



The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

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RE: WDFW Colockum-Stemilt Forest Restoration Project

Dear Lisa Wood:

We have received the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW's) Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) regarding the proposed Colockum-Stemilt Forest Restoration Project, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington, along with the SEPA Checklist for the project and associated maps. Please be advised that your proposed undertaking lies within the traditional territories of the Wenatchi Tribe, one of 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.

It is the position of the CCT that the issuance of this DNS is premature, given the fact that the cultural resources survey to be undertaken in relation to the project has not been completed. However, we concur with the DNS on the condition that, upon review of the completed cultural resources survey, we concur its findings regarding the project's potential to adversely affect cultural resources.

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,

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