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In future correspondence please refer to:  
Project Tracking Code: 2018-04-02839  
Property: La Center Middle School Development Project  
Re: Archaeology – Additional Survey Requested

Dear Ms. Hansen:

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. As a result of our review, our professional opinion is that the project area has the potential to contain additional archaeological resources and more work is needed.

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 additional archaeological survey work be conducted prior to ground disturbance; specifically shovel test probes should be excavated at a closer spacing. Once a more complete survey has been conducted the professional archaeologist may request a determination for non-significance for any discovered sites, or they can be avoided. If sites that are potentially eligible for the National Register of Historical Places cannot be avoided, then a DAHP archaeological excavation permit will need to be applied for and granted, and plans for site mitigation made.

We also recommend consultation with the concerned Tribes' cultural committees and staff regarding cultural resource issues.

If this project receives Washington State Capital Funding then archaeological review will move forward under Executive Order 05-05. If any federal funds or permits are associated with this proposal, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800, must be followed. This is a separate process from both the NEPA and SEPA environmental review processes and requires formal government-to-government consultation with the affected Tribes and the SHPO.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance with Washington State law. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project and we look forward to receiving the survey report. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Number (a.k.a. Project Tracking Code) is shared with



any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any communications or submitted reports. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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