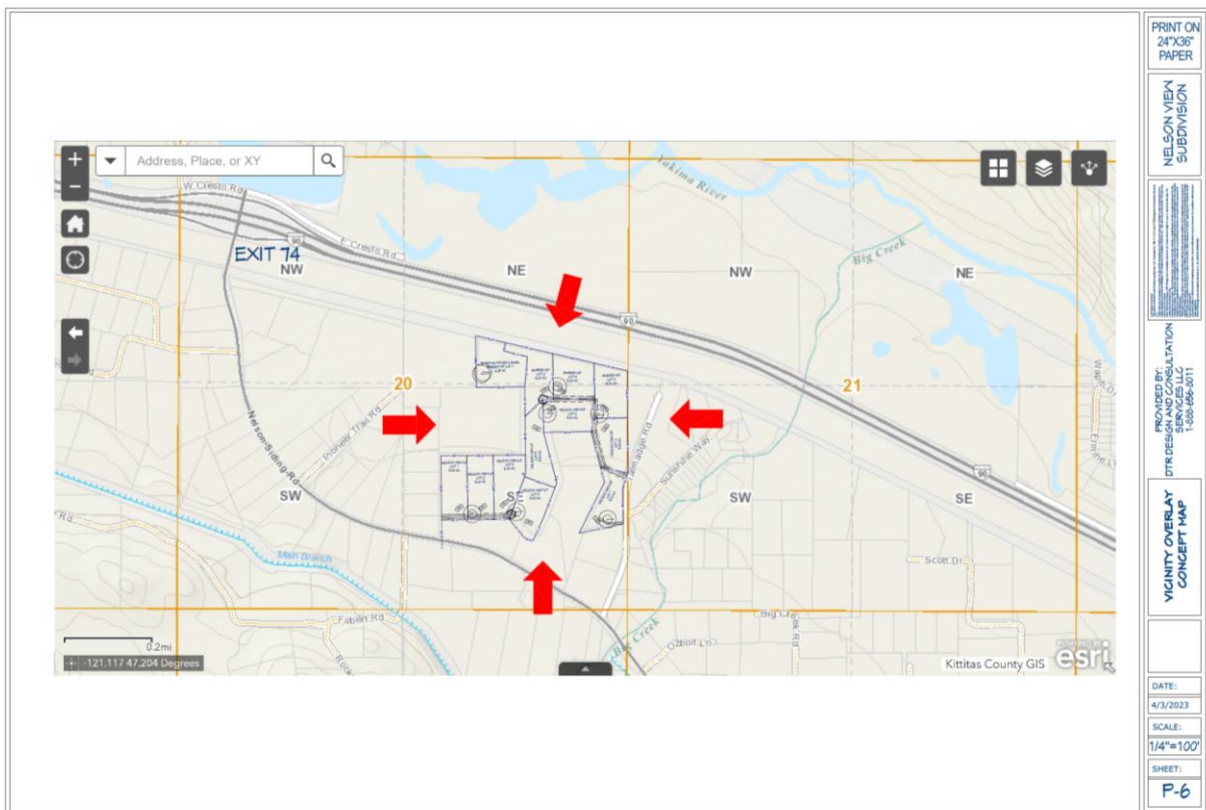
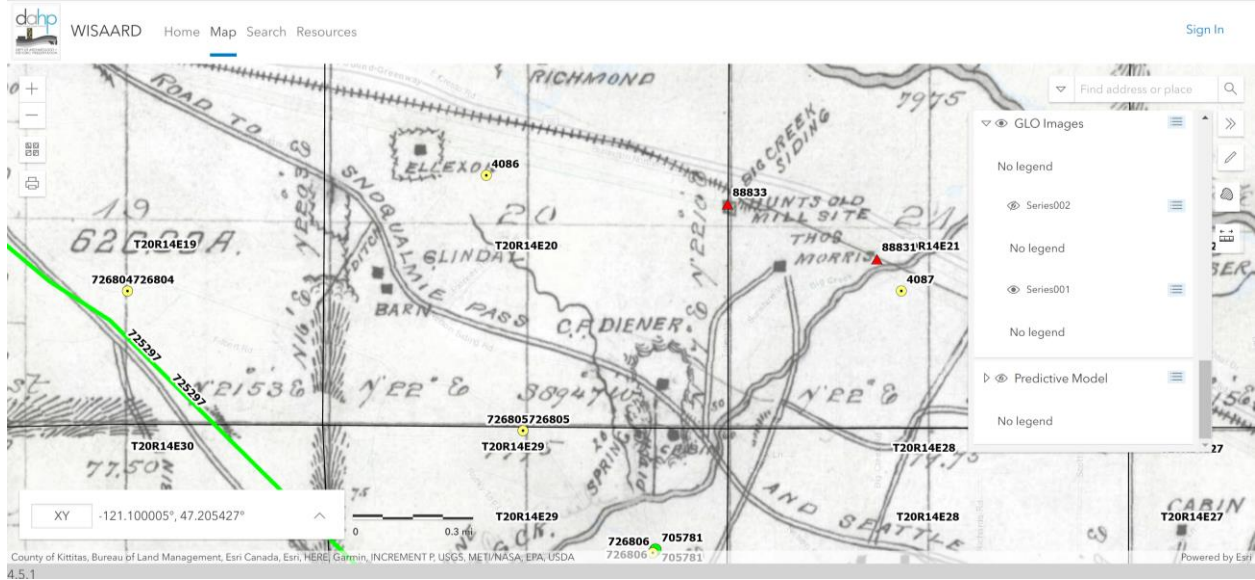


