

Reclamation Manual

Directives and Standards

Scope of Collection Statement

The Bureau of Reclamation is required by Federal law to identify, preserve, and protect museum property under its ownership, and to manage such property for public use and benefit.

Reclamation museum property shall demonstrate a direct connection to Reclamation's mission, history, or compliance with legal mandates. Museum property is not required to be unique or rare; "ordinary" items that exemplify Reclamation's history, activities, or operations may be recognized as museum property. Collection of items/specimens as museum property may be limited by redundancy, low scientific value, poor condition, or lack of interpretive value.