



# The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

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RE: Peshastin Irrigation District Pipeline (SRFB# 07-1865)

Dear Mr. Lundgren:

We have received your letter initiating consultation on the above referenced project. Please be advised that your proposed undertaking lies within the traditional territory of the Wenatchi Tribe, one of the twelve tribes that make up the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (alternately known as the 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.

The THPO concurs with the Area of Potential Effect (APE) as described in your letter. Information on Native American use in the project vicinity shows that prehistoric, ethnographic, historic, and traditional sites of value to the CCT surround the project area. Additionally, our records show that this area has not been previously inventoried for cultural resources. We concur with the recommendation from the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) that a cultural resources inventory be completed prior to project implementation.

Please keep in mind that it is the policy of the THPO that equal effort be put into the identification of *all* historic property types, including standing structures, archaeological sites, and traditional cultural properties (TCPs). Agencies generally do a good job insuring that adequate efforts are undertaken to identify standing structures and archaeological sites, but they often fall short when it comes to identifying TCPs.

Thank you for consulting with the THPO. 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 me at (509) 634-2654. For technical questions, please contact Cheryl Pouley at (509) 634-2690.

Sincerely,

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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