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RE: DNS 19-015: Weatherly Wildlife Area Forest Thin

Dear Lisa Wood:

We have received the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW's) Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) regarding the proposed Weatherly Wildlife Area Forest Thin project, 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 Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce and Palus 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.

We concur with the issuance of the DNS, provided that cultural resource surveys of the project location be undertaken by the WDFW archaeologist in 2019, and resources identified thereby are bound out of the project area, as specified in the applicant's response to Section B Item 13b of the SEPA Checklist.

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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