Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

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Shawn Barndt
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3404 Swallow Ave
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RE: Full-time monitoring at site 45BN566

Dear Mr. Barndt;

Thank you for considering Yakama Nation Environmental Restoration/Waste Management (YN ER/WM) proposal of providing a permanent resident near the 45BN566 archaeological site. In your letter dated September 19, 2011, you state a permanent residence at this location is not possible due to safety and liability issues.

YN ER/WM still has great concerns with regards to adequate monitoring of this location. It is clear the concerned parties recognize the area around the 45BN566 archaeological site is rich in cultural resources, and is easily accessed by the public, which warrants a more rigorous monitoring plan.

In lieu of a permanent residence, YN ER/WM would like to propose a two part monitoring plan consisting of overland and shore line monitoring by boat. As previously discussed, land patrols by the Sherriff's office and/or tribal patrols could be performed on a regular basis, frequency still needs to be decided. While the land patrol would offer a certain level of necessary monitoring, it lacks completeness that added river patrols would contribute. River patrols would cover the shoreline and the first couple of benches above the shore, not readily observed by a land base patrol, and where cultural sites are more frequently recorded. As with the land based patrol, the frequency of monitoring trips will have to be decided.

This two-part plan would provide more comprehensive monitoring of the entire area. It should be considered there are peak times of the year where the recreational activity level is high, and the monitoring schedules should reflect this with more frequent visits during those times.

YN ER/WM looks forward to working with BPA on this important and pressing issue. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the cultural staff, Dana Miller or Rose Ferri at 509-452-2502.

Sincerely,

Marlene Shavehead

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Yakama Nation ER/WM
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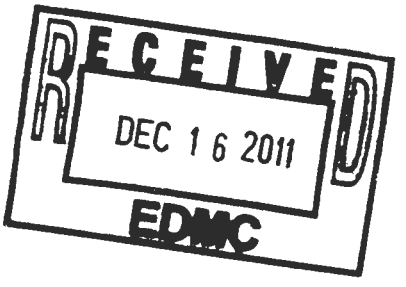

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