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Archaeological overviews provide guides for judging site significance, locating areas for systematic archaeological survey, and determining conservation needs. The overviews can be written for specific geographic areas in the state or about particular types of archaeological sites, such as rock art.

The overviews have a statement of problems detailing the particular area, the time period, and the theoretical orientation of the author. This is followed by an environmental overview describing the basic natural features of the geographic area and past environmental changes. A critical review of the past archaeological research, discussing previous surveys and excavations, is required. Each overview has a section describing what is known about the prehistory of the geographic unit and a detailed discussion of the future survey, research, and conservation needs.

The recommendations presented in the overviews are evaluated in terms of current and anticipated impacts to archaeological sites. This allows priorities to be developed for survey and research needs.

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