Thank you for taking the time to review these documents. We fully understand that history doesn't start 150 years ago, and we must protect the historic resources when and where possible. We feel that due to the nature of use that can be relatively well proven in the more recent history, an archeological survey of this site is going to turn up no new evidence. The land has been so heavily manipulated from being in a prime location between main roadways and the railroad. The land has been logged many times, had all stumps removed and excavated and replanted to produce again. It was once a major mill site for the area and then became farm fields for a homestead where water was manipulated repeatedly to better serve that generation of farmers. There's no sign of so many historic sites and locations known to be in the area as it has been manipulated due to the fact that it has been such a vital piece of agricultural land prior to the surface water being removed and sold to DOE in very recent past. We understand the desire to survey the area but with all of this disturbance it doesn't seem to be a good way to use the limited resource that is properly trained and certified archeologists. Instead we would like to have an IDP in place and ensure that it gets provided to all the future owners of the land who will be the ones doing the majority of the excavation on any given parcel. We have compiled a few maps to better show what we are talking about.

Included below is the same vicinity map from our SEPA application.



Screenshot from DAHP wisaard database shows old homesteads, old mill site, old big creek spur channel location, old railroad location, and location of the main road to Snoqualmie pass before I90 was constructed.

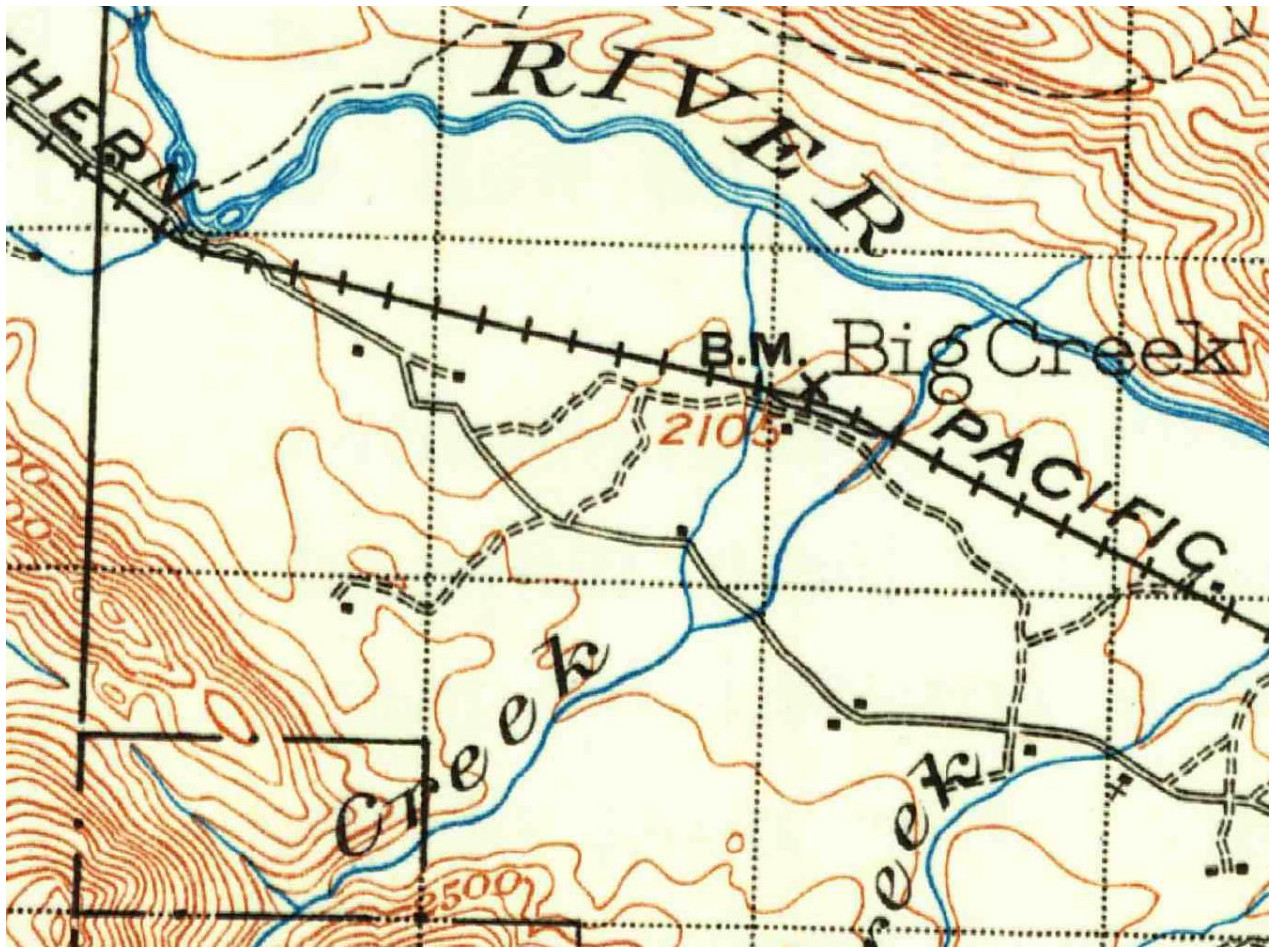
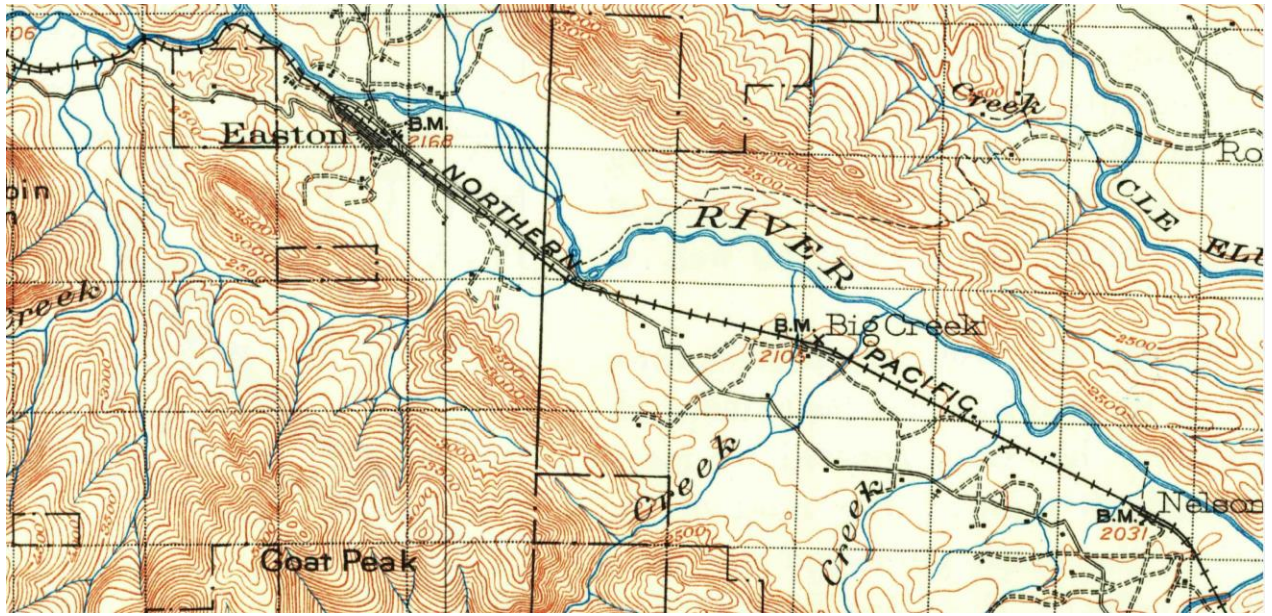




