Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Established by the Treaty of June 9, 1855

June 1, 2011

Jill Conrad
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RE: Borrow Pit C

Dear Ms. Conrad,

The purpose of this letter is to formally address the concerns of the Yakama Nation Environmental Restoration/Waste Management Program (YN ER/WM) with regards to the Borrow Pit C site. During the April 28, 2011, meeting the project was discussed and Tribal representatives were asked if an alternate location would be preferred.

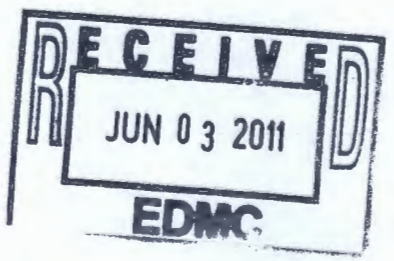
The proposed Borrow Pit C project falls within the boundary of Laliik, a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP). It was conveyed at the meeting that an alternate pit site is preferred by YN ER/WM as this site is sacred to the Yakama people. The size and scope of the project would be a substantial adverse effect [as defined in 36CFR800.5 (2)] to the TCP and impossible to mitigate. We must insist that Laliik be preserved in accordance with Section 110 (a) (2) (B) of the National Historic Preservation Act and that any adverse effects be avoided as stated in Executive order 13007 of May 24, 1996, Section 1 (2).

If you have further questions or concerns with regards this please contact the YN ER/WM cultural staff, Leah Aleck, Dana Miller or Rose Ferri at 509-452-2502.

Sincerely,

Marlene Shavehead

Russell Jim
ER/WM Projects Manager



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