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Kari Braniff
Kittitas County Community Development Services
411 N. Ruby St, Suite 2
Ellensburg, WA 98926

June 22, 2008

Subject: Kohl Short Plat, SP-08-17

Dear Ms. Braniff,

Thank you for contacting the Yakama Nation Cultural Resource Program regarding the proposed development listed above. This project falls within the ceded lands of the Yakama Nation, defined as the usual and accustomed areas and places utilized by the ancestors of the Yakama People for the gathering of foods, medicines, and ceremonial purposes. These legal rights are outlined in the Treaty of 1855 between the Yakama Nation and the United States government. Just as in the past, these lands and their resources continue to fulfill a central role in the culture of members of the Yakama Nation in the present, and will continue to do so in the future.

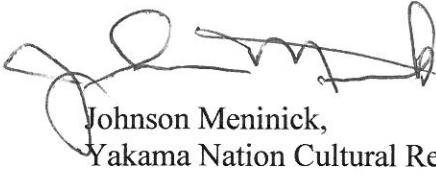
The application describes a 4-lot short plat on approximately 13.18 acres of land. The subject property is located southeast of the City of Cle Elum, north of Westside Road on Chelan Lane within the north eastern 1/4 of Section 5, T19N, R15E.

We have reviewed the project in terms of its potential for adverse impacts to environmental resources, sacred areas, traditional cultural properties, archaeological properties and associated cultural issues. It is our belief that the proposed development is occurring within an area which has a relatively high potential for cultural sites and other cultural resources. The Cle Elum River area is well known to the Yakama Nation as a place of resource gathering, homesites, as well as burial sites and places of spiritual significance.

A review of the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) cultural site database indicates the rich cultural history of the area, with several sites associated with both Native American and historic Euro-American land use being found in the vicinity of the subject 13.18 acre property. Given the potential for cultural resource sites on the subject property, we feel that the appropriate action to identify any cultural/archaeological sites present should begin with a professional cultural resources survey and historical documentation of the property prior to any development.

Please contact me at 1-509-865-5121 ext. 4737 or tribal archaeologist Dave Woody at ext. 4760 if you have any questions regarding the above recommendations.

Sincerely,



Johnson Meninick,
Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program Manager

CC: Gretchen Kaehler, Assistant State Archaeologist, Washington State Department of
Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)

Kate Valdez, Yakama Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)