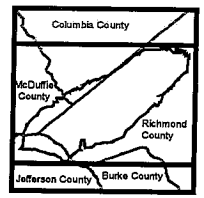

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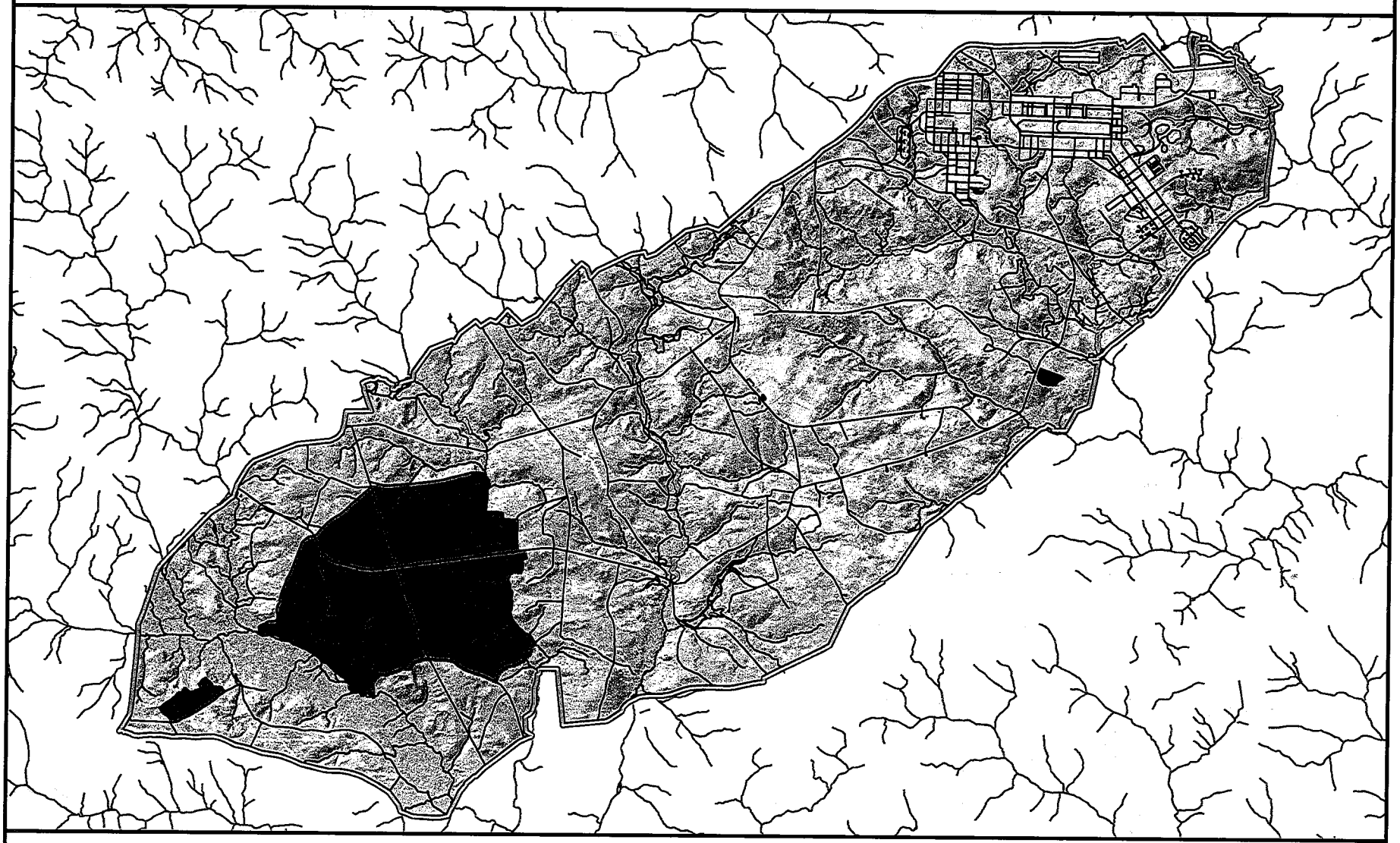

