

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
SUBMITTED TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PURSUANT TO 36 CFR SECTION 800.6(A)**

WHEREAS, the USDA, ARS, Grazinglands Research Laboratory, El Reno, Oklahoma is a government agency providing agriculture research for the benefit of the people of the United States by utilizing facilities located at Fort Reno, El Reno, Oklahoma including maintenance of usable facilities and demolition of other structures; and

WHEREAS, USDA, ARS, Grazinglands Research Laboratory recognizes that these undertakings have the potential to affect buildings, sites, structures, and objects that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, USDA, ARS, Grazinglands Research Laboratory and the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (hereinafter referred to as "the SHPO") share a common concern for the preservation of significant historic buildings and sites; and

WHEREAS, USDA, ARS, Grazinglands Research Laboratory has completed a facilities condition survey for the structures, buildings 46 and 76, located at Fort Reno in El Reno, Oklahoma, demonstrating that the property's rehabilitation is infeasible; and

WHEREAS, USDA, ARS, Grazinglands Research Laboratory desires to demolish said structures, buildings 46 and 76, located at Fort Reno in El Reno, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, USDA, ARS, Grazinglands Research Laboratory has determined that demolition of the property will constitute an adverse effect on a property eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and has consulted with the SHPO pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f); and

NOW, THEREFORE, USDA, ARS, Grazinglands Research Laboratory and the SHPO mutually agree that the demolition of the structures located at Fort Reno in El Reno, Oklahoma, shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to mitigate the adverse effect of such demolition.

I. STIPULATIONS:

- A.** Completion of the standard Historic Preservation Resource Identification Form.
- B.** Photographs of the exterior sufficient to illustrate all elevations and any character defining features.

C. All documentation will be submitted and approved by the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office prior to the undertaking or any demolition activity.

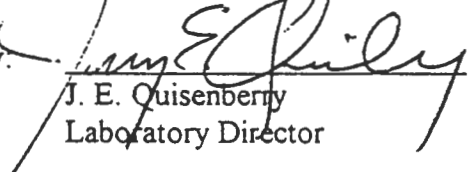
D. All documentation shall be deposited with the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office.

II. ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACCEPTANCE:

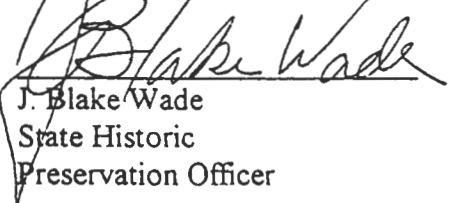
Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement by the USDA, ARS, Grazinglands Research Laboratory and the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Officer, its subsequent acceptance by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and implementation of its terms, evidence that the USDA, ARS, Grazinglands Research Laboratory has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on the demolition of buildings 46 and 76, located at Fort Reno in El Reno, Oklahoma, and its effects on historic properties, and that the USDA, ARS, Grazinglands Research Laboratory has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed in multiple copies on the dates set forth below.

USDA, ARS, GRAZINGLANDS RESEARCH LABORATORY

By:  Date: 7-16-97
J. E. Quisenberry
Laboratory Director

OKLAHOMA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

By:  Date: 7-17-97
J. Blake Wade
State Historic
Preservation Officer

ACCEPTED for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

By:  Date: 7/28/97