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Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 2:13 PM
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Subject: Re: RU-23-00001 Teanaway Ridge NOA Memo

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Hello Bradley,

This consult is in reference to Reasonable Use Application RU-23-00001 *Teanaway Ridge*. This undertaking involves construction within the foundational footprints of previously started structures and the renovation of older buildings; as well as the removal of 68 seasonal camping grounds and associated infrastructure. It is unclear as to the level of disturbance this would cause, but an assumption that this would be a moderately ground disturbing activity.

This undertaking is located within the CCT Traditional Territories.

The proposed project lies within the traditional 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.

As 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.

There are known cultural resources of precontact and historic significance nearby and this particular parcel is considered Very High Risk for an inadvertent discovery according to the DAHP predictive model. This parcel had been previously surveyed in 2007, but this would be outside of the 10 year minimum for cultural resource reporting and a secondary archaeological investigation would be prudent. This next survey should consider the portion of this project's APE that extends along the southern extent of the Yakima River.

Please be advised that a documented Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) circumscribes the entirety of the proposed project. TCPs are places important to the CTCR for the preservation and continuation of the community's traditional lifestyle. TCPs can be, but are not limited to, religious areas, sacred areas, resources gathering areas (plant, animal, fish, and mineral), places associated with stories and legends, archaeological and ethnographic sites, habitation sites, camp sites, pictograph and petroglyph locations, special use sites, trails, and places with Indian names. For native people, natural resources are cultural resources. Traditional cultural plant resources are not only cherished for fiber, food, medicine, and building material, but are an intrinsic aspect of indigenous sovereignty; these plants link the people of the present to the people of the past.

CCT requests a cultural resource survey 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.

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 Tue, Nov 14, 2023 at 8:41 AM Bradley Gasawski <bradley.gasawski@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Good Morning,

CDS is requesting comment on the following **reasonable use** application: **RU-23-00001 Teanaway Ridge**. Links to the file materials can be found below. The comment period will end **December 1, 2023, at 5pm**. CDS will assume your agency does not wish to provide comment if not received by this date. Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the materials.

Internal Link: [RU-23-00001 Teanaway Ridge](#)

External Link: [RU-23-00001 Teanaway Ridge](#)

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 **“Reasonable Use”** and then the project file number **“RU-23-00001 Teanaway Ridge”**.

Thank you,

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