



Preserve America Summit Implementation **Progress Report**

Respond to disasters by forming a technical advisory committee to develop guidance, a plan for dissemination and training, and emergency and mitigation strategies consistent with the Department of Homeland Security's National Response Plan.

Lead Agency/Agencies: Department of the Interior and Department of Homeland Security

Summit Recommendation Progress: On December 18, 2008, the Department of Interior presented to the Preserve America Summit Implementation Committee the final version of *Preparing to Preserve: an Action Plan to Integrate Historic Preservation into Tribal, State and Local Emergency Plans* and two companion products, a *1-2-3 Guide to Building Relationships with Emergency Officials* and a *Checklist for Integrating Historic Preservation into Emergency Management Plans*. The products were well received and there was considerable discussion on the appropriate dissemination of the products and methods to obtain feedback for improvements.

The plan includes: a case statement about why and how historic preservation should be made part of emergency plans; an explanation of the emergency planning process at the tribal, state, and local levels and where preservation activities intersect with emergency planning; and a series of short-, mid- and long-term action recommendations. The *1-2-3 Guide to Building Relationships with Emergency Officials* and a *Checklist for Integrating Historic Preservation into Emergency Management Plans* are available in a pdf format suitable for electronic transmission and easy distribution.

The Department of Interior has posted these documents on its public web site. The non-federal partner, Heritage Preservation, published an article on this effort in their quarterly e-newsletter and has posted the products on their web site at <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/PreparingtoPreserve.html>.

Next Actions: The ACHP will work with the Department of the Interior and the Department of Homeland Security to develop a strategy for further dissemination of the products.

Important Links:

Heritage Emergency Task Force disaster information www.heritagepreservation.org/programs/taskfer.htm

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