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**To:** [Zach Torrance-Smith](#)  
**Cc:** [Guy Moura](#); [Hanson, Sydney \(DAHP\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: SE-24-00017 Miller - Notice of Application  
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Hello Zach,

This consult is in reference to SE-24-00017 Miller. This undertaking involves ground disturbance which will be expansive over 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup>.

This undertaking is located within the CCT Usual and Accustom Territories. We request any undertakings, particularly those involving ground disturbing activities, to have an IDP in place prior to implementation.

The proposed project lies within the usual and accustom territory of the Wenatchi Tribe, 1 of the 12 constituent tribes of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR), which is governed by the Colville Business Council (CBC). The CBC has delegated to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) the responsibility of representing the CTCR with regard to cultural resources management issues throughout the traditional territories of all of the constituent tribes under Resolution 1996-29. This area includes parts of eastern Washington, northeastern Oregon, the Palus territory in Idaho, and south-central British Columbia.

As ground disturbing activities are to be conducted, a cultural resource surface survey and sub-surface testing of the area in and directly around the proposed ground disturbance are recommended as a surface observation will not be an accurate assessment of the existent potential for subsurface cultural deposits. These tests should be to the terminal depth of the ground disturbance to ensure the totality of the presence or absence of cultural material.

There are known cultural resources of precontact and historic significance nearby and this particular plat is considered Very High Risk for an inadvertent discovery according to the DAHP predictive model. This parcel has not been previously surveyed.

CCT requests a new cultural resource survey prior to the implementation of ground disturbing activities, which should include a sub-surface testing component as groundbreaking for driveway expansion and clearing of trees are expected and that during implementation that there be an inadvertent discovery plan or (IDP) in place to ensure compliance with all Section 106 and relevant cultural resource laws both federally and to the state of Washington.

Thank you for consulting with the Colville Confederated Tribes History and Archaeology Program.

On behalf of Guy Moura, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Apr 18, 2024 at 3:04 PM Zach Torrance-Smith  
<[zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:zach.torrancesmith@co.kittitas.wa.us)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

CDS is requesting comments on the following SEPA application: **SE-24-00017 Miller**. Links to the file materials can be found below. Kittitas County anticipates issuing a DNS for this project application and is using the optional SEPA process. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the ecological impacts of this project.

The comment period will end **Friday, May 3, 2024 at 5pm**. CDS will assume your agency does not wish to provide comment if not received by this date.

Please contact me directly with any questions or issues accessing the materials.

**Public Access:** [SE-24-00017 Miller](#)

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Thank you,

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