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Kari Braniff
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September 23, 2008

Subject: Notice of Application: Star View Short Plat (SP-08-00039)

Dear Ms. Braniff,

Thank you for contacting the Yakama Nation Cultural Resource Program regarding the above noted Application for a Short Plat. This project falls within the ceded lands of the Yakama Nation, defined as the usual and accustomed areas and places utilized by the ancestors of the Yakama People for the gathering of foods, medicines, and ceremonial purposes. These legal rights are outlined in the Treaty of 1855 between the Yakama Nation and the United States government. Just as in the past, these lands and their resources continue to fulfill a central role in the culture of members of the Yakama Nation in the present, and will continue to do so in the future.

The proposed development entails the division of approximately 20 acres into a 4 lot short subdivision located northeast of the City of Roslyn, off of Mountain Ridge Road within a portion of Section 9, Township 20N, Range 15E. We have reviewed the project documentation and have concerns regarding the proposal. Our concerns are focused on the development taking place in an area which we view as having a high potential for cultural/archaeological sites. Many sites associated with both Native American and historic Euro-American land-use are found in the vicinity of the proposed development. Given this, we recommend that the subject property be at minimum professionally surveyed for cultural/archaeological resources.

Please contact me at 1-509-865-5121 ext. 4737 or tribal archaeologist Dave Woody at ext. 4760 if you have any questions regarding the above recommendation.

Sincerely,

Johnson Meninick,
Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program Manager

CC: Gretchen Kaehler, Assistant State Archaeologist, Washington State Department of
Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)

Kate Valdez, Yakama Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)