

Historic and Cultural Resources

Helena and Lewis & Clark National Forests, Forest Plan Revision

Overview

The human story of the plan area is rich and reflects a convergence of Old and New World cultures, lifeways, technologies, and values. Archaeological resources can help set the benchmark for understanding past climates, environments, and human adaptations. Cultural resources also contribute to the educational, cultural, and economic vitality of local communities.



What's Changed Since 1986?

- Several laws/regulations/policies that authorize and guide cultural resource management activities.
- The availability of historic structures for rental facilities and public interpretation.
- Increase in the number of forest users.
- The Badger-Two Medicine Traditional Cultural District has been formally determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.



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What Needs to Change in the Forest Plan?

- Provide direction and guidance to address the heritage aspect of recreation residences, historic recreation and administrative buildings and facilities, and historic buildings utilized by special use permit holders.
- Provide guidance and direction that address landscape level cultural properties such as traditional cultural districts, archeological districts, mining districts, etc.
- Provide guidance on addressing traditional cultural values for other resources such as animal species, plants, mineral:

