

**From:** [Jordan Bovee](#)  
**To:** [Zach Torrance-Smith](#)  
**Subject:** Re: SX-26-00005 Wadkins - Notice of Application  
**Date:** Monday, March 16, 2026 2:37:38 PM

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Hi Zach,

This review is in response to the permit notification SX-26-00005 Wadkins single family residence and septic tank.

The proposed undertaking falls outside of what the Colville Business Council has delineated as the traditional territory of the tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. As such, we recognize that there may be other interested parties, particularly tribal partners, who have more immediate concerns for the potential effects of this undertaking to resources of historic, cultural, or religious significance. We will defer to their concerns and opinions with regards to this undertaking.

Thank you,

**Jordan Bovee** | Archaeologist  
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On Fri, Mar 13, 2026 at 12:36 PM Zach Torrance-Smith  
<[zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us)> wrote:

**Parcel# 016333**

Good afternoon,

You are receiving this request for shoreline review with an associated 15-day comment period because this application (Shoreline Exemption Permitting, SX-26-00005 Wadkins) 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 the construction of a new Single-Family Residence and Associated Septic System. 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.

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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 **March 30, 2026**.

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

**External Link:** [SX-26-00005 Wadkins](#)

Please contact me should you have any questions.

*Zach Torrance-Smith*

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Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director  
State Historic Preservation Officer

March 23, 2026

Zach Torrance-Smith  
Planner I  
Kittitas County

In future correspondence please refer to:  
Project Tracking Code: **2026-03-02181**  
Property: Kittitas County - SX-26-00005 - Wadkins SFR  
Re: **Survey Requested**

Dear Zach Torrance-Smith:

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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**From:** [MacNaughton, James \(DAHP\)](#)  
**To:** [Zach Torrance-Smith](#)  
**Subject:** 2026-03-02181 - RE: SX-26-00005 Wadkins - Notice of Application - Updated Project Scope  
**Date:** Thursday, April 9, 2026 7:50:47 AM  
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Good Morning Zach

Thank you for reaching out with the updated project scope on this project. Unfortunately I sent my reply yesterday to the wrong municipality, so please see this as the original notice:

As before, due to the Very High- risk of encountering buried cultural resources. I am including my original letter as a courtesy to the County and our Tribal partners.

This decision is based on information available at the time of the decision. Affected Tribes have access to proprietary information unavailable to the State, so their input could spur a review of this decision. This project has been assigned Tracking Number 2026-03-02181, please include that in communication with us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards

James

<b>James MacNaughton, MSc, RPA (<i>He/Him</i>)</b> Local Government Archaeologist Email: <a href="mailto:James.MacNaughton@dahp.wa.gov">James.MacNaughton@dahp.wa.gov</a> Mobile: (360) 280-7563   Main Office: (360) 586-3065 Hours: 7AM - 3:30PM Monday to Friday Physical Address: 1110 Capitol Way South Suite 30, Olympia, WA 98501 Mailing Address: PO Box 48343, Olympia, WA 98504-8343
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**From:** Zach  
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**Subject:** SX-26-00005 Wadkins - Notice of Application - Updated Project Scope

External Email

**Notice: This project was previously sent out for comment. The applicants have since revised their site plan to include a Solar Panel System, as well as an in-ground propane tank.**

**Parcel# 016333**

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The project, SX-26-00005 Wadkins, 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.

Thank You,

Timothy Batin, TFW Archaeologist, Yakama Nation Fisheries

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# **KITTITAS COUNTY**

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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### **MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** All Staff  
**FROM:** Public Works Plan Review Team  
**DATE:** March 16, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** SX-26-00005 Wadkins

<b>ENGINEERING</b>	Except as exempted in KCC 14.05.060, no grading or filling upon a site involving more than one hundred (100) cubic yards shall be performed without a grading permit from the County Engineer or Public Works designee (KCC 14.05.050). An application for grading in excess of five hundred (500) cubic yards shall be accompanied by an engineered grading plan (KCC 14.05.080). (CBP)
<b>FLOOD</b>	A majority of parcel #016333 is mapped within the FEMA identified special flood hazard area (1% annual chance flood zone). If possible, all development should remain outside of the special flood hazard area to reduce risk and avoid mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements. A flood permit is not required for the project as proposed. (SC)
<b>WATER MITIGATION/ METERING</b>	No comments. (SC)
<b>AIRPORT</b>	No Comments. (RC)

Please contact Kittitas County Public Works (509) 962-7523 with any questions.



# **KITTITAS COUNTY**

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### **MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** All Staff  
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**DATE:** March 16, 2026  
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<b>FLOOD</b>	A majority of parcel #016333 is mapped within the FEMA identified special flood hazard area (1% annual chance flood zone). A floodplain development permit is required for the propane tank and solar panels that will be installed within the special flood hazard area. (SC)
<b>WATER MITIGATION/ METERING</b>	No comments. (SC)
<b>AIRPORT</b>	No Comments. (RC)

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