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**Subject:** Re: VA-23-00005 Clarke - Notice of Application  
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Hello Zach,

This consult is in reference to Setback Variance VA-23-00005 *Clarke*. This undertaking involves the development of a new garage with associated driveway, of indeterminate permeability (paved v. unpaved), and the demolition of an existing building which is described as derelict.

This undertaking is located within the CCT Traditional 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 traditional territory of the Wenatchi Tribe, 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 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 subsurface cultural deposits. This test should be to the terminal depth of the septic installation to ensure the totality of the presence or absence of cultural material.

There are known cultural resources of historic significance nearby and this particular plat is considered Very High Risk for an inadvertent discovery according to the DAHP predictive model. This parcel and section 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.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Aug 8, 2023 at 4:17 PM Zach Torrance-Smith  
<[zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

CDS is requesting comments on the following Variance application: VA-23-00005 Clarke

Links to the file materials can be found below. The comment period will end on **August 22, 2023, 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-23-00005 Clarke

**External Link:** [VA-23-00005 Clarke](#)

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 “Setback Variances” and then the project file number “VA-23-00005 Clarke”.

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