## Cultural Resources and Your Project Tips to Keeping on Schedule

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# Introduction to the Cultural Resource Process

• Goal: Familiarize you with the steps required for a cultural resource survey, and help you understand the process.

• This will help you provide your cultural resource team with the best information and useful assistance for an efficient process.



#### Define the Area That Will Be Impacted

- Federally funded projects
- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (amended 2000)
- Section 106 of 36 CFR Part 800
- Area of Potential Effects (APE)

- State funded projects
- Executive Order 21-02
  - E.O. 21-02 (formerly E.O. 05-05)
- Area of Potential Impact (API)



#### What is the APE / API

- APE / API is defined by the funding or permitting agency
  - Should involve Stakeholders and interested parties
- All areas of Direct Impact
  - Project area, laydown, staging, access routes
- Areas of Indirect Impact
  - Visual impacts
  - Audible impacts
  - Changes in traffic patterns, land use, public access





#### Background Review: Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD)

- Recorded Archaeological Resources
- Historic Property Inventories (HPI)
- National Register of Historic Properties (NRHP)
- Washington Heritage Register (WHR) Properties
- Identified Cemeteries
- Previously Conducted Cultural Resource Surveys
- Statewide Predictive Model (SPM)
- Other Data

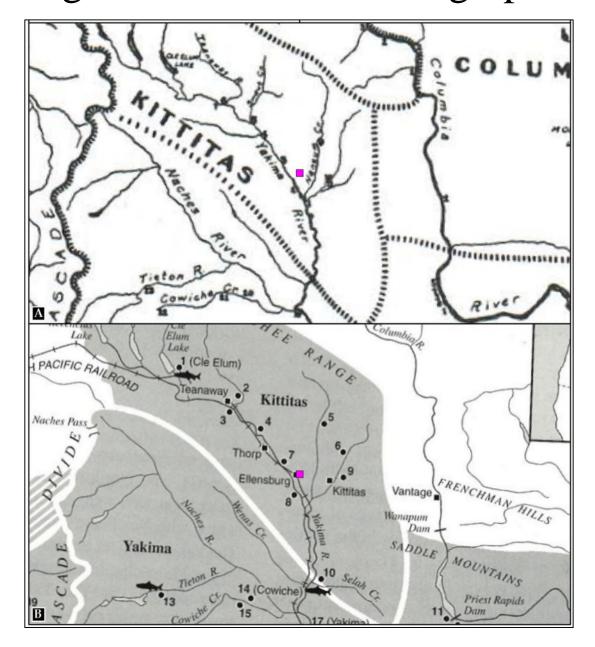


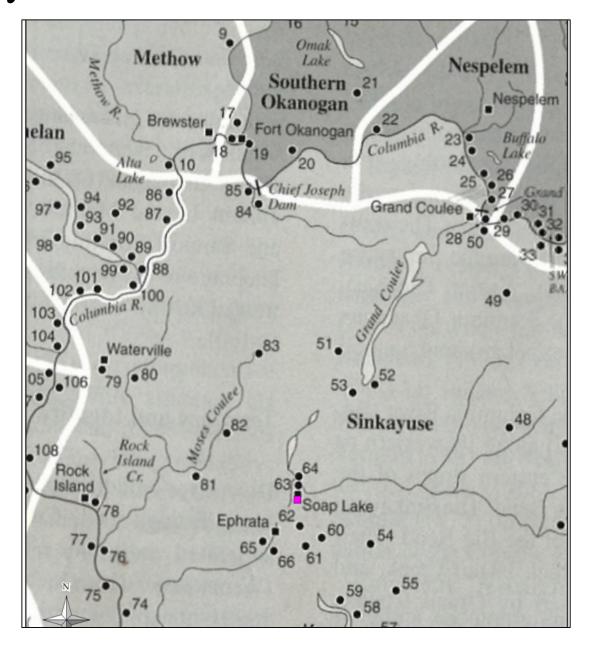
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#### Background Review: Indigenous Cultural Background

