For use by **museums or Federal agencies** to initiate consultation for **repatriation** of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony ([Subpart C](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10/subpart-C)).

Use this template to invite consultation as required by [43 CFR 10.9(b)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10#p-10.9(b)) and [43 CFR 10.10(b)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10#p-10.10(b)) *Step 2 – Initiate consultation*. Consulting parties are any lineal descendant and any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with potential cultural affiliation. An invitation to consult must be in writing and must include certain information.

**Insert the following required information** in the appropriate places in this template, indicated by {#. Information and additional instructions}. This is the MINIMUM information required; additional information may be included as necessary or preferred. The format is only a recommendation and not a requirement.

1. Date signed and sent. *Documents are timely based on the date sent* [*(43 CFR 10.1(f)(2)*](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10/section-10.1#p-10.1(f)(2))*).*
2. Consulting party. *This includes any lineal descendant(s) and any Indian Tribe(s) or Native Hawaiian organization(s) with potential cultural affiliation. For contact information, see* [*https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/consultation-resources.htm*](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/consultation-resources.htm)*.*
3. Museum or Federal agency. *Full name can be abbreviated or referred to by initials after the first instance, i.e. Museum of Natural Science (MONS). The authorized representative (Subpart C -* [*43 CFR 10.8*](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/section-10.8)*) must be identified by title or individual name.*
4. Type of consultation request. *Either consultation on human remains and associated funerary objects OR consultation on cultural items.*
5. Type of document. *Either itemized list of human remains and associated funerary objects OR summary of cultural items. Option to attach both, provided this is clear in #4 and #5.*
6. Consulting parties, individually named or in attached list. *Titles or individual names are optional. Names of lineal descendant may be withheld.*
7. Proposed method for conducting consultation.
8. For human remains and associated funerary objects only, a proposed timeline for consultation. *Option to include a deadline for responding with a request to consult.*

**REMOVE** these instructions, highlighting, italics, and {braces}. **VERIFY** all required information is included.

Written documents must be sent by one of the following: email, with proof of receipt; personal delivery with proof of delivery date; private delivery service with proof of date sent; or certified mail [*(43 CFR 10.1(e)(1)*](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10/section-10.1#p-10.1(e)(1))*).*

**DO NOT** send copies to the National NAGPRA Program.

{1. Date}

{2. Consulting party addressee and address}

Dear {2. Consulting party addressee},

The {3. Museum or Federal agency} wishes to consult with {2. Consulting party} on the identification, cultural affiliation, and repatriation of Native American {4. choose appropriate category: human remains and associated funerary objects/cultural items} currently in our holding or collection. This effort is being coordinated by {3. Museum or Federal agency point of contact}, who can be reached at {3. contact email} or {3. contact telephone number}.

Attached is a {5. Choose appropriate type: simple itemized list of human remains and associated funerary objects/summary of cultural items}. When known, we have included the county, state, and site where the collections were removed. Other consulting parties who are being invited to consult on these collections are {6. Choose: Individual named parties or attach a list}. In addition to the attachments, {3. Museum or Federal agency} will supply additional documentation, upon request and if available.

Our preferred method for conducting consultation will include {7. emails, phone calls, video calls, or in person meetings}. If you would like to consult, please provide your preferences on a proposed timeline and method for consultation and provide any updated contact information for your authorized representative.

{8. For human remains and associated funerary objects only:} Our projected time frame for completing an inventory for these human remains and associated funerary objects is: {8. timeline or schedule}. Please respond to this invitation to consult and indicate whether you choose to participate, decline to participate, or defer to another party by {8. deadline for responding}.

Thank you very much for your time and thoughtful consideration of this invitation to consult. We look forward to working with you.

Respectfully,

{3. Museum or Federal agency authorized representative name, title, signature}

Enclosure: Itemized list/Summary and List of consulting parties