



Stewart Facility 5500 Snyder Avenue, Carson City, NV 89701

Request for Permission to Undertake Structural or Visual Alterations

In accord with the requirements set forth in existing covenants, the Nevada Department of Native American Affairs (*name of agency*) is requesting written permission to undertake visual or structural alterations as described below:

Building Number and Name: **Stewart Water Tower**

Building's Date of Construction: **1939**

Supplementary Information:

Please indicate if you have submitted the following—

- Written description of proposed work (*required; see second page*)
- Photographs of existing conditions (*required*)
- Sketches, plans, or architectural drawings depicting the proposed work
- Sketch or site plan of project location
- Specs of materials to be used
- Historic photographs depicting past conditions or design
- Other

Request Submitted by:

Stacey Montooth

Print name

Signature

Agency – **Department of Native American Affairs**

Title – **Executive Director**

Email address – **smontooth@dnaa.gov.nv**

Phone number – **775-687-8333**

Date of Request: **05/01/26**

Please allow up to 14 business days for this form to be processed. Proposed work must not begin until this form has been reviewed and approved by both the State Historic Preservation Office and the Nevada Indian Commission. In some cases, coordination with State Lands is also necessary. Per NRS 321.003, a state agency must also submit a Certification Request to the Nevada Division of

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State Lands before constructing a building or making other permanent improvements to state lands. This includes ground disturbance for site work and utilities. If your project requires a State Lands Certification, you will find the instructions on the Division of State Lands website under "Forms."

<http://www.lands.nv.gov/>

To expedite your project, the SHPO recommends coordinating with SHPO and State Lands concurrently.

Please submit request form and supplementary materials to the State Historic Preservation Office, 901 S. Stewart St., Ste. 5004, Carson City, NV 89701-5248 or by email to shpo-info@shpo.nv.gov.

REQUEST APPROVED BY:

SHPO - _____
Print and sign name *Date*

Nevada Department of
Native American Affairs- _____
Print and sign name *Date*

* Nevada Division of State Lands - _____
Print and sign name *Date*

* (If required)

Description of Proposed Work:

Please provide a thorough written description of the proposed work, including—

- Location on building
- Approximate size of area affected
- Existing conditions
- Materials to be used
- Proposed methods (all activities are required to follow the [Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation](#))

(Use as many pages as needed)

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Project Overview

Project Title: *America 250 Commemorative Mural – Stewart Water Tower*

Collaborating Agencies: Nevada Department of Native American Affairs, Nevada Arts Council, Visit Carson City, and Brewery Arts Center.

Description:

To commemorate America’s semi-quincentennial, we propose a public art installation on the historic water tower at the former Stewart Indian Boarding School. This mural, designed by Paiute artist [Gregg Deal](#), will honor the diverse contributions of Native American military veterans. The project is designed as a non-permanent, reversible installation that respects the historic character of this National Historic District.

Location & Approximate Size of Area Affected

- Building: Stewart Water Tower (constructed 1939).
- Surface Area: The mural will be applied to the exterior of the upper tank (75’ diameter). The total affected painting area is approximately 1,225 square feet.
- Ground Impact: Work will require a high-reach lift with a 10-foot clearance, creating a temporary 1,000 sq. ft. safety perimeter at the base. Alternate parking and pedestrian rerouting will be managed for the Buildings & Grounds Shop (#84).

Existing Conditions & Mitigation Plan

- Historic Integrity: The tower is a contributing element to the historic district. No structural changes, abrasive cleaning, or permanent alterations will be made to the steel shell.
- Wildlife Protection (Redtail Hawks): We acknowledge the active redtail hawk nest at the top of the stairwell and safety cage.
 - Mitigation: We will consult with a qualified wildlife biologist to ensure compliance with the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#).
 - Schedule: All surface-disturbing activities and lift operations will be scheduled to prevent disturbance, unless a wildlife biological confirms the nest is inactive.

Materials & Proposed Methods

- Standards: All work will strictly follow the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation.

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- Reversibility: The mural will use high-quality, breathable exterior-grade paints applied over a reversible primer layer. This ensures the artwork can be removed in the future without damaging the original historic finish or the underlying metal.
- Application: Application will be via brush/roller or low-pressure spray to minimize overspray in the historic district.

Significance and Justification

This project fosters a "living legacy" for the Stewart Facility by interpreting the site's complex history through the lens of Indigenous service. By using reversible methods, we ensure the tower remains a protected historic resource while serving as a prominent cultural landmark for the America 250 celebration.
