

April 9, 2013

Mr. Jason Lundgren
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RE: Archaeological Monitoring for the Icicle Creek Kiosk Project, Chelan County, Washington

Dear Jason,

As you are aware, Plateau Archaeological Investigations, LLC (Plateau) provided archaeological monitoring for the Icicle Creek Kiosk Project located west of East Leavenworth Road in Chelan County (Figure 1). Archaeological monitoring of the project was performed by Plateau at the request of the Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (CCFEG) to insure proper treatment should any cultural resources be disturbed during the kiosk installation.

The Project Area lies in Section 13 of Township 24 North, Range 17 East, Willamette Meridian (Figure 2). The Project Area is located at the edge of a gravel pad that is used as public access for fisherman and river recreationalists, on a terrace above Icicle Creek, in the southern half of Chelan County. The community of Leavenworth is located to the north, and the confluence of Icicle Creek with the Wenatchee River is to the north-northwest.

The Icicle Creek Kiosk Project is being funded by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust is purchasing approximately seven acres along Icicle Creek as part of the Lower Icicle Creek Habitat Conservation Project (PRISM #08-2060). There was a surplus in funds allowing for the installation of an informational kiosk, which was sub-contracted to CCFEG. The kiosk will be used to inform the viewer on the importance of habitat along Icicle Creek and the surrounding riparian areas. An EZ1 Project Review Sheet was submitted by Marc Duboiski of the RCO to the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation's (DAHP) Robert Whitlam on February 20, 2013. The DAHP concurred with the RCO's recommendation to have the excavation for the Kiosk Project to be monitored by a professional archaeologist.

Plateau performed archaeological monitoring of the project on March 28, 2013. John Kannady was onsite for all ground disturbing activities. Roger Carlson of Roger Carlson Construction, Dennis McMahon of McMahon Excavation, and Matthew Shales from CCFEG were also present during the excavation. The location of the kiosk sign posts were marked with flagging tape at the edge of the gravel pad above the bank of Icicle Creek (Figures 3 and 4).

McMahon Excavation removed the soil with a Caterpillar (Cat) 420D backhoe with an approximate $\frac{1}{4}$ cubic yard (0.19 cubic meter) bucket. The two sign post trenches measured approximately 4.3 feet (ft) in length by 2.6 ft wide by 2.6 ft deep (1.3 by 0.8 by 0.8 meters [m]). The depth of the trenches was determined by Roger Carlson to accommodate the two sonotubes used for setting the kiosk posts in concrete. Each trench reached depth after excavating approximately 0.8 cubic yards (0.6 cubic meters) per trench. For a total volume of 1.6 cubic yards (1.2 cubic meters) excavated for the Icicle Creek Kiosk.

Archaeological monitoring was accomplished by viewing the excavations and trowel sorting each bucket of soil before it was dumped on a tarp. An attempt was made to screen all of the material, but it slowed down the work schedule and was too much volume for the screen. The soil profile encountered during the excavation consisted of 5.5 inches (in)(14 centimeters [cm]) of gravel and asphalt, over 26 in (66 cm) of very dark grayish brown gravelly silty sand(Figure 5). The trenches were backfilled with the spoils after the sonotubes were set and level.

No cultural materials or evidence of archaeological deposits were observed during excavation monitoring of the Icicle Creek Kiosk Project. No historic properties were found or affected during excavations, and no cultural material was recorded. Plateau recommends that no further archaeological work is necessary.

If you have any questions about the field procedures or project results, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Archaeologist/GIS Specialist

