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Cc: [Guy Moura](#); [Hanson, Sydney \(DAHP\)](#)
Subject: Re: SX-24-00005 Grant PUD Vantage Fencing - Notice of Application Attachments
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Hello Zach,

This consult is in reference to Shoreline Exemption SX-24-00005 Grant PUD Vantage Fencing. This undertaking involves minor ground disturbance during the digging of post holes for the installation of fencing and signage. This will likely lead to increased foot traffic and further endangered nearby cultural resources.

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 Moses-Columbia 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, 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.

There are known cultural resources of precontact and historic significance nearby and this particular area is considered Very High Risk for an inadvertent discovery according to the DAHP predictive model. This parcel has not been surveyed within the last ten years, a preliminary archaeological investigation would be prudent. Surveys nearby were conducted in 2002 and observed cultural material in a similar landscape setting.

CCT requests a cultural resource survey prior to the implementation of ground disturbing activities with a sub-surface testing component and that during implementation that there be a cultural resource monitor with 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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On Thu, Feb 29, 2024 at 3:37 PM Zach Torrance-Smith
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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached documents that go along with the previously sent Notice of Application.

Let me know if you have further questions.

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