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In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 092208-01-STB

Property: Horn Spur abandonment (AB-1023 Sub No 1x) Puget Sound and Pacific RR

Re: APE Concur

Dear Ms. Wood:

We have reviewed the materials forwarded to the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) for the above referenced project. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. We have reviewed the description of the area of potential effect (APE) for the proposed abandonment of Puget Sound and Pacific RR (PSAP) Horn spur by their attorneys and we concur with the definition of the APE as found in sections 1 and 2 of the Historic Report.

It is our opinion that the photographs submitted in section 3 of the report do not conform to the requirements 49CFR1105.8. Furthermore, sections 4 through 9 do not contain opinions that are based upon proper reporting standards nor were the conclusions, concerning cultural resources, drawn by persons meeting the Secretary of the Interior Standards as stipulated in 36CFR61 Appendix A and 36CFR800.2. We would recommend a survey and inventory of the spur including structures and objects along the right-of-way over 50-years of age and trestles and bridges over 50 feet long. Additionally, it would be helpful if the scope-of-work for this undertaking were better defined. It is unclear to us whether the potential exists for inadvertent discovery of archaeological resources or adverse affects to cultural resources without knowing whether the line is to be abandoned in place, or cut-up and scrapped.

We look forward to the results of PSAP's cultural resources survey efforts, consultation with the concerned tribes, and receiving the survey and inventory report. We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4) and the survey report when it is available. Please note that DAHP has developed a set of cultural resource reporting guidelines and a list of qualified consultants. You can obtain a copy of these from our Web site: www.dahp.wa.gov.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36CFR800. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

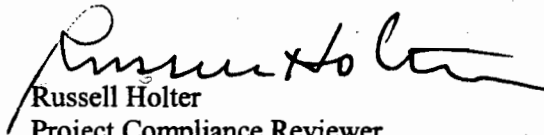


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Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Also note DAHP's new hours: effective immediately, DAHP will be open Monday through Thursday 7am to 5:30pm (Pacific) and closed on Fridays.

Sincerely,



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