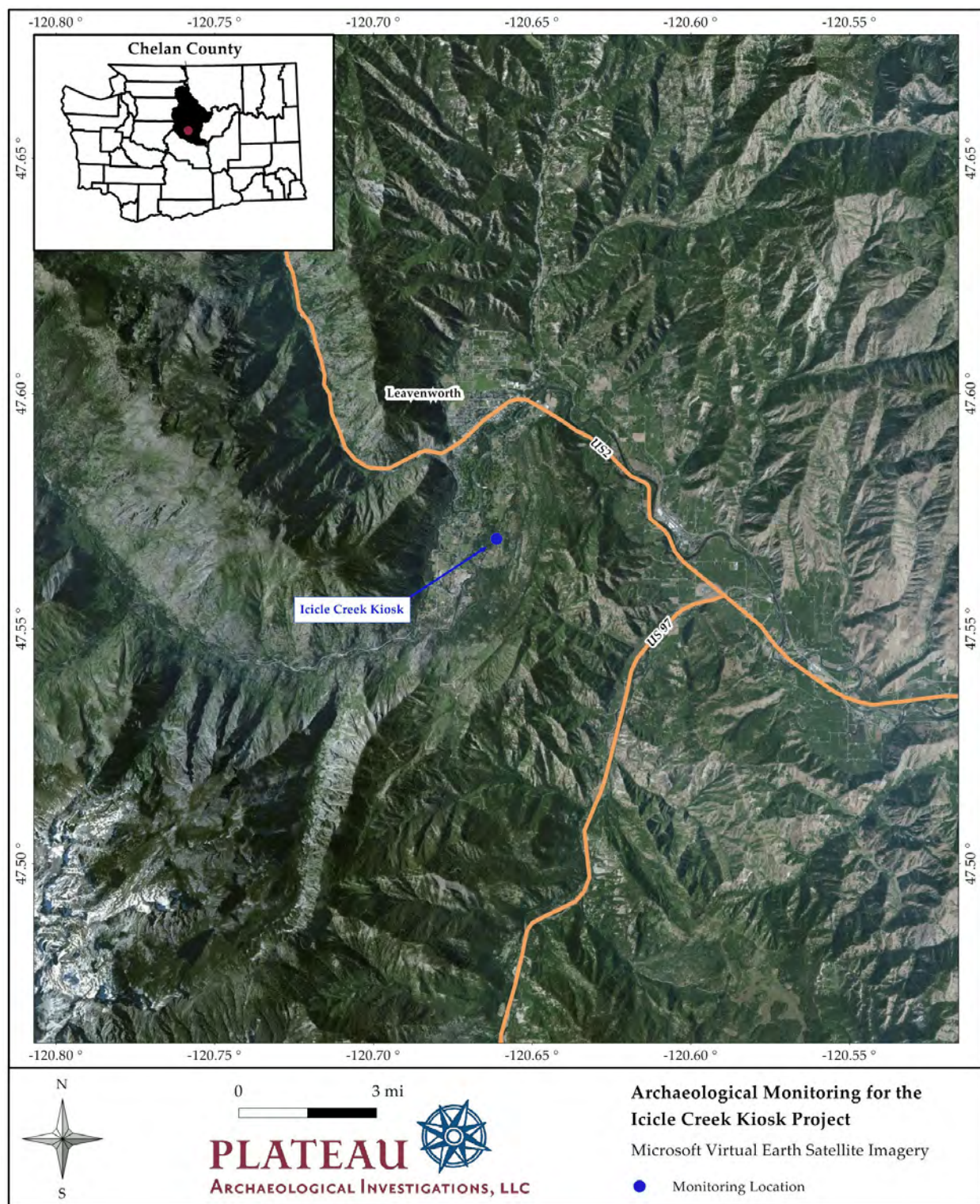


Figure 1. Project location within Chelan County.

