

**From:** [Connor Armi](#)  
**To:** [Chace Pedersen](#)  
**Cc:** [Guy Moura](#); [Hanson, Sydney \(DAHP\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: SE-23-00016 Ritter - Notice of Application  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 8:05:29 AM

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Hello Chace,

This consult is in reference to Miscellaneous SEPA Applications SE-23-00016 *Ritter*. Ground disturbing activities include the grading and construction of a road, the SEPA document

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 Moses-Columbia 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 roadway, 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 no known cultural resources of significance nearby and this particular plat is considered Very High Risk for an inadvertent discovery according to the DAHP predictive model. This parcel has not been previously surveyed and a preliminary archaeological investigation would be prudent. There was a survey from 2006 for the construction of the Bar 14 bridge that is in the section but the size, scope, and age of this previous survey is inadequate to assess the impacts of this implementation on cultural resources.

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.

On behalf of Guy Moura, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 8:34 AM Chace Pedersen <[chace.pedersen@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:chace.pedersen@co.kittitas.wa.us)> wrote:

Good morning,

CDS is requesting comments on the following SEPA application: **SE-23-000016 Ritter**. Links to the file materials can be found below. Kittitas County anticipates issuing a DNS for this project application and is using the optional SEPA process. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of this project.

The comment period will end **Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 5pm**. CDS will assume your agency does not wish to provide comment if not received by this date. Please contact me directly with any questions or issues accessing the materials.

**Public Access:** [SE-23-00016 Ritter](#)

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Thank you,

**Chace Pedersen**

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