Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Colleda Monick
Planning Consultant
City of Cle Elum

In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2024-12-08919
Property: Wildwood Ranch Development SUB-2023-003, DA-2024-001, SEPA-2024-004
Re: Archaeology - Survey Requested

Dear Colleda Monick:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing documentation regarding the above referenced project. As a result of our review, our professional opinion is that the project area has the potential to contain archaeological resources. The project is in an area determined to be at very high risk of containing archaeology according to the DAHP predictive model and is adjacent to a historical period trail, which increases the risk of finding precontact and early historic archaeology on the property. The previous agricultural use of the property is considered low impact to cultural resources, but the new proposed development is considered high impact. The scale of the proposed ground disturbing actions would destroy any archaeological resources present. Therefore, we recommend a professional archaeological survey of the project area be conducted prior to ground disturbing activities. We also recommend continuing consultation with the concerned Tribes' cultural committees and staff regarding cultural resource issues.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance with Washington State law. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project and we look forward to receiving the survey report. The survey report should be uploaded directly into the DAHP Online WISAARD system by the cultural resource consultant to expedite DAHP review. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Number (a.k.a. Project Tracking Code) is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any communications or submitted reports. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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