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In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 041007-02-STB  
Property: STB Docket No. 34936, Northern Columbia Basin Railway Project  
Re: NO Adverse Effect

Dear Ms. Dean:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). The above referenced project has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800. My review is based upon documentation contained in your communication.

I concur that the current project as proposed will have "NO ADVERSE EFFECT" on the Columbia Basin East Low Canal. However, if the STB determines that additional resources are found to be eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places, then a supplemental determination of effects will need to be made. Likewise, if additional information on the project becomes available, or if any archaeological resources are uncovered during construction, please halt work in the area of discovery and contact the appropriate Native American Tribes and DAHP for further consultation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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