

North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office

Defined Non-Sites and Property Types Requiring No Formal Documentation

The following defined non-sites and property types do not require formal documentation on NDCRS site forms. If they are encountered discuss them in the project report. Consult the lead agency cultural resource specialist for project-specific requirements.

Professional judgment and common sense should be used during site recording.

- 1) Utility lines (i.e., power poles/lines, towers, telephone lines, fiber optic cable, etc). However, historic utility facilities such as the WAPA transmission facilities (including the power lines) *must* be recorded.
- 2) Pipelines (i.e., water, gas and oil)
- 3) Elevation, bench, and section markers. However, the state line quartzite markers *must* be recorded.
- 4) Car banks (i.e., the use of abandoned cars, farm machinery, appliances, etc. to stabilize riverbanks, stream banks, or drainages)
- 5) Isolated rip-rap (i.e., the use of cobbles, rock, or wood to stabilize riverbanks, stream banks, or drainages). However, WPA or CCC constructions *must* be recorded.
- 6) Isolated abandoned motorized vehicles and appliances
- 7) Farm or ranch fences and enclosures (i.e., barbed wire, chain link, buck-and-pole, or other types of pasture fence). However, corrals, roundup or load-out facilities *must* be recorded.
- 8) Unnamed two-track roads (i.e., ranch roads, seismic roads, etc.)
- 9) Recent trash (i.e., highway trash, etc.)
- 10) Producing oil/gas wells and dry hole markers
- 11) Corrugated metal culverts
- 12) Modern prospect pits associated with mineral exploration or mining with no associated features, cribbing, and/or less than 50 associated artifacts. Mention only in the report but do not submit a site form.
- 13) Modern field clearing rock piles consisting of large rocks and boulders. However, stone johnnys/rock cairns or towers without mortar such as butte markers, water markers, sheepherder's monuments, other monuments, etc. *must* be recorded.
- 14) Isolated, run-down/nonfunctional machinery
- 15) Active gravel/borrow pits
- 16) Railroad segments such as altered grades and tracks unassociated with other railroad features do not have to be recorded. However, *record* sidings and tracks possibly associated with major and monumental historic developments such as the railroad siding for the Garrison Dam, or any sidings and tracks associated with military Cold War development.

Of the list above, although not requiring formal documentation (NDCRS site forms/Feature #), pipelines; elevation, bench, and section markers; prospect pits associated with mineral exploration or mining that exist in a recorded site their presence should be noted in the setting section of the NDCRS form. Please also see: <http://history.nd.gov/hp/historiccontexts.html> for additional information about select topics such as *Farms in North Dakota Part 1 and Part 2*; *Federal Relief Construction in North Dakota, 1931-1943*; and *Railroads in North Dakota, 1872-1956*.