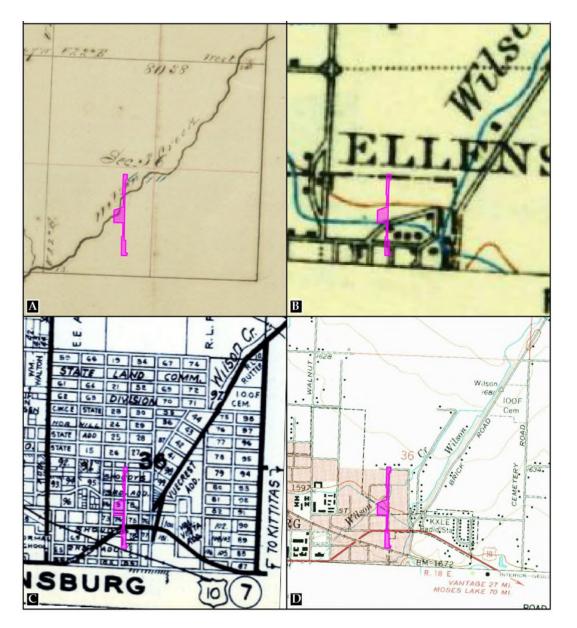


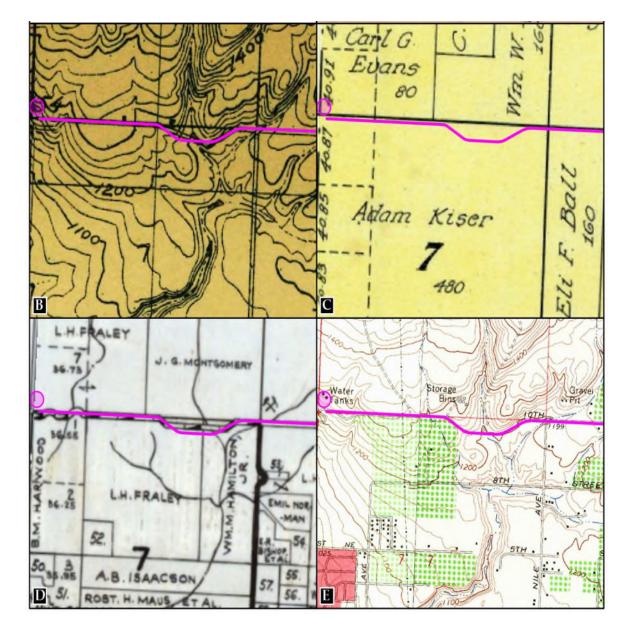
#### Background Review: Ethnographically Documented Places



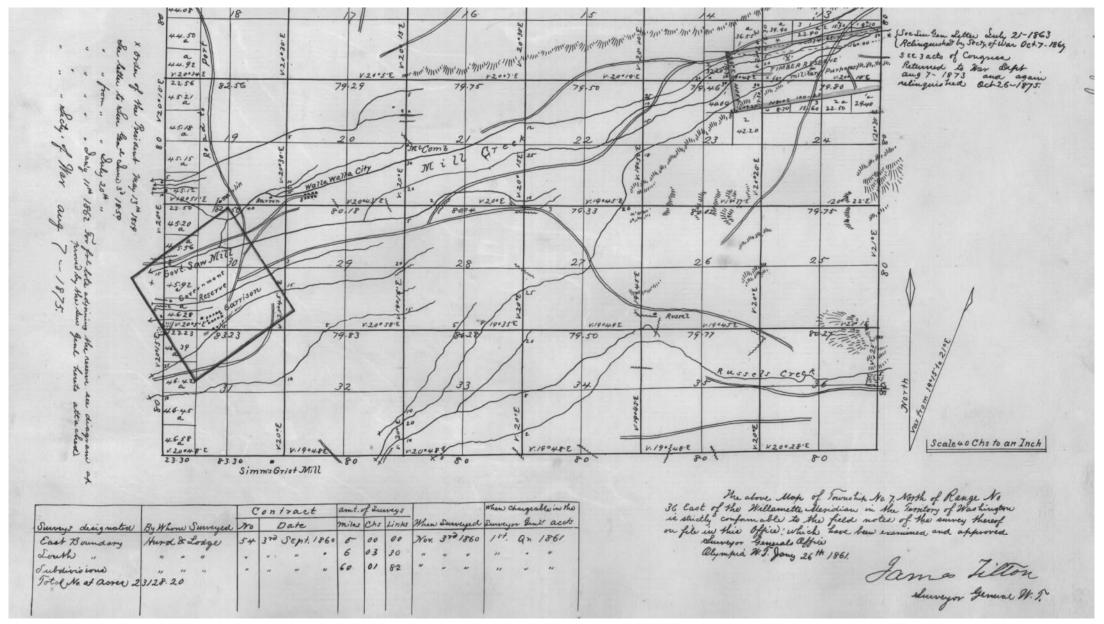


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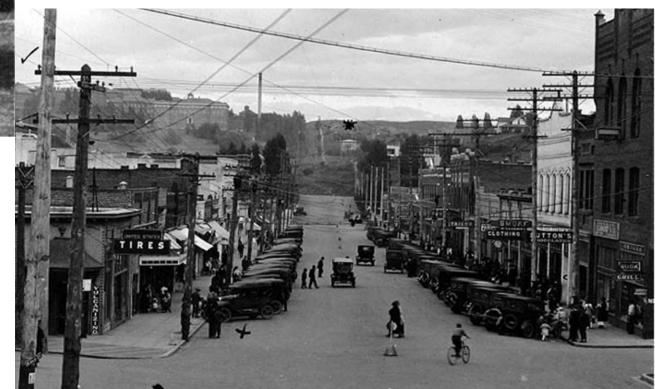


