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State Historic Preservation Officer

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Jamey Ayling
Planner
Kittitas County

In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: **2026-06-03876**
Property: Kittitas County - ACU-26-00001 - Mountain River Trails Campground
Re: **Survey Requested**

Dear Jamey Ayling:

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 Risk Assessment Model. 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 with testing of the project area be conducted prior to ground disturbing activities. We also recommend continuing consultation with the Affected 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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