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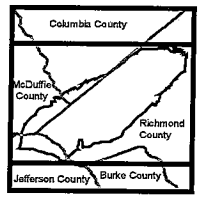
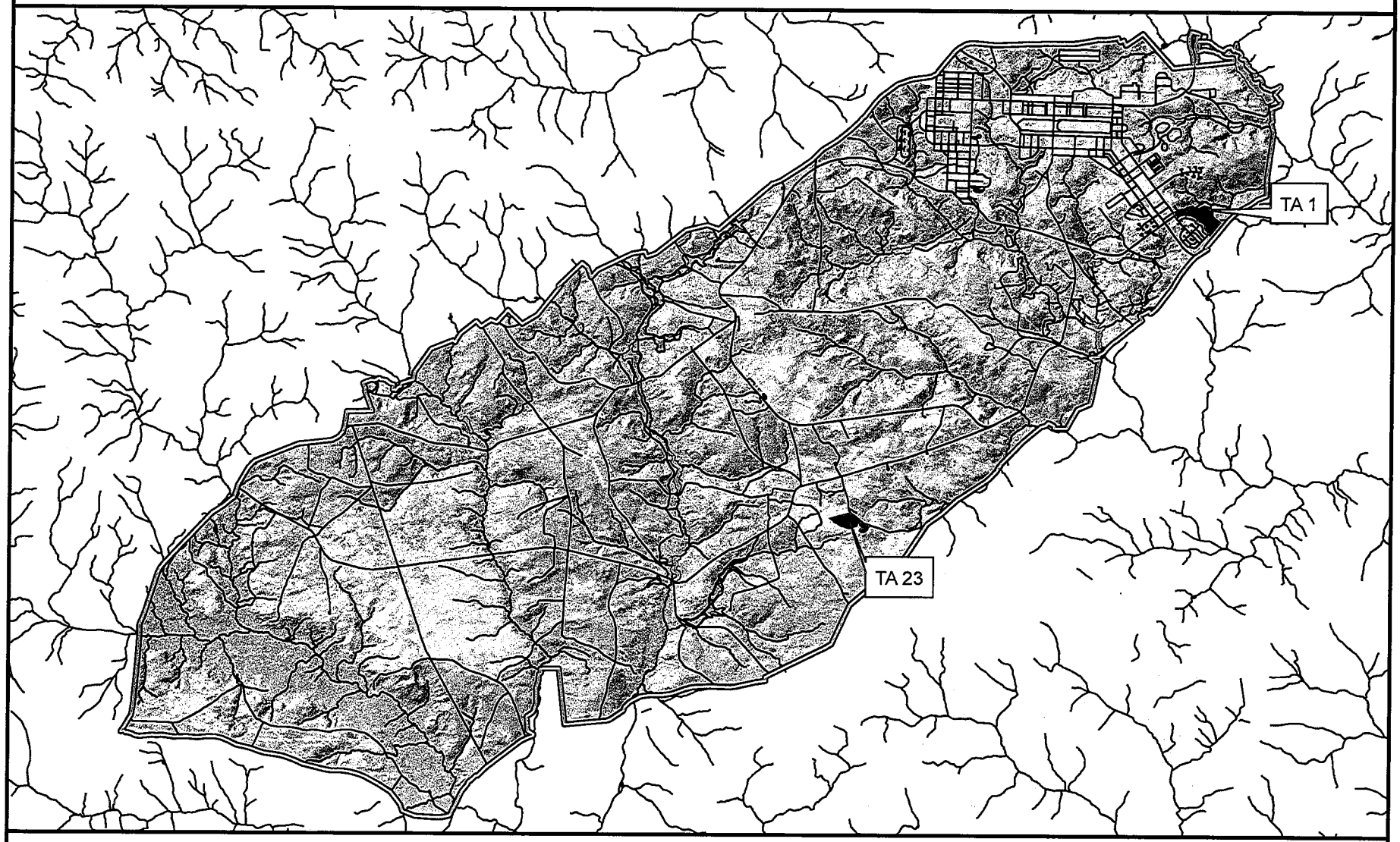


Appendix C: Areas Needing Phase I Survey



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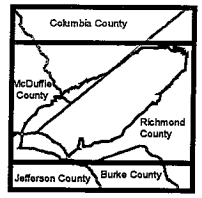

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APPENDIX E: LIST OF ELIGIBLE/POTENTIALLY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND BUILDINGS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES ON FORT GORDON

ELIGIBLE SITES

9CB81
9CB96
9CB106
9CB114
9CB117
9MF20
9MF57
9MF71
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9RI256
9RI281
9RI295
9RI316
9RI346
9RI348
9RI352
9RI365
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9RI374/ 9RI123
9RI430
9RI475
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9RI489
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9RI684
9RI920
9RI930

POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE SITES

9JF16
9JF19/20
9JF21
9JF22
9JF23
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9JF25/26
9JF27/28
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9RI786	9RI827	9RI890	9RI974
9RI793	9RI831	9RI905	9RI977
9RI806	9RI832	9RI914	9RI994
9RI807	9RI834	9RI919	
9RI808	9RI835	9RI925	

BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES ON FORT GORDON

ELIGIBLE BUILDINGS

33500

POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE (BUILDINGS THAT NEED TO BE REEVALUATED)

300	24411	29809
302	24412	29810
303	24413	29811
310	24414	29813
24401	25801	29815
24402	25810	29816
24403	25910	29817
24404	27801	29818
24405	29801	29819
24406	29802	32100
24407	29803	36300
24408	29805	36302
24409	29807	44401
24410	29808	45400

WWII TEMPORARY BUILDINGS

2401
2402
G003

CAPEHART-WHERRY FAMILY HOUSING PROGRAM COMMENT

2	15	24
3	16	25
8	17	26
9	18	27
10	19	28
11	20	29
12	21	30
13	22	
14	23	

UPH PROGRAM COMMENT

19730	25411	25708	29703
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19733	25413	25716	29705
19735	25414	25717	29707
19737	25420	25718	29708
19750	25421	25720	29715
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APPENDIX F: STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE 4 and 7 FROM FORT GORDON INTEGRATED CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

5.5 SOP #4: INADVERTENT OR EMERGENCY DISCOVERY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL DEPOSITS

5.5.1 Description

Regardless of whether a surface inventory has been completed or not, and regardless of whether a planned undertaking has been assessed for its effect on *known* historic properties, every undertaking which disturbs the ground surface has the potential to discover buried and previously unknown archaeological deposits. This SOP outlines the policies and procedures to be followed in such cases.

5.5.2 Policy

Archaeological deposits that are newly discovered in the planning or construction of any undertaking shall be evaluated for their NRHP eligibility.

Until such time as the GA-SHPO has concurred with a recommendation that an archaeological site is not eligible, all known sites will be treated as potentially eligible and will be avoided insofar as possible.

Nothing in Section 106 or other federal regulations requires the Army to stop work on an undertaking after consultation is complete. However, if the GA-SHPO indicates that the property is significant and the effects of the undertaking on the newly discovered historic property are serious, then Fort Gordon shall make reasonable efforts to minimize harm to the property.

5.5.3 Procedure

Archaeological deposits accidentally exposed during training operations and undertakings at Fort Gordon will be examined and assessed for NRHP eligibility by a qualified professional archaeologist as soon as possible after discovery.

Officer in Command (OIC), the Director of Public Works, and Project Managers will remain on the watch for discovery of unexpected buried archaeological material in the course of normal

operations or during specific undertakings. This requirement applies even to undertakings that have already received review through SOP #2.

- For the purposes of this SOP, "unexpected buried archaeological material" includes such items as concentrations of lithics, pottery, glass, metal, building material (such as brick), and especially bones and obvious burials.

