For use by **Federal agencies** or State of Hawai`i **Department of Hawaiian Home Lands** (DHHL) if an **excavation on Federal or Tribal lands (**see [43 CFR 10.6(b)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/section-10.6#p-10.6(b)) *Excavation on Federal or Tribal lands*) is needed. The Federal agency or DHHL must take reasonable steps to evaluate the potential need for an excavation.

Prior to authorizing an excavation, the Federal agency or DHHL must complete a plan of action (see [43 CFR 10.4(b)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10/section-10.4#p-10.4(b)) *Plan of action*) or comprehensive agreement (see [43 CFR 10.4(c)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10/section-10.4#p-10.4(c))) in consultation with lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or NHOs. For an excavation on Tribal lands, the plan of action or comprehensive agreement must include written consent to the excavation by the appropriate Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

**Insert the following 9 pieces of information** in the appropriate places in this template, indicated by {#. Required information and *additional instructions*}.

1. Federal Agency unit or DHHL. *Full name can be abbreviated or referred to by initials after the first instance, i.e. U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office (BLM Nevada) or State of Hawai‘i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).*
2. Contact information must be provided for the designated appropriate official ([43 CFR 10.4(a)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10#p-10.4(a))), who must be identified by individual name and title.
3. Describe the excavation with general geographical location by county and State. *Include the reasonable steps taken to evaluate the potential need for an excavation*).
4. Contact information for the person responsible for the excavation.
5. Instructions for protecting, securing, stabilizing, or covering the human remains or cultural items, if appropriate. *Reference to appropriate sections of the attached plan of action or comprehensive agreement for complete instructions.*
6. Federal agency or DHHL signature, name, and title. *May be different from appropriate official named in #3.*
7. 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))*).*
8. Enclose a signed copy of either a plan of action or a comprehensive agreement, redacted as needed.
9. Enclose any permit that the Federal agency or DHHL legally requires. This may include a permit under Section 4 of ARPA (see [43 CFR 10.6](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10/section-10.6) Excavation).

**Before sending the authorization, REMOVE** these instructions, highlighting, italics, and {braces}.

**Send the authorization** to the person responsible for the excavation. **DO NOT** send to the National NAGPRA Program.

**Authorization for an Excavation of**

**Native American Human Remains or Cultural Items**

**On Federal or Tribal Lands**

**{1. Federal agency unit or DHHL}**

This authorization for an excavation was developed in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA; 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 10).

**Appropriate official**

To ensure compliance with NAGPRA, {1. Federal agency unit or DHHL} has designated the following appropriate officials to carry out the requirements in 43 CFR Subpart B-Protection of Human Remains or Cultural Items on Federal or Tribal Lands.

{2. *Contact information must be provided for the designated appropriate official (*[*43 CFR 10.4(a)*](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-10#p-10.4(a))*), who must be identified by individual name and title.*}

**Description**

{3. *Insert a general description of the excavation, including the general geographical location by county and State. Provide a brief summary of any additional information about the excavation, including the reasonable steps taken to evaluate the potential need for an excavation and any permit required.*}

The person responsible for the excavation is:

{4. *Contact information must be provided for the person responsible for the activity.*}

{5. Provide clear instructions for protecting, securing, stabilizing, or covering the human remains or cultural items, if appropriate.}

{6. Federal agency or DHHL signature, name, and title}

**{**7. Date approved, signed, and sent**}**

Enclosure(s): {8. Plan of action and/or Comprehensive agreement, with redactions of confidential or sensitive information.} and {9. Any permit that the Federal agency or DHHL legally requires, including a permit under Section 4 of ARPA}.