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September 23, 2008

Subject: Notice of Application: Darrow Rezone (RZ-08-00008) and Preliminary Plat (LP-08-00025)

Dear Ms. Moynihan,

Thank you for contacting the Yakama Nation Cultural Resource Program regarding the above noted Application for Rezone and Preliminary 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 a project related rezone along with a 6-Lot on approximately 27.16 acres. The proposed subdivision is located northeast of the City of Cle Elum, north of Teanaway Road within the N ½ of Section 05, Township 20N, Range 16E.

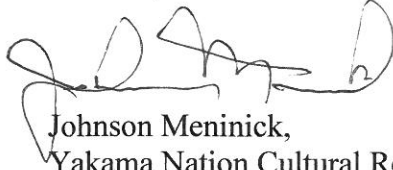
We have reviewed the project in terms of its potential for adverse impacts to environmental resources, sacred areas, traditional cultural properties, archaeological properties and associated cultural issues. It is our belief that the proposed development is occurring within an area which has a relatively high potential for cultural sites and other cultural resources. The Teanaway River and its associated drainages are well known to the Yakama Nation as a place of resource gathering, homesites, as well as burial sites and places of spiritual significance.

A review of the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) cultural site database indicates the rich cultural history of the area, with several sites associated with both Native American and historic Euro-American land use being found in close proximity of the proposed development.

Given the potential for cultural resource sites at the proposed subdivision, we feel that the appropriate action to identify any cultural/archaeological sites present should begin with a professional cultural resources survey and historical documentation of the development area prior to any ground disturbing activities associated with the project.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johnson Meninick', written over a horizontal line.

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)