Resource Type: Historical Archaeology vs. Historic (Architectural)
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Resource type for Historical Archaeology sites is not consistent in Site.Files. This is in part because there was no Historical Archaeology resource type term prior to about 1992, and the types of sites that should be included under this resource type have not been thoroughly defined. It is important to have a clear (if possible) and consistent procedure for using Historical Archaeology vs. Historic terms to assure that restricted information is protected and to provide a consistent method to locate certain site types.

Certain resource types need a high level of protection due to the nature of the associated features and the physical accessibility of the sites. To provide this protection, certain site types will be classified in Site.Files and Compass only as *Historical Archaeology*, not because of who or how they were recorded but due to the fragile nature of the resources.

These site types include:

- historic sites with incomplete buildings and artifacts
- historic sites with incomplete buildings
- mining sites
- homestead sites, seasonal dwellings, isolated complete and incomplete buildings

These sites should be coded for Historical Archaeology only – not History. If there are any prehistoric or paleontological remains, the site will be coded for those resource types. Highly visible sites (e.g. Molly Brown House, Rocky Flats, Bloom – Baca House, etc.) could be exempted from this if they are overwhelmingly Historic sites with very limited archaeological deposits and a low likelihood of looting. Most of these exceptions are in urban areas.

Strictly for reasons of database consistency, the following linear resources should always be double coded for both Historical Archaeology and Historic:

- Ditches and canals
- Transmission lines
- Railroad grades and railroads
- Fences and gates
- Trails, roads, and highways
- Tunnels, bridges, and associated features
- Dams, reservoirs, and water features
- Flumes
- Tramways
- Furrows

Resource Type Designation for Various Historical Site Types

	Historic Only	Historical Archaeology Only	Historic and Historical Archaeology
Historic sites with complete buildings but little to no archaeological potential *	X		
Historic sites with incomplete buildings and artifacts *		X	
Historic sites with incomplete buildings *		X	
Historic sites with complete buildings and artifacts *			X
Historic sites with complete and incomplete buildings (regardless of archaeological potential and/or artifacts)			X
Homestead sites, seasonal dwellings, isolated complete and incomplete buildings		X	
Mining sites		X	
Ditches and canals			X
Transmission lines			X
Railroads and railroad grades			X
Fences and gates			X
Trails, roads, highways			X
Tunnels, bridges, and associated features			X
Dams, reservoirs, and water features			X
Flumes			X
Tramways			X
Furrows			X
Cisterns			X

* Buildings with a roof = complete buildings
  Buildings without a roof = incomplete buildings