For use by **Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations,** **Federal agencies,** or State of Hawai`i **Department of Hawaiian Home Lands** (DHHL) after a discovery of human remains or cultural items has been reported (see [43 CFR 10.5(a)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10/section-10.5#p-10.5(a)) *Report a discovery*)*.*

No later than 30 days after receiving written documentation of a discovery related to an activity, the appropriate official must complete [43 CFR 10.5(e)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10/section-10.5#p-10.5(e)) *Certify when an activity may resume*. An activity may include but is not limited to construction, mining, logging, or agriculture.

**Insert the following 10 pieces of information** in the appropriate places in this template, indicated by {#. Required information and *additional instructions*}.

1. Indian Tribe/NHO/Federal Agency unit/DHHL. *Full name can be abbreviated or referred to by initials after the first instance, i.e. U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office (BLM Nevada) or State of Hawai‘i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).*
2. Contact information must be provided for the designated appropriate official ([43 CFR 10.4(a)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10#p-10.4(a))), who must be identified by individual name and title.
3. Describe the discovery with general geographical location by county and State.
4. Contact information for the person responsible for the activity.
5. Contact information for the additional point of contact shown in Table 1 of [43 CFR 10.5(a)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10/section-10.5#p-10.5(a)).
6. Instructions for protecting, securing, stabilizing, or covering the human remains or cultural items, if appropriate.
7. Date on which lawful activity may resume around the discovery. *No later than 30 days after #2.*
8. Indian Tribe/NHO/Federal Agency/DHHL signature, name, and title. *May be different from appropriate official named in #3.*
9. Date certification was signed and sent. *Documents are timely based on the date sent* [*(43 CFR 10.1(f)(2)*](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10/section-10.1#p-10.1(f)(2))*).*
10. For Federal agency or DHHL only, enclose a signed copy of either a plan of action or a cooperative agreement, redacted as needed.

**Before sending the certification, REMOVE** these instructions, highlighting, italics, and {braces}.

**Send the certification** to the person responsible for the activity and the additional point of contact. **DO NOT** send to the National NAGPRA Program.

**Certification after a Discovery of**

**Native American Human Remains or Cultural Items**

**On Federal or Tribal Lands**

{1. Indian Tribe/NHO/Federal Agency unit/DHHL}

This certification of a discovery was developed in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA; 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 10).

**Appropriate official**

To ensure compliance with NAGPRA, {1. Indian Tribe/NHO/Federal agency unit/DHHL} has designated the following appropriate officials to carry out the requirements in 43 CFR Subpart B-Protection of Human Remains or Cultural Items on Federal or Tribal Lands.

{2. *Contact information must be provided for the designated appropriate official (*[*43 CFR 10.4(a)*](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10#p-10.4(a))*), who must be identified by individual name and title.*}

**Description**

{3. *Insert a general description of the discovery, including the general geographical location by county and State. Provide a brief summary of any additional information about the discovery.*}

The person responsible for the activity related to the discovery is:

{4. *Contact information must be provided for the person responsible for the activity.*}

The additional point of contact is:

{5. *Contact information must be provided for the additional point of contact, if known.*}

{6. Provide clear instructions for protecting, securing, stabilizing, or covering the human remains or cultural items, if appropriate.}

**Resume Activity**

Lawful activity may resume around the discovery on {7. date, no later than 30 days after the date of this written certification}.

{8. Indian Tribe/NHO/Federal agency/DHHL signature, name, and title}

{9. Date signed and sent}

Enclosure(s): {10. Federal agency or DHHL ONLY. Plan of action and/or Comprehensive agreement, with redactions of confidential or sensitive information.}