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In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2020-08-05445
Property: Kittitas County_Brown & Jackson Storage Pond Project (SE-20-00003)
Re: Survey Requested

Dear Kelly Bacon:

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. A desktop review of our Statewide Predictive Model has identified the proposed project area as having high potential for archaeological resources. This is due, in part, to the landform type, as well as the proximity of the proposed project area to Park Creek, a resource that, considering the number of previously recorded archaeological sites in the vicinity, was important to both historic and prehistoric people. Further, the scale of the proposed ground disturbing actions would destroy any archaeological resources present. Identification during construction is not a recommended detection method because inadvertent discoveries often result in costly construction delays and damage to the resource. Therefore, we recommend a professional archaeological survey of the project area be conducted prior to ground disturbing activities. We also recommend consultation with the concerned Tribes' cultural committees and staff regarding cultural resource issues.

If any federal funds or permits are associated with this proposal, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800, must be followed. This is a separate process from both the NEPA and SEPA environmental review processes and requires formal government-to-government consultation with the affected Tribes and the SHPO. Also, we appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties concerning cultural resource issues that you receive.

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. 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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