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Mr. Roger Nober  
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In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 121505-01-STB

Property: Abandonment of YILA lines to Naches (AB-600 Sub-No. 1X)

Re: Archaeology - Survey Requested

Dear Mr. Nober:

We have reviewed the materials forwarded to our office for the proposed project referenced above. The area has the potential for archaeological, traditional cultural, and historic resources. Further, the scale of the proposed ground disturbing actions may destroy any archaeological resources that may be present. Identification of these resources during the project undertaking is not a recommended detection method because inadvertent discoveries often result in costly construction delays and damage to the resource. Therefore, we concur with the findings of the Surface Transportations Boards Conditions and Conclusions in the Environmental Assessment of the YILA Abandonment Exemption. We recommend a professional archaeological survey of the project area be conducted prior to ground disturbing activities.

We also recommend consultation with the concerned tribes cultural committees and staff regarding cultural resource issues. We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties concerning cultural resource issues that you receive.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project and we look forward to receiving the recommended survey report. Please note that DAHP has recently developed a set of cultural resource reporting guidelines. The guidelines are available on our website at [http://www.oahp.wa.gov/pages/Documents/documents/CRStandards\\_004.pdf](http://www.oahp.wa.gov/pages/Documents/documents/CRStandards_004.pdf). Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 586-3083 or [Stephenie.Kramer@dahp.wa.gov](mailto:Stephenie.Kramer@dahp.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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