



## Chelan County Natural Resource Department

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**RE: Archaeological investigation of the Peshastin Pipeline project in Chelan County**

August 21, 2009

Dear Jason Lundgren:

The Chelan County Natural Resource Department is proposing to construct the Peshastin Pipeline project in the Fall of 2009. Funding is provided by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB). The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is the lead permitting agency for archaeology on the upcoming Peshastin Pipeline project in Chelan County, Washington. Pursuant to conditions set forth under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800, CCNRD is asking that the RCO initiate formal government-to-government consultation with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and the Yakama Nation.

***Location:***

The Peshastin Pipeline project is located in Chelan County near Cashmere, Washington within the Wenatchee watershed (Figure 1). The project proposes to pipe the lower 9,000 feet of the Peshastin Canal. The Peshastin Canal diverts water from Peshastin Creek so the project benefits the lower 2.4 miles of Peshastin Creek, a tributary of the Wenatchee River. All work is on or adjacent to a portion of the Peshastin Irrigation District Ditch. The upstream end of the project is the Peshastin Irrigation District Ditch north of the west end of Tigner Road (Township 23N Range 19E Section 6). The downstream extent of the project is the downstream end of the ditch at Pioneer Drive, east of Wohlers Road (Township 23N Range 19E Section 5).

***Description:***

Approximately 9,000 ft of the Peshastin Irrigation District Canal will be converted from an open canal to a closed pipeline. The construction of a pipeline will eliminate seepage in that reach. New farm turnouts will be provided in the reach allowing better management of water. The

upstream end of the proposed pipeline will tie into a pipeline constructed in 2005 by Peshastin Irrigation District. After the project is completed, the downstream most 3 miles of the Peshastin Canal will have been converted from open canal to pipeline. The total water savings from the piping is estimated to be 3 to 4 cfs (Anchor, 2007). The water savings will result in reduced diversions from Peshastin Creek and increased instream flow in Peshastin Creek.

The construction impacts will be confined to the clearing limits shown on the Drawings, unless otherwise approved by the Contracting Officer. The Drawings are provided as an attachment. The clearing limits are approximately 30 feet to either side of the existing ditch and include areas that were likely disturbed during the original construction of the ditch. All material stockpiles, equipment storage, employee parking, and other related construction support activities shall be confined to the limits shown on the Drawings.

The Contractor shall complete all construction activities in the Peshastin Irrigation Ditch during the non-irrigation season. The maximum irrigation season begins on April 15 and ends on October 15 each year.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please feel free to contact me at (509) 667-6467 or email [mike.kane@co.chelan.wa.us](mailto:mike.kane@co.chelan.wa.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Carolyn Pearson for Mike Kane".

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**Attachments:**

Project Vicinity Map  
Construction Access, Staging and Area of Potential Effect Map  
Draft Designs