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Good Morning, Zach




I wanted to thank you for the time taken to review comments on this project. However, since this project is to create a housing subdivision clearly there is going to be extensive ground disturbing activity here. As stated in the previous letter (attached) there is Very High probability of encountering archaeological remains in this area based on DAHP's predictive model. Further, Nelson Siding Road appears to have overlain the original wagon/military/corduroy road that ran from Ellensburg through Snoqualmie Pass and on to Seattle; and there are two settler-era cabins listed in the Project Area, as displayed by the 1892 GLO map by Amos Shaw. Nelson's Siding was itself a siding for the Northern Pacific Railroad, and was a Section Camp during construction of the line (though the siding itself was roughly 2.5 miles to the east, locals referred to the road by that name).

Finally, because a survey was requested by DAHP and the Tribes, if archaeology is impacted by the Project, it may not be considered an inadvertent discovery, but rather a violation of RCW 27.53. These requests are not made arbitrarily, they are decisions that are made based on professional knowledge and experience of DAHP and Tribal professionals, and reliance on scientific data intended both to protect our shared cultural heritage and ultimately to save proponents time and money for their projects.

Thank you again for your time, if you have any questions about this Project or request, please feel free to contact me. The Project was assigned Project Tracking Number 2024-04-02693, please include that in any correspondence.

Sincerely



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External Email

Hello Zach,

This compliance review is in response to LP-24-00002 Nelson View. We reiterate our request for a cultural resource survey. In response to the applicants and staff comments to this request, because the ground has been previously disturbed from agricultural activities there is an equal chance that cultural material could have been unearthed and is resting on the surface as there is a chance that cultural materials have been reburied by this same activity. Either way, CCT H/A and DAHP have requested a cultural resource survey.

Sincerely,

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On Fri, Dec 20, 2024 at 1:48 PM Zach Torrance-Smith

<[zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

CDS received application for final plat for LPF-24-00003 Nelson View (LP-24-00002).

Please find the preliminary approval documents attached. Below is the link for the Final Nelson View Plat Documents.

Pursuant to RCW 58.17.140, CDS has 30 days to review a complete final plat application. Due to this quick turnaround, we are requesting a one-week review deadline for all departments.

**Please have all comments submitted by 5:00pm Tuesday, December 31, 2024.**

**This project was initially handled by Chace Pedersen, I have since taken over and will be processing it through to completion.**

Internal Link: **LPF-24-00003 Nelson View**

External Link: [LPF-24-00003 Nelson View](#)

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