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Cc: [Guy Moura](#); [Hanson, Sydney \(DAHP\)](#)
Subject: Re: VA-23-00009 Crow's Nest - Notice of Application
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Hello Chace,

This consult is in reference to VA-23-00009 Crow's Nest. This undertaking involves ground disturbance activities including the construction of a fire lookout tower above the treeline with a 400 sqft footprint, an access road which would involve grading and leveling and other associated infrastructure.

This undertaking is located within the CCT Usual and Accustom 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 usual and accustom territory of the Wenatchi, 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.

If ground disturbing activities are to be conducted, such as but not limited to 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 sub-surface cultural deposits. These Shovel Test Probes should at least be to the terminal depth of the proposed ground disturbance to ensure the totality of the presence or absence of cultural material.

There are known cultural resources of precontact and historic significance nearby and this particular parcel is considered to be Very High Risk for an inadvertent discovery according to the DAHP predictive model. This area has not been previously surveyed and a preliminary archaeological investigation would be prudent.

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 Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 8:22 AM Chace Pedersen <chace.pedersen@co.kittitas.wa.us> wrote:

Good morning,

CDS is requesting comments on the following Zoning Variance application: VA-23-00009 Crow's Nest.

Links to the file materials can be found below. The comment period will end on **January 19, 2024, 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: [VA-23-00009 Crow's Nest](#)

External Link: [VA-23-00009 Crow's Nest](#)

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 "Zoning Variances", "View Active Applications", and then the project file number "VA-23-00009 Crow's Nest".

Thank you,

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