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Good Morning Zach

Please accept this notice of Change of Decision regarding the above-referenced project. The proponent has agreed to observe a 500' offset from the platted boundary of Greenwood Cemetery. This satisfies DAHP's concerns regarding unregistered burials at the cemetery, and the project should be allowed to proceed with an Inadvertent Finds Plan in place.

This decision was reached after consultation with the WA State Anthropologist, the consultant, and DAHP professional staff. Other interested parties may have proprietary information that could affect this decision. Should the scope of the project change, and the 500' offset become impossible to observe, further consultation with DAHP may be required.

Regards

James



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That sounds perfectly reasonable to me.

Guy

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James- No worries, thanks for taking a look!

Jennifer or Guy- Are you ok with the recommendation if a 500' buffer around the cemetery is observed?

Thank you for your time,

Josh

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Hello Josh

I'm very sorry, things are insane here; we've had to take on the renewable energy projects after Catherine Oberheim took a position elsewhere, and that has slowed things considerably.

Please let the client know that there was no archaeological requirement for the grading of the property because the County is not required by law to consult with DAHP outside the SEPA/106/21-02 process. This is a liability that is a legacy of an imperfect application of SEPA in the beginning, and it has landed municipalities and land owners with unexpected delays and fines when archaeology is stumbled upon. Some municipalities work with DAHP and alert proponents, the Tribes, and DAHP when a grading or other permit that precedes SEPA could affect resources, but sadly Kittitas is not one of those. And as you know, all archaeological resources are protected by RCW 27.53, regardless of their position in or on the ground.

If the proponent intends to observe a 500' buffer around the cemetery, that would be acceptable to me, but the deciding factor will be Guy or Jennifer. If they find that acceptable then I will change my recommendation.

Again, my apologies for being hard to get hold of.

James

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Hey James- Following up on this, I would like to quickly chat about this project as soon as you have a moment.

Thanks,

Josh

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Good Morning James-I got a call about Project:2026-05-03452. Long story short, DAHP has recommended STPs and survey within 500' of the Historic Greenwood Cemetery prior to a proposed short plat and house construction.

Jennifer Miller (the land owner) wants to know if the survey recommendation would be changed if they moved the house location and associated proposed ground disturbance outside of the 500' cemetery buffer. They have already done significant grading adjacent to the cemetery for road construction, which apparently had no cultural requirements.

I attached the maps just to reference what I am talking about.

After reviewing the maps and your email, I agree with some sort of investigation around the cemetery prior to ground disturbance. GPR might be useful considering they graded around it already. I do not think there is a cause for concern outside of the 500' cemetery buffer, as far as historic human remains are concerned.

Thanks for your time!

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