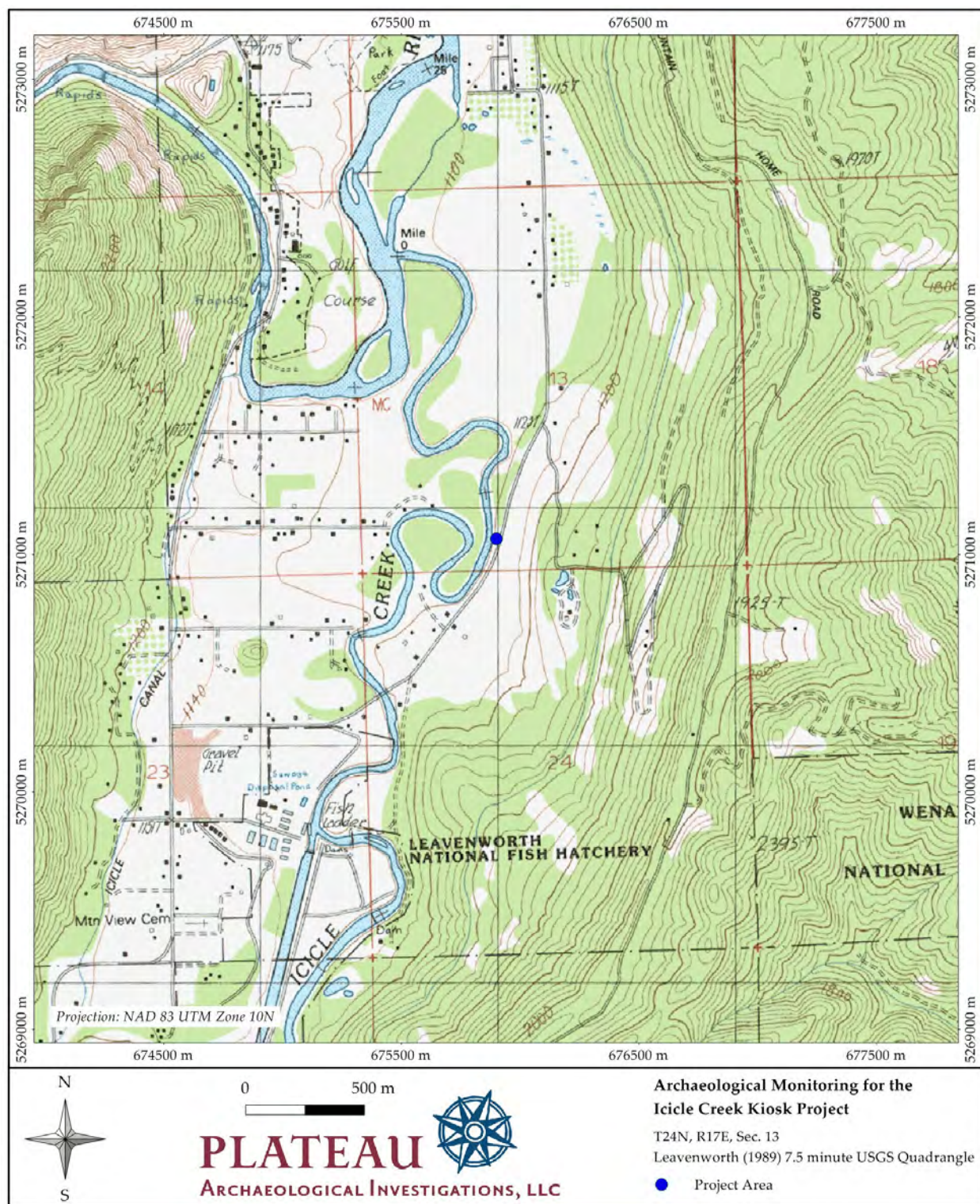


Figure 2. Topographic map of the Project Area.

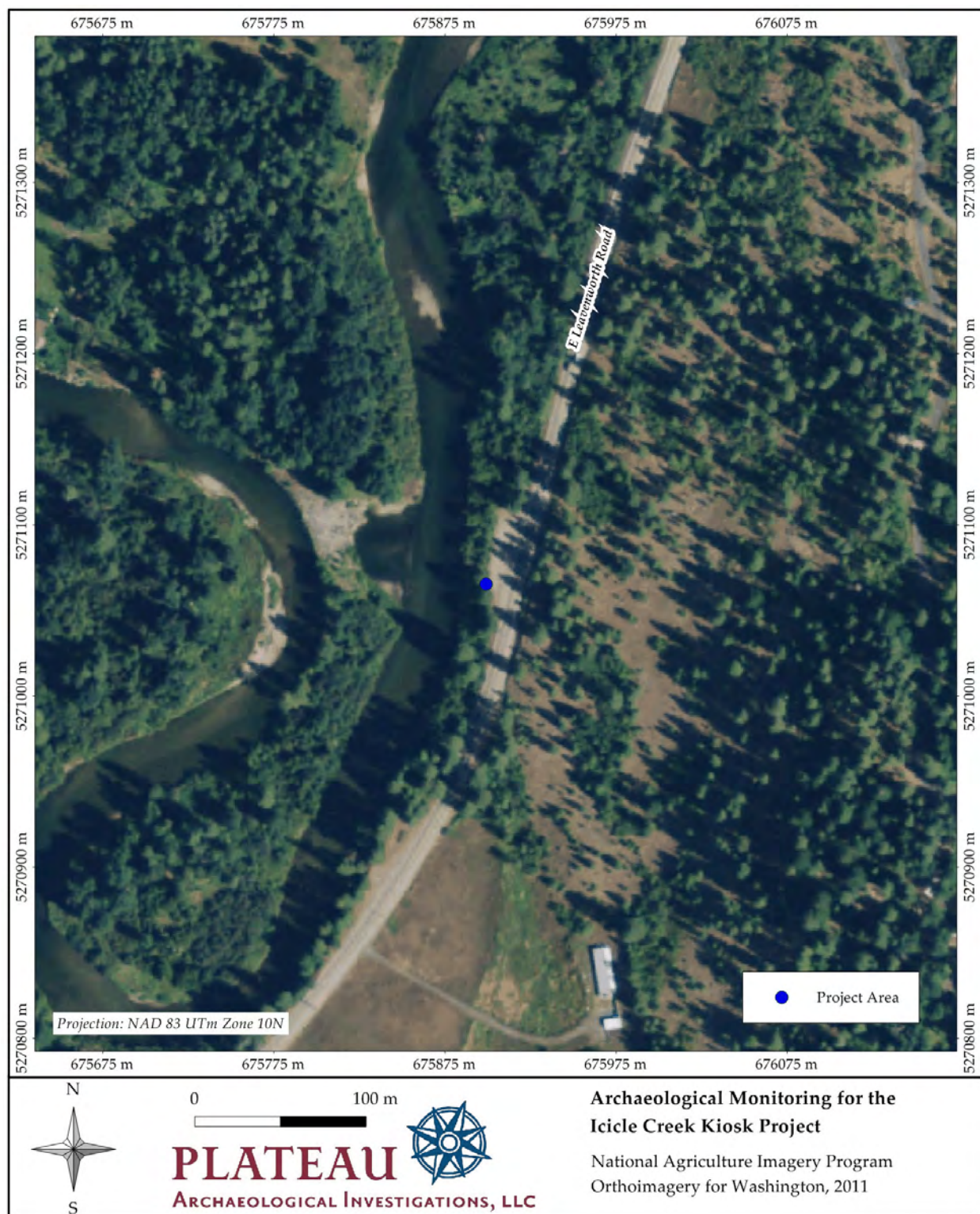


Figure 3. Aerial photograph showing the project area.



Figure 4. Overview of Project Area, looking west-northwest.
Note: Flagging tape and sonotubes.



Figure 5. Excavation trench profile with placed sonotube, looking southwest.