  A. Debris of obviously modern origin, consisting of recent bottles and cans and/or synthetic materials such as plastic, does not qualify for further attention under this SOP.
  B. Isolated finds, such as a stone tool ("arrowhead") or other single items unassociated with a concentrated deposit of artifacts, do not qualify for further attention under this SOP.
  C. Personnel unsure of whether or not an unexpected discovery warrants further attention should not hesitate to call the CRM for more experienced assessment, as outlined below.

When unexpected buried archaeological material of note is found, training and other activity near the find should be halted and the unit commander should be notified. If located in a training area, the Unit Field Officer should establish a 20-m (60-foot) off-limits buffer around the find. Range control should be alerted to the discovery, and the need to keep training exercises away from the find, outside the established buffer. Once the buffer is established, training may resume in the vicinity. In non-training area contexts, construction or other activities must cease in the area pending notification of and review by the CRM.

The CRM shall be notified of such finds immediately after discovery, and he or she will contact the Director of Public Works and explain the details of the find.

Once notified of the possible discovery of unexpected buried archaeological material, the CRM will arrange to have a professional archaeologist visit the excavation as soon as possible (within 48 hours), to examine and evaluate the recovered material and any *in situ* deposits.

If the recovered material proves to be natural stones, concretions, or other such items that are sometimes mistaken for archaeological materials, then the CRM may allow the excavation to proceed without further action. Any paleontological resources that are discovered are considered objects of antiquity, pursuant to the Antiquities Act, and should be preserved as scientific data until they can be assessed by a qualified professional.

If, upon examination, the recovered items do turn out to clearly be of human origin, the archaeologist must make a field evaluation of the primary context of the deposit and its probable age and significance, recording the findings in writing and documenting the materials with photographs and drawings as warranted. The CRM shall file site forms recording the find with the Georgia Archaeological Site File in Athens in a routine manner.

- If disturbances to the deposit have been slight, minor alterations to the operation or undertaking causing the disturbance may be made in order to avoid further damage to the

buried site.

- If the details of the operation or undertaking cannot be relocated, the CRM shall report the discovery and initiate emergency consultation with the GA-SHPO as soon as possible.

    A. If both the GA-SHPO and Fort Gordon concur that the deposits are not eligible for inclusion to the NRHP, then the CRM will prepare a memorandum for record, to be included in the site record. The operation or undertaking may proceed, but a professional archaeologist must monitor further ground disturbance in case the work encounters additional archaeological deposits that may be eligible.

    B If, in the opinion of either Fort Gordon or the GA-SHPO, the information initially gathered by the archaeologist is deemed insufficient to make a determination of eligibility, then an emergency-testing plan will be developed by Fort Gordon with coordination and concurrence from the GA-SHPO. Further operations or project undertakings in the vicinity of the site will be suspended until an agreed testing procedure has been carried out and sufficient data has been gathered to allow a determination of eligibility.

        1. If the GA-SHPO and Fort Gordon agree after testing that the site is not eligible for inclusion to the NRHP, then work on the project may resume.
        2. If the site appears to be eligible for inclusion to the NRHP, or if Fort Gordon and the GA-SHPO cannot agree on the question of eligibility, then Fort Gordon shall implement one of the following alternative actions, depending on the urgency of the action being delayed by the discovery of cultural material.

            a. Fort Gordon may relocate the project to avoid adverse effect.
            b. Fort Gordon may proceed with a data recovery plan under a MOA with the GA-SHPO. The MOA shall specify the scope and level of effort of data recovery required to mitigate the adverse impact of the project on the site in question. Where data recovery is expected to be limited in scope and amenable to informal coordination among Fort Gordon, the GA-SHPO, and the Principal Investigator, Fort Gordon may proceed with a data recovery plan without negotiating an MOA.
            c. Fort Gordon may request a determination of eligibility from the Keeper (pursuant to 36 CFR 63).

The activities, status, and results of all compliance actions taken under this SOP will be reported annually as outlined in SOP #2.

