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Subject: Re: SX-24-00016 PSE THO-13 - Notice of Application
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Hello Zach,

This consult is in reference to SX-24-00016 PSE THO-13. This undertaking involves ground disturbance related to the in-kind replacement of transmission poles, upwards of 22ft³ per pole and the creation of staging areas.

This undertaking is located within the CCT Traditional 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 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.

There are known cultural resources of precontact and historic significance nearby and this particular APE is considered Very High Risk for an inadvertent discovery according to the DAHP predictive model.

CCT requests a cultural resource survey for the APE 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 Thu, Jul 11, 2024 at 10:37 AM Zach Torrance-Smith

<zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Parcels# None (Project Is Within Right-of-Way of Hanson Rd.)

Good morning,

You are receiving this request for shoreline review with an associated 15-day comment period because this application (Shoreline Exemption Permitting, SX-24-00016 PSE THO-13) is proposing a project within shoreline jurisdiction that is not exempt from cultural resources review pursuant to Kittitas County SMP 5.1(B)(1)(a). The proposed project is to replace one distribution pole along the Thorp – Ellensburg service corridor, as well as the installation of a pole-mounted recloser and pull-off area for access. In accordance with the settlement agreement between the Yakama Nation and Kittitas County, Kittitas County Resolution No. 2018-195 and the Department of Ecology Final Approval (letter dated 1/14/19, effective 1/28/19) of the County's amended Shoreline Master Program, Kittitas County is hereby requesting comments regarding the proposed project.

This request is based off the following amendment to Kittitas County SMP 5.1(B) as shown below:

B. Regulations

1. *Project Approval Requirements.* Prior to issuing a permit, exemption, or other approval for a proposed project in a shoreline area, the County shall determine whether or not a cultural resources review or archaeological survey shall be required under this Section 5.1(B)(1).

a. *Exceptions.* No cultural resources review or survey shall be required under this Section 5.1(B)(1) where the project applicant can demonstrate one or more of the following conditions is met:

i. The project or use does not include any ground disturbance. Projects that require the insertion of structural elements, but which do not require any excavation and create no spoil piles, shall be considered non-ground-disturbing for purposes of this Section (e.g. driving T-posts, planting tree seedlings with a hoedad).

ii. The project is limited to the installation of infrastructure entirely within the same area as an existing project or development.

iii. The project's entire three-dimensional area of proposed ground-disturbance is located within previous fill or previously

disturbed earth.

iv. A professional archaeologist has surveyed the entire project area within the last ten (10) years, and the survey report(s) show that no cultural, archaeological, or historic resources were found.

b. *Cultural Resources Review*. The County shall provide electronic notice and a fifteen (15) day comment opportunity to DAHP and affected Native American tribes for all proposed projects in shoreline areas which are not excluded under Section 5.1(B)(1)(a) above.

i. When applicable, the above notification requirement will be included in the Preliminary Site Analysis process.

ii. Where the proposed project is already subject to a comment period through shoreline permitting and/or SEPA review, this comment period shall be run concurrently.

iii. For shoreline projects that fall under a shoreline exemption permit and have no notification requirement, if not already completed through the Preliminary Site Analysis process, the above notification and cultural resources review requirements will occur prior to the issuance of an exemption permit.

Kittitas County will not act on the attached request until the end of the 15-day comment window. Please respond to this email with any comments regarding this proposal no later than end of business day **July 26, 2024**.

A link to the application materials hosted on the CDS website can be found below.

External Link: [SX-24-00016 PSE THO-13](#)

Please contact me should you have any questions.

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