

## **PART 401 – CULTURAL RESOURCES (ARCHEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES)**

### **SUBPART D – Appendices**

#### **NM401.40 Conservation Practices Considered as Undertakings by NRCS.**

Some conservation practices have a high potential to affect cultural resources when installed according to standard NRCS criteria. Such practices are considered undertakings and cultural resource consideration is required. To the list, add the following amendment for practices in New Mexico.

1. Brush Management (314)

SHPO has stated that the tree choppers, etc. may adversely affect cultural resources and recommended case-by-case consultation for each use of these types of machines when dealing with Brush Management. If a producer wishes to use this type of machine, consultation with SHPO must be done. This involves writing a letter stating where the machine will be used (with attached map) and what type of cultural resources, if any, are present. A records check needs to be completed for the project before writing the letter. NRCS recommends that in the letter it is stated whether the area does or does not need to be inventoried. SHPO then has 30 days to respond.