



Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation  
Established by the Treaty of June 9, 1855

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RE: Swauk Valley Ranch Long Plat

Dear Mr. Pilkington,

Thank you for contacting the Yakama Nation in regards to the Swauk Valley Ranch Long Plat. This long plat is located within the Ceded Lands of the Yakama Nation, the legal rights to which were established by the Treaty of 1855, between the Yakama Nation and the United States Government. The Treaty set forth that Yakama Nation shall retain the rights to resources upon these lands and, therefore, it is with the assistance and backing of the United States Federal Government that Yakama Nation claims authority to protect traditional resources.

The subject property contains two historic archaeological resources that are considered potentially eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. Prior to any development on this land, these resources will require consideration and further study.

Please feel free to contact me at 509-865-5121 x4737, or Yakama Nation Archaeologist, Jessica Lally at x4766, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Johnson Meninick,  
Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program Manager

CC: Gretchen Kaehler, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation