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**Subject:** Confidentiality of Archaeological Sites

**Importance:** High

It is the policy of the South Dakota State Historical Society to keep the location of archaeological and unmarked human burial sites *confidential*. The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) provides protection to archaeological sites identified through the NHPA Section 106 process. Effective July 1, two new sections are being added to SDCL Chapters 1-20 and 34-27 to provide for the confidentiality of archaeological and unmarked human burial sites. The reason for these laws is to protect the integrity of these sites from looters, relic hunters, and vandals. If information about the location and ownership of archaeological and unmarked human burial sites were made public, many of these properties would be vulnerable to "pot hunters," people looking to vandalize the sites for their benefit. I strongly encourage you to keep records confidential concerning archaeological and unmarked human burial sites from public proceedings. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you. jdv

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