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Re: Clark & Sucia Island State Park Project
Log No: 072606-09-FEMA
Disaster FEMA-Dr-1641

Dear Mr. Eberlein;

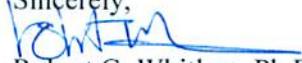
Thank you contacting our department. We have reviewed the professional archaeological survey report by Archaeological & Historical Services, EWU for the proposed Clark & Sucia Island State Park Project in San Juan County, Washington.

We concur with your findings of No Historic Properties Affected for the FEMA funded campsite relocation.

However, we remain concerned regarding the findings of the professional inspection that indicates an ongoing Adverse Effect to archaeological resources due to wave actions and erosion. We concur with their professional recommendations on pages 10-11. We strongly support efforts to stabilize and protect the exposed banks and surfaces from further impacts and loss look forward to further discussion with State Parks.

We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4).

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on the behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations 36CFR800. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and a copy of these comments should be included in subsequent environmental documents.

Sincerely,

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Creek, Jerry

From: sarah johnson [sjohnson@samishtribe.nsn.us]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2007 12:01 PM
To: Creek, Jerry
Subject: Clark and Sucia Islands campsite relocations

Hi Jerry,

Thanks for the call regarding the draft environmental assessment for Clark and Sucia Islands campsite relocations. Unfortunately, the assessment got buried under a mountain of paper on my desk. I apologize for not getting back to you in a timelier manner. The Samish Nation agrees that moving the camp sites to the selected locations is the best alternative and will result in protection of cultural resources. We have no concerns with the environmental assessment at this time. I understand that DAHP has some concerns; I would appreciate being kept informed as this process moves forward.

Thank you again for your follow up call, and have a nice day.

Sarah

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Creek, Jerry

From: diana barg [dbarg@samishtribe.nsn.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 9:58 AM
To: Creek, Jerry
Subject: RE: DR-1641-WA PW-73 & 77 (WS-P&RC Clark & Sucia Islands) Final Conditions

Hi Jerry,

Thank you for addressing these additional concerns. Adding the additional recommendations seems like a good way to address this issue since it falls outside of the campsite relocation project specifically.

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From: Creek, Jerry [mailto:jerry.creek@dhs.gov]
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Subject: DR-1641-WA PW-73 & 77 (WS-P&RC Clark & Sucia Islands) Final Conditions

Rob, Diana, & Lena;

Thanks for your responses to the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Cultural Resources Report.

As a result of your input I propose including the following in the Final EA, FONSI, & FEMA project funding approval documents.

I appreciate your reaction and comments!!

Additional Recommendations

Addition Recommendations refers to actions recommended by the Indian Tribes and the WS-DAHP to protect existing Cultural Resources on the Islands but outside of the project area and Area of Potential Effect. The Tribes and WS-DAHP strongly recommend the WS-P&RC take steps to stabilize and protect exposed banks and surfaces from further impacts (as identified on pages 10 & 11 of The Cultural Resources Report). The Tribes & WS-DAHP are committed to discussing preservation techniques and strategies with WS-DAHP.

But as always, I need a quick turn-around response.

Thanks

Jerry