#### Background Review: Historical Accounts



#### Background Review: Local and Regional History







### Local Historical Societies





#### **Utility Locates**

- RCW 19.122 ~ Call for a utility locate two business days before any digging.
- Utilities already marked? A "Ticket Default" can be requested.

Conducting a Pedestrian Survey and Subsurface Testing



### Pedestrian Survey







#### Subsurface Visibility

• RCW 27.53.030 requires inspection techniques to identify both surface and subsurface cultural resources.

### Subsurface Probes





## Filing Site Forms and Historic Property Inventories (HPI)

- Site forms and HPIs must be filed on WISAARD
- Client then receives the forms for review
- Agency Review and Determination of Eligibility
- Submission of site forms for a Smithsonian Trinomial





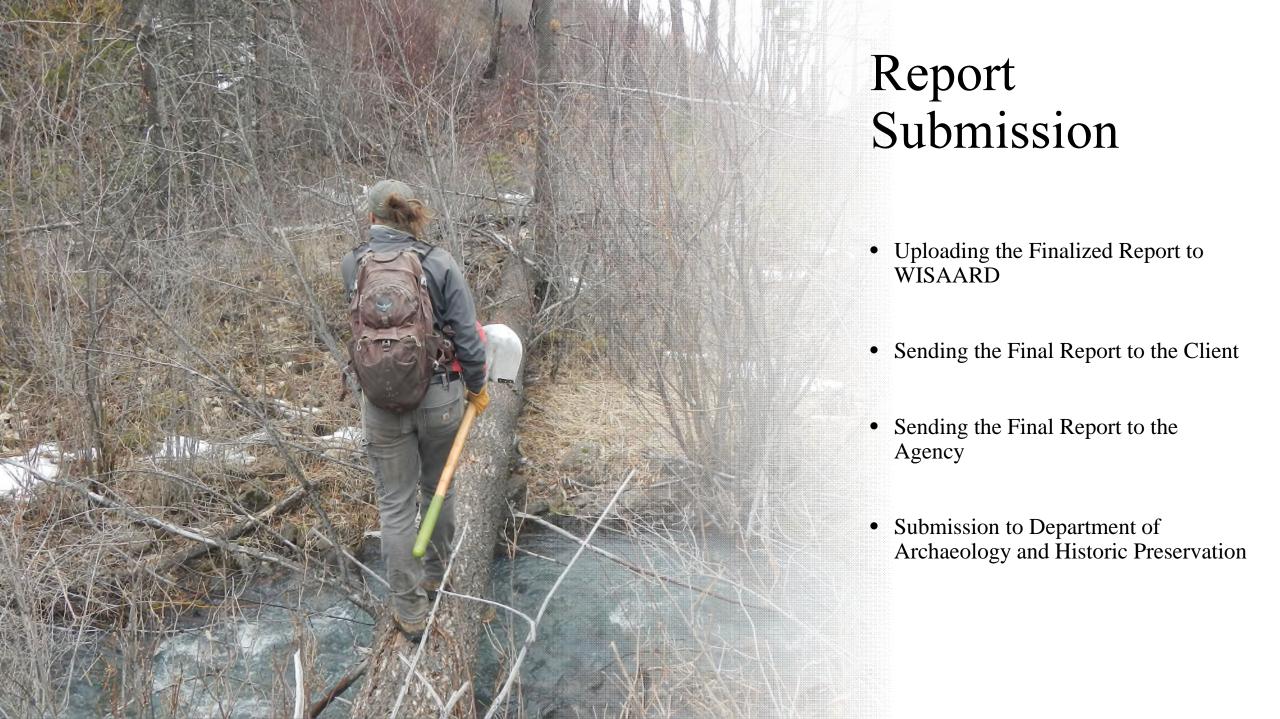
#### Report Preparation

- Compiling of Background Research, Field Investigation Results, and Recommendations
- Project Recommendations: No Historic Properties, Monitoring, Mitigation
- Sending the Draft Report to the Client for Review
- Sending the Reviewed Draft Report to the Agency for Review

#### Notes about Draft Reports

- Quick turnaround times require that edits be received by your CRM professional in a timely manner
- Agency comment periods vary wildly, make sure to ask what expected wait times are for your funding agency so that your CRS can be completed on time





#### Notes on Agency Submission

- All State and Federal Agencies have policies regarding report submission.
- It is important to communicate any instructions you have received from your funding agency to your CRM professional.
- In some instances, the Grantee must complete submission. In other cases, your CRM firm can handle all submission and communication about the Cultural Resources Requirement on behalf of the Grantee.



