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# AMBLER ACCESS PROJECT

# **Ambler Access Project** Public Notice: Cultural Resources

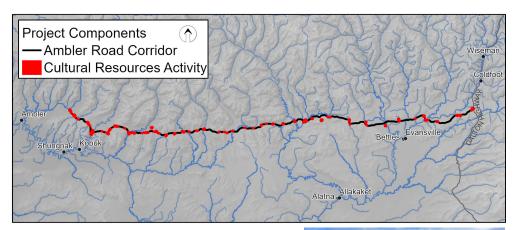
## **Inventories and Surveys**

Schedule window: June 15 to August 31, 2023

### What We're Doing:

The cultural resources crew will document archaeological, historic, and ethnographic resources observed within the Project's future construction footprint. These surveys will advise other field crews and proposed future construction activities in order to avoid and/or mitigate disturbance to historic properties.

The field work will consist of teams hiking the extent of the proposed bridge and material sites in a patterned manner to identify surface features or artifacts, historic structures, trails, or other indications that archaeological, historic or ethnographic resources may be present in the area. In areas of known or suspected historic use, this will include the use of a metal detector in an attempt to locate concentrations of historic material. The crews will also inspect the terrain and conditions to determine if there are likely to be buried archaeological deposits within the area, where crews will excavate shovel tests with hand tools. The dirt excavated will be screened through hardware mesh onto a tarp. The crews will document the different soil layers and make notes, collect photos of the test, backfill all dirt from the tarp into the test hole, and return the surface to its original grade.



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#### WHAT?

Cultural Resources Inventory and Evaluation

#### WHEN?

June 15 to August 31, 2023

#### WHERE?

At potential bridge crossing locations and material sites along the project corridor; working from Bornite Camp (mid June - mid August) and Coldfoot Camp (late August).

#### WHY?

Advise other field crews and proposed future construction activities in order to avoid and/or mitigate disturbance to any historic properties, archaeological sites, or cultural resources. Fulfill AIDEA's legal responsibilities to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation act as stipulated in the **Programmatic Agreement** for the Project.

#### WHO?

Three 3-person crews