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State Historic Preservation Officer

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Bryan Bell
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In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2023-08-04663
Property: Port of Benton_ White Bluffs Rail Replacement
Re: No Historic Resources Impacted

Dear Bryan Bell:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) regarding the above referenced proposal. This action has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) under provisions of Governor's Executive Order 21-02. Our review is based upon documentation provided in your submittal.

It is our opinion that no historic resources will be impacted by the current project as proposed.

However, we do ask that you prepare an Inadvertent Discovery Plan for archaeological finds and prepare construction crews for the possibility of encountering prehistoric and/or historic archaeological materials during ground disturbing activities. Also, if there is a scope of change and ground disturbing activities below the horizontal limits of fill, please resume consultation with our agency. The proposed project area extends through areas of know archaeological sensitivity and new project elements may impact archaeological resources.

If any archaeological resources are uncovered during construction, please halt work immediately 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 feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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