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Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 9:14 AM
To: Virgil Amick
Cc: Guy Moura; Hanson, Sydney (DAHP)
Subject: Re: PMU-2024-001 Upper Kittitas County Community Recreation Center - Notice of Application and Environmental Review

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Hello Virgil,

This consult is in reference to PMU-2024-001 Kittitas County Community Recreation Center. This undertaking involves ground disturbance which will be expansive in excess of 57,350 ft².

This undertaking is located within the CCT Traditional Territories. We request any undertakings, particularly those involving ground disturbing activities, to have an IDP in place prior to implementation.

The proposed project lies within the traditional territory of the Wenatchi Tribe, 1 of the 12 constituent tribes of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR), which is governed by the Colville Business Council (CBC). The CBC has delegated to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) the responsibility of representing the CTCR with regard to cultural resources management issues throughout the traditional territories of all of the constituent tribes under Resolution 1996-29. This area includes parts of eastern Washington, northeastern Oregon, the Palus territory in Idaho, and south-central British Columbia.

As ground disturbing activities are to be conducted, such new construction, a cultural resource surface survey and sub-surface testing of the area in and directly around the proposed ground disturbance are recommended as a surface observation will not be an accurate assessment of the existent potential for subsurface cultural deposits. These tests should be to the terminal depth of the ground disturbance to ensure the totality of the presence or absence of cultural material.

There are known cultural resources of precontact and historic significance nearby and this particular plat is considered Very High Risk for an inadvertent discovery according to the DAHP predictive model. Small portions of this parcel have been previously surveyed in 1998. This survey is considered outdated and outside the scope and scale of the proposed development.

CCT requests a new cultural resource survey prior to the implementation of ground disturbing activities, which should include a sub-surface testing component as groundbreaking for new construction and clearing of trees are expected. and that during implementation that there be an inadvertent discovery plan or (IDP) in place to ensure compliance with all Section 106 and relevant cultural resource laws both federally and to the state of Washington.

Thank you for consulting with the Colville Confederated Tribes History and Archaeology Program.

On behalf of Guy Moura, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely,

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