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In future correspondence please refer to:  
Project Tracking Code: 2016-11-08012  
Property: Rocky Ford Creek Pedestrian Bridge Replacements  
Re: Receipt of SEPA Checklist, Survey Requested

Dear Mr. Peck:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing us with a copy of the SEPA checklist for this project. I agree with your conclusion stated in Question 13 of the checklist that a cultural resources survey should be conducted prior to any ground-disturbing activity. We also recommend consultation with the concerned Tribes' cultural committees and staff regarding cultural resource issues.

If any federal funds or permits are associated with this proposal, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800, must be followed. This is a separate process from both the NEPA and SEPA environmental review processes and requires formal government-to-government consultation with the affected Tribes and the SHPO. Also, we appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties concerning cultural resource issues that you receive.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Finally, please note that in order to streamline our responses, DAHP requires that all documents related to project reviews be submitted electronically. Correspondence, reports, notices, photos, etc. must now be submitted in PDF or JPG format. For more information about how to submit documents to DAHP please visit: <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/programs/shpo-compliance>. To assist you in conducting a cultural resource survey and inventory effort, DAHP has developed guidelines including requirements for survey reports. You can view or download a copy from our website.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project and we look forward to receiving the survey report. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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