Lindsey Ozbolt

From:

Doug D'Hondt

Sent:

Friday, March 13, 2015 9:51 AM

To:

Paul Jewell

Cc:

'Arms, Roger' (ArmsR@wsdot.wa.gov); Kathy Jurgens; Doc Hansen; Lindsey Ozbolt

Subject:

FW: SB-WA12(007)- Kittitas Co--Yak River Canyon SHPO No Effect

Attachments:

SHPO No Effect.pdf

If the Scenic Byways money is no longer used NEPA documentation is no longer needed. I withdrew the US Army Corps of Engineers permit application for the HVAC coils in the pond, therefore, no NEPA action is needed. NEPA was not referenced in the SEPA documentation. Therefore, if NEPA is not needed a SEPA determination may be issued. We are awaiting the determination of the Section 106 for the National Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act review.

Please see below.

I cc'd others to give them the opportunity to comment or clarify.

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From: Arms, Roger [mailto:ArmsR@wsdot.wa.gov]

Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 9:46 AM

To: Doug D'Hondt

Subject: FW: SB-WA12(007)- Kittitas Co--Yak River Canyon SHPO No Effect

Hey Doug,

106 is complete (see attached).

If the project is not going to proceed using FHWA funding I see no benefit in further work on the FHWA NEPA process. FHWA will not sign off on NEPA for a project they are not funding.

Also, the NEPA process is handled somewhat differently by different federal agencies so spending time on additional subject matter reports most likely wouldn't advance the projects timeline.

Roger

From: Arms, Roger

Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 3:51 PM

To: (doug.dhondt@co.kittitas.wa.us)

Subject: SB-WA12(007)- Kittitas Co--Yak River Canyon SHPO No Effect

Hey Doug, SHPO has approved the report. Roger

From: deBoer, Trent

Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 3:42 PM

To: Arms, Roger

Subject: Kittitas Co--Yak River Canyon SHPO No Effect

Attached...

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In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 061214-22-FHWA

Property: Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway Interpretive Center, Fed Aid SB-WA12(007)

Re: Report Review, No Historic Properties

Dear Mr. de Boer:

Thank you for contacting our office and providing a copy of the cultural resources survey report completed by SWCA. I understand from the report that an archaeological resource (45KT3740) was identified as part of the original area of potential effects (APE), but that the APE was modified so as to avoid the site altogether. I also understand that since the site will in no way be impacted by the revised project, you are not willing to forward a determination of eligibility for the site at this time. Therefore, based on the revised APE and the subsequent archaeological testing that was performed, I concur with the professional recommendations put forward in the report and your finding of no historic properties affected for the project.

We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4).

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on the behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.

Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised. In the event that archaeological or historic materials are discovered during project activities, work in the immediate vicinity must stop, the area secured, and this office and the concerned tribes notified.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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