

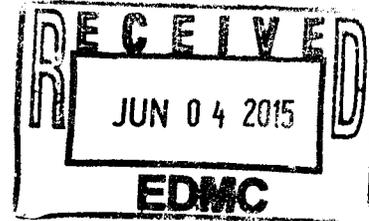


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Dear Dr. Brooks:

TRANSMITTAL OF CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW (CRR) AND FINDING OF ADVERSE EFFECT FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE HANFORD SITE LAND CONVEYANCE, BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON (HCRC#2012-600-042)

The U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) is transmitting the referenced CRR for your review. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) was transmitted to your office and Tribes on September 20, 2012. Dr. Whitlam of your office concurred with the APE on September 24, 2012 (Log No. 092412-04-DOE). Representatives of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Yakama Nation provided comments on the project APE. The APE was surveyed in May, June and November 2013. Selected locations were tested using archaeological methods in November 2013. Copies of correspondence on the project are included in section 10.0 of the report.

The project involves the proposed conveyance of 1,641 acres of land located west of the 300 Area. Two determined historic properties, an irrigation canal system (45BN1125) and a railroad (45BN1107) are located upon the land that is eligible for conveyance. RL has reached an 'adverse effect' finding for this proposed land conveyance project and plans to memorialize selected mitigations for the irrigation canal system and the railroad in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). RL also plans to meet several obligations relating to mitigation prior to September 2015. That date is mandated by the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act.

We ask for your review of the cultural resource report and the draft MOA, your signature on the National Register of Historic Places Registration Forms and a written response regarding RL's finding by July 2, 2015.

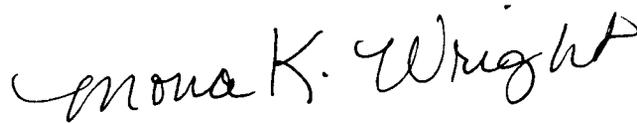
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The referenced report, RL's finding and the draft MOA are based on the information available at the time of this letter. This correspondence is also being provided to area Tribes. If you have any questions, please contact me on (509) 376-4069 or mona.wright@rl.doe.gov.

Sincerely,



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