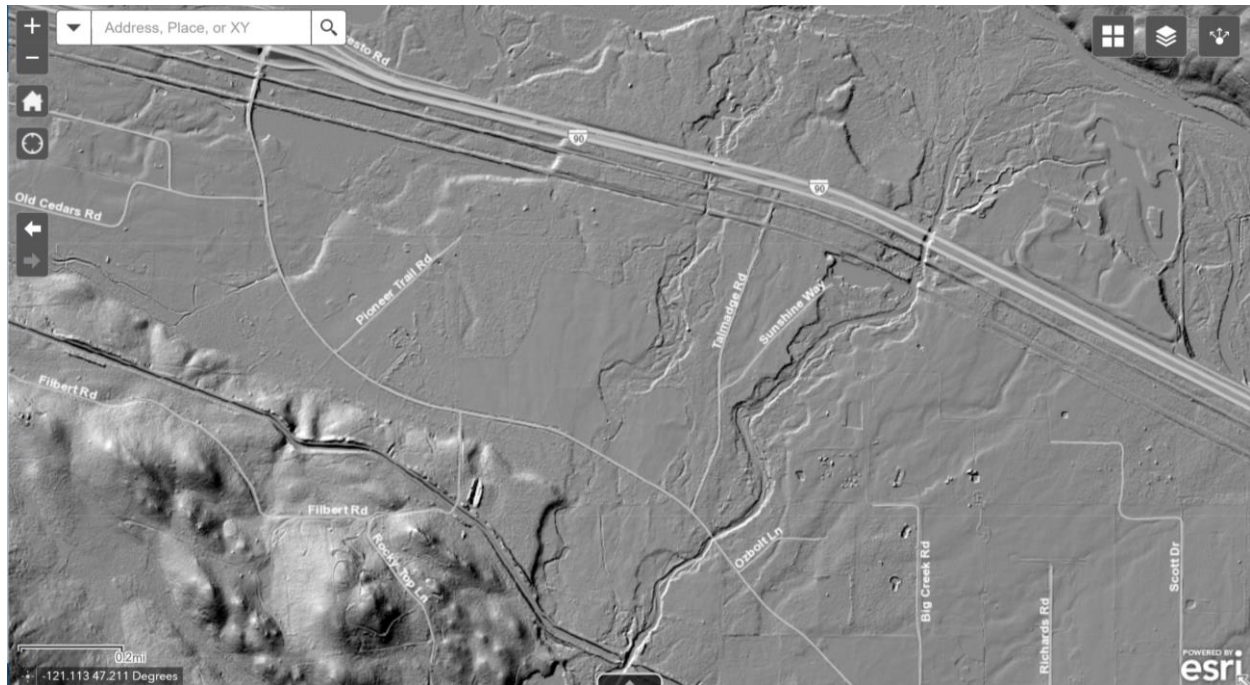
Next is the earliest official topo mapping from USGS in 1903 and a zoomed in view of the subject area, showing that the spur channel was redirected in a way that it could connect to the Yakama River and more water could be added making it what was known as the Big Creek Diversion. It became a beneficial source of water for the homesteaders in the area and was ditched in and routed through the Darling family farm. This surface water was fairly recently reclaimed by DOE as it helps maintain Big Creek water levels which is a high priority resource for fish.

Also in this mapping is another representation of the old road to Snoqualmie before 190. It also shows many main roads though the area as it was one of the few railway access points in the area.





Next is the current LIDAR imaging that clearly shows the amount of soils that were disturbed and washed downstream caused by the Big Creek Diversion. The lands also show no sign of the ancient location of the big creek spur as the lands have been heavily manipulated for many years of logging and agricultural usage.



The following are a set of images from that show just how much the land and waters have been manipulated in just the last 25 years. There were irrigation ditches that were moved on a regular basis, trees that have been logged and show no sign on the grounds today. Main power lines that have been installed and clear for. And a huge increase of housing surrounding the subject property. Additionally there was a dirt bike track excavated for recently.







