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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: More Information Needed

Dear Ms. Dean:

Thank you for contacting our office. We have reviewed the materials you provided for this project. In order to complete our review we require the following material to be provided to our office:

- Could you please provide more detailed information regarding the proposed alignment construction and/or modification? By defining your area of potential effect (APE), it allows our office to officially begin the consultation process and provide you with the guidance that you require.

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(aX4) and the survey report when it is available.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36CFR800. Please feel free to contact me should you have any specific questions about our request and we took forward to receiving this material.

Please note that DAHP has developed a set of cultural resource reporting guidelines. You can obtain from our website. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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