

CULTURAL RESOURCE MONITORING ESSENTIALS

What to know before you go

Are you being hired and paid by the tribe, developer, government agency, or archaeologist?

Where to be and when to be there.

What type of work will take place (an archaeological data recovery project or construction monitoring)?

Will a Monitoring Report be required following the work?

What to Bring

Figure that you are going to be standing out in the elements all day (sun or rain).

Required

Safety vest

Good pair of boots

Long pants

Shovel (round nose)

Water bottle

Lunch (if it is an all-day project)

Hat to keep the sun and rain off (sometimes a hard-hat is required, but normally these provided by the contractor).

Strongly Recommended

Comfortable pair of gloves

Small mason's trowel

Camera (with a case that can protect it from water)

Protein snacks to help stay focused

Roll of colored flagging tape

Clip-board with paper or a blank notebook and pencil for taking notes

Ziploc baggies (and felt marker for labeling them). The archaeologist should have plenty of bags and marking pens for bagging and marking collected artifacts, but be prepared just in case.

5-Gal Bucket The bucket not only serves as a handy carryall for your stuff, but it makes a great seat in the field at lunch time and a temporary storage place for artifacts that need to be collected in a hurry during trenching or grading.

The easiest thing to do is to store all your monitoring field stuff in your 5-gal bucket between jobs. Fill it with your gloves, vest, trowel, flagging tape, hat, clipboard, etc. and keep it next to your shovel so you are ready.