

Selections related to Cultural Resources Management from

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Chapter 5 Cultural Resource Management

5.3.5.4.5 Movement of Historic Structures

Proposals for moving historic structures will consider the effects of movement on the structures, their present environments, their proposed environments, and the archeological research value of the structures and their sites. No historic structure will be moved if its preservation would be adversely affected or until the appropriate recovery of significant archeological data has occurred. Prehistoric structures will not be moved.

A nationally significant historic structure may be moved only if

- it cannot practically be preserved on its present site; or
- the move constitutes a return to a previous historic location, and the previous move and present location are not important to the structure's significance.

A historic structure of less-than-national significance may be moved if

- it cannot practically be preserved on its present site; or
- its present location is not important to its significance, and its relocation is essential to public understanding of the park's cultural associations.

In moving a historic structure, every effort will be made to reestablish its historic orientation, immediate setting, and general relationship to its environment.

The Park Service will not acquire historic structures for relocation to parks unless those structures were removed from the park and are necessary to achieve the park purpose or authorized by legislation.