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RE: DNS 18-065: Wooten Wildlife Area Tucannon River and Floodplain Restoration

Dear Lisa Wood:

We have received a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS), SEPA Checklist, and associated documents pertaining to the Wooten Wildlife Area Tucannon River and Floodplain Restoration Project in Columbia County, Washington, for our review and comment. Please be advised that your proposed undertaking lies within the traditional territories of the Palus and Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce Tribes, two of the twelve constituent tribes of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Colville Confederated Tribes [CCT]), 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 CCT 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 (Palouse) territory in Idaho, and south central British Columbia.

The CCT has not yet been consulted regarding the potential effects of this undertaking on cultural resources. We request that a formal consultation letter be sent to our office that provides a description of the project and clearly depicts the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE) including staging and stockpiling areas. We further request that a cultural resources survey, inclusive of subsurface testing a consideration of Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs), be undertaken in relation to this undertaking and that a draft of the resultant report be submitted to our office for review and concurrence.

Thank you for consulting with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. Please note that these comments are based on information available to us at the time of the project review. We reserve the right to revise our comments as information becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Karen Capuder at (509) 634-2876 or karen.capuder@colvilletribes.com. If you wish to speak with me, contact me at (509) 634-2695.

Sincerely,

Guy Moura, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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