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Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 12:52 PM
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Subject: Re: SX-25-00002 PSE HWY Cable Remediation Project - Notice of Application
Attachments: YN IDP - SX-25-00002-PSE-HWY-Cable Remediation Site.docx

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The project, [SX-25-00002-PSE-HWY-Cable Remediation Site](#), Lies within the Ceded lands/ Usual & Accustomed Area of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation. The project review didn't yield any new information that would require further investigation of the potential impacts on Archaeological/Cultural Resources. I am also attaching an Inadvertent Discovery Plan which you can share with the contractor.

On Thu, Apr 10, 2025 at 9:51 AM Ellie Myers <ellie.myers@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

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To All:

You are receiving this request for shoreline review with an associated 15-day comment period because this application **SX-25-00002 PSE HWY Cable Remediation Project** is proposing a project (repair and maintenance of existing electrical cabling) within shoreline jurisdiction that is not exempt from cultural resources review pursuant to Kittitas County SMP 5.1(B)(1)(a). 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 of 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 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 **April 25th, 2025**.

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

External Link: [SX-25-00002 PSE HWY Cable Remediation Project](#)

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Best regards,



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