

From: [Connor Armi](#)
To: [Zach Torrance-Smith](#)
Cc: [Guy Moura](#); [Hanson, Sydney \(DAHP\)](#)
Subject: Re: SE-24-00017 Miller - Notice of Application
Date: Monday, April 29, 2024 9:51:54 AM

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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 ft².

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,

Connor Armi | Archaeologist Senior MA, RPA

History/Archaeology Program

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

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Thank you,

Zach Torrance-Smith

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Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

May 3, 2024

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In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2024-05-03149
Property: Kittitas County_Miller Driveway Improvements (SE-24-00017)
Re: Survey Requested

Dear Zach Torrance-Smith:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing documentation regarding the above referenced project. These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance Washington State law. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Our statewide predictive model indicates that there is a high probability of encountering cultural resources within the proposed project area. Further, the scale of the proposed ground disturbing actions would destroy any archaeological resources present. Identification during construction is not a recommended detection method because inadvertent discoveries often result in costly construction delays and damage to the resource. Therefore, we recommend a professional archaeological survey of the project area be conducted and a report be produced prior to ground disturbing activities. This report should meet DAHP's [Standards for Cultural Resource Reporting](#).

We also recommend that any historic buildings or structures (45 years in age or older) located within the project area are evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places on Historic Property Inventory (HPI) forms. We highly encourage the SEPA lead agency to ensure that these evaluations are written by a cultural resource professional meeting the [SOI Professional Qualification Standards in Architectural History](#).

Finally, it should be noted that the proposed project area abuts the Greenwood Cemetery. Historic cemetery boundaries are often not well-defined, and burials may have occurred outside of the cemetery's currently known boundaries. Therefore, we ask that the applicant prepares a robust inadvertent discovery plan (IDP) for human remains. DAHP's standard language can be found at the following link:

[Recommended Inadvertent Human Remains Discovery Language | Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation \(DAHP\)](#)



Please note that the recommendations provided in this letter reflect only the opinions of DAHP. Any interested Tribes may have different recommendations. We appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from Tribes or other parties concerning cultural resource issues that you receive.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Tracking Number is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any communications or submitted reports. Please also ensure that any reports, site forms, and/or historic property inventory (HPI) forms are uploaded to WISAARD by the consultant(s).

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sydney Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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April 23, 2024

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RE: SE-24-00017 Miller

Dear Mx. Torrance-Smith:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project on parcel(s) 025534 in Section 04, T. 19 N., Range 15 E., W.M.; Kittitas County.

Based on remote review of this parcel(s) it appears that some or all of the parcel(s) consist of forestland, and it will require a Forest Practices Application (FPA) from the DNR if merchantable timber is removed/harvested as part of the proposal and/or is being converted out of forest land (RCW 76.09 and WAC 222). The FPA would need to meet the requirements of the Forest Practices Act and its rules. It is our recommendation that the applicant meet with our local forest practices forester to discuss, they may call our Southeast Region office at (509) 925-8510 to schedule an appointment.

If there are questions regarding our comments, please contact our Region Forest Practices office at the number above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Moody".

Amanda Moody
Forest Practices Program Coordinator
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From: [Adam Osbekoff](#)
To: [Zach Torrance-Smith](#)
Subject: RE: SE-24-00017 Miller - Notice of Application
Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 8:36:56 AM

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Hello Zach

The Snoqualmie Tribe [Tribe] is a federally recognized sovereign Indian Tribe. We were signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliott of 1855; we reserved certain rights and privileges and ceded certain lands to the United States. As a signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliot, the Tribe specifically reserved among other things, the right to fish at usual and accustomed areas and the “privilege of hunting and gathering roots and berries on open and unclaimed lands” off-reservation throughout the modern-day state of Washington.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Based on the information provided and our understanding of the project and its APE we have no substantive comments to offer at this time. However, please be aware that if the scope of the project or the parameters for defining the APE change we reserve the right to modify our current position.

Thank you.

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From: [Nelson, Jennifer L \(DFW\)](#)
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Hi Zach,

Thanks for the opportunity to review and comment. Some of the application materials reference typical residential use, potential event center, up to 4 homes, and up to 40 vehicular trips per day. It's unclear what the project is and whether there will be subsequent projects to review once the improved driveway is approved. If additional developments or subdivisions are planned, all components of the project should be reviewed concurrently. This project is difficult to provide meaningful comments for because there are inconsistencies for what the driveway will serve and there are no plans to review. Without this information, we don't have specific recommendations or concerns for the protection of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas because our understanding is that the impact of the road will be relatively minor in nature with less than ½ acre of forest disturbed.

Thank you,
Jen

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KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff
FROM: Public Works Plan Review Team
DATE: May 3, 2024
SUBJECT: SE-24-00017 Miller

ACCESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. An approved access permit shall be required from the Kittitas County Department of Public Works prior to creating any new driveway access or altering an existing access. Refer to Title 12 of the Kittitas County Code for access requirements.2. Driveways not to exceed 10% grade. Driveway between 10-15% grade shall be hard surfaced. Driveways exceeding 15% grade will require a variance KCC 12.04.07-1.3. Maintenance of the driveway access and private roads that are not intended to become county right-of-way is the responsibility of the property owners who benefit from its use. The County will not maintain accesses.4. Any further subdivisions or lots to be served by proposed access may result in further access requirements. See Kittitas County Road Standards.5. In addition to the above-mentioned conditions, all applicable Kittitas County Road Standards apply to this proposal. Access is not guaranteed to any existing or created parcels on this application. <p>OF NOTE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Any new access easements shall be a minimum of 30' wide for a joint-use driveway and 50' wide for a private road. The easement must show a fire apparatus turnaround at termination or within 150 feet on joint-use residential driveway (KCC 12.04.04.090).7. Roads and Driveways which exceed 1,000' shall provide pull-outs constructed to a minimum of eighteen feet of total width for a minimum fifty feet in length and will have no more than six hundred feet separation. (KCC 12.04.04.090 (C))8. All joint-use residential driveways shall have a maintenance agreement recorded with the final plat approval that specifies consistent maintenance in accordance with the approved plat/plans (KCC 12.04.07.060(Q)). (JS)
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ENGINEERING	The applicant has submitted a grading permit (GP-24-00006). Further engineering comments shall be addressed in the grading permit.
SURVEY	There are no survey comments regarding this application (JT)
TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY	No transportation concurrency management application is required for the driveway improvements. Of Note: If further development such as a conditional use permit for small scale events, a concurrency evaluation may be required per KCC 12.04.02.020 (KAH)
FLOOD	Parcel #025534 is not located in a FEMA identified special flood hazard area (100-year floodplain). A floodplain development permit is not required for the project. (SC)
WATER MITIGATION/ METERING	No comments. (SC)
AIRPORT	No comments. (JS)