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Cc: [Guy Moura](#); [Hanson, Sydney \(DAHP\)](#)
Subject: Re: Notice of Application CU-23-00003 Fowler Creek Guest Ranch
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This consult is in reference to Conditional Use Permit CU-23-00003 *Fowler Creek Guest Ranch*. Ground disturbance will be extensive and intense with the plans for multiple seasonal dwellings to be constructed and general recreational activity area construction and preparations.

This undertaking is located within the CCT Usual and Accustom 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 usual and accustom territory of the Wenatchi 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.

If ground disturbing activities are to be conducted, such as the installation of a septic system or the scraping of a driveway, 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. This test should be to the terminal depth of the septic installation to ensure the totality of the presence or absence of cultural material.

There are known cultural resources of historic significance nearby and this particular parcel is considered Very High Risk for an inadvertent discovery according to the DAHP predictive model. This parcel and section has not been previously surveyed and a preliminary archaeological investigation would be prudent. There are dozens of sites across the river which have been identified

CCT requests a cultural resource survey of the entire parcel, as the plans for use include recreational activities across its totality, prior to the implementation of ground disturbing activities and that during implementation that there be 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. Should cultural resources be identified, further consultation and the potential for an archaeological monitor during project implementation would be prudent.

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 Wed, Sep 20, 2023 at 3:50 PM Jamey Ayling <jamey.ayling@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

CDS is requesting comment on the following Conditional Use Permit application: CU-23-00003

Fowler Creek Guest Ranch. Links to the file materials can be found below. I have attached the Notice

of Application along with the SEPA Checklist. Kittitas County anticipates issuing a MDNS for this

project application and is using the optional SEPA process. This may be the only opportunity to

comment on the ecological impacts of this project. The comment period will end Thursday October 5,

2023 at 5pm. CDS will assume your agency does not wish to provide comment if not received by

this date.

Links to the file materials can be found below. Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the materials.

Internal link: CU-23-00003 Fowler Creek Guest Ranch

External link: Fowler Creek Guest Ranch

If the links above do not work, please go to the CDS website at

<https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/land-use/default.aspx> and navigate to “Conditional Use Permits”

and then to Project File Number “CU-23-00003 Fowler Creek Guest Ranch”.

Thank you!

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