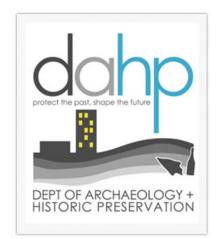














### Concurrence from the State

- The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) reviews the reports once they are finalized.
- After this review, the DAHP will issue a letter of concurrence.
- DAHP will either agree with the findings of the CRM firm or they may request additional work be performed.
- Generally, this additional work is in the form of construction monitoring.



#### Cultural Resource Survey Request Checklist

☐ Map showing project area

No location map? Can you provide a Parcel #, or the Section/Township/Range?

☐ Project plans

No prepared plans? Identify the location of the proposed impacts.

□ Correspondence from the DAHP and/or other commenting parties showing the request for a cultural resource survey

Do you understand this to be required by:

- □ Section 106
- □ Executive Order 21-02 (EO 21-02, formerly EO 05-05)
- ☐ State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
- □ None of the above—Due Diligence



#### Cultural Resource Survey Request Checklist

- □ Please identify any of the following that you can:
  - Funding or permitting agency
  - Identify the funding program
  - Who will be our primary contact?
  - Who will sign the agreement?
  - Do you have a deadline for completion of the CRS?
- □ Will there be Geotech work or utility probing?
- □ Can you spray, flag, or stake for utility locates?
- □ Are there any access issues or requirements such as contacting someone to open a gate, obtain a key, etc.?
- □ Are federal or state lands involved?



# Monitoring Recommended: What's next?

- Discussion with proponent/agencies and other stakeholders
- Development of a Monitoring Plan
- UDP/IDP
- Excavation and Alteration Permit
- Consultation with Tribes on Monitoring Plans, IDP, or Permit

#### Monitoring Plan Goals

- Establish clear expectations of monitoring to be done
- Provide Tribes and other stakeholders an opportunity to comment on methods and gain feedback before work is done
- Allow all members of the Project to have an understanding of the scope and duration of monitoring work
- Helps narrow down a number of working days that a monitor is needed



#### Excavation and Alteration Permits

- Required to excavate within the boundaries of a known archaeological site
- Obtained through the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
- These permits need to be put together by an archaeologist and require a fair amount of work
- Review process takes 60-90 days through the State
- Getting this handled early can prevent scheduling delays

#### Preconstruction Tips

- Include Monitoring Plan and UDP/IDP in Bid Documents
  - An informed Contractor is a happy contractor
- If monitoring is limited, place monitoring zones on final plan set
- Invite archaeologist to the Preconstruction meeting
- Have archaeologist lay out clear expectations for onsite needs before work starts
- Assign a point of contact for your archaeologist for scheduling. Some of the biggest project delays can come from lack of effective communication with the Cultural Resource Staff





#### Last tip!

- Your archaeologist will need time to train the construction crew on the UDP/IDP.
- Generally, I ask that 30 minutes be set aside by the contractor the first morning of ground-disturbance
- The whole crew does not need to be present, but the foreman, operators and pipe layers should attend.

# What happens if we find something?

- Dependent on the the UDP/IDP
- Work will need to stop in the vicinity of the find
- Determine if work can be moved to another area of the Project
- Funding agencies, landowners, and Tribes will need to be notified
- Additional testing may be necessary
- Work can resume once Stakeholder and Tribal comment





### What if its something BIG?

- Some archaeological sites are large and very important!
- Finding one during construction can mean delays
- Time will be required to ensure the best outcome for all parties
- Your archaeologist's job is to assist you in meeting the LEGAL requirements for the treatment of the cultural resource.
- It can be a super frustrating, but the only way out is teamwork

#### Your Archaeologist is There to Help

- A skilled archaeologists can aid in maintaining timelines and budgets while protecting Cultural Resources within your Project Area
  - -Hiring a firm that you feel has a good understanding of your work and town can aid in this endeavor
  - -Having open channels of communication is key
  - -Ensure that you hire someone who understand the regional intricacies and the construction processes