5.8 SOP #7: NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVE PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT (NAGPRA) COMPLIANCE

5.8.1 Description

In addition to the general requirements for curating archaeological collections, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA) requires the inventory of human remains and funerary and sacred objects recovered from federal lands which may be subject to claim by Federally-recognized Native American tribal groups, and the active consultation with such groups to determine the disposition of such remains and objects. No such remains or objects are currently known to exist at Fort Gordon or in archaeological collections from sites investigated at the facility. This SOP outlines the policies and procedures to be followed to ensure future compliance.

In 1995 Fort Gordon completed a NAGPRA Section 6 Summary report of the archaeological collection. This report reviewed the artifact collection for the presence of human remains and/or funerary objects. No items falling under NAGRPA were found. There have not been any burials excavated during any archaeological investigations since the writing of this report.

5.8.2 Policy

NAGPRA compliance requires that no Native American human remains, funerary objects, or sacred objects will be knowingly kept in government possession without initiating consultation. Consultation with the appropriate Federally recognized tribal group regarding the disposition of Native American human remains, funerary objects or sacred objects shall be initiated as soon as feasible.

5.8.3 Procedure

The CRM will review in advance all archaeological permits, research designs, and scopes of work to ensure that archaeological investigations at Fort Gordon comply with its requirements.

- If human remains or artifacts that are currently not in government possession but that are suspected to be from Fort Gordon are returned to the government, the CRM will arrange to have a professional archaeologist examine and evaluate the recovered material.

    A. If the remains are not of human origin, then no further action is necessary by the CRM.
    B. If the remains are not of Native American origin, then the remains will be documented and prepared for curation following GA-SHPO standards.
    C. If the remains are of Native American origin, then the CRM will prepare an inventory of the remains and will initiate consultation procedures with the

appropriate Federally-recognized tribal groups.

- If human remains are discovered accidentally during the course of any undertaking, the following procedures will apply:

  A. Work will immediately cease in the vicinity of the human remains.
  B. The site supervisor will immediately notify the appropriate local law enforcement authorities and the CRM.

    1. If the local law enforcement authorities determine that the remains are of recent origin, then no further action is necessary by the CRM and the undertaking may proceed, unless otherwise directed by law enforcement personnel.
    2. If the remains are not recent, the CRM will arrange to have a professional archaeologist visit the site as soon as possible (within 48 hours), to examine and evaluate the recovered material.

      a. If the remains are not of human origin, then no further action is necessary by the CRM and the undertaking may proceed.
      b. If the remains are not of Native American origin, then the site will be treated as stipulated under SOP #6, "Emergency Discovery of Archaeological Deposits."
      c. If the remains are of Native American origin, then further work in the vicinity will be suspended for 30 days to allow for consultation, as required by NAGPRA. Prior to removal of any remains, the CRM will prepare an inventory of the remains and will immediately initiate emergency consultation procedures with the appropriate Federally-recognized tribal groups.

        1) If consultation allows the remains to be removed, then the CRM will insure that the remains are treated and disposed in accordance with the consultation.
        2) If consultation does not allow the remains to be removed, then no further work may proceed in the vicinity of the remains.
        3) Notwithstanding the results of consultation, the CRM will cause the site to be treated as stipulated under SOP #4

APPENDIX G: ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS WITH THE GA SHPO FROM FORT GORDON INTEGRATED CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

5.3.3.4 Annual Reporting Requirements
The activities, status, and results of all compliance actions taken under this SOP will be reported annually to the GA SHPO. The report will cover one calendar year and will be submitted no later than 31 January following the close of the calendar year. Contents of the compliance report shall include the following:

- A summary of compliance actions taken under each SOP
- A summary of known undertakings planned for the coming fiscal year
- A summary of findings from annual NRHP eligible resource monitory survey (SOP #3)
- A summary of undertakings reviewed in accordance with the PA as per Stipulation VII of that document.

The GA-SHPO will have 30 days from receipt of the technical compliance report to comment. The CRM will take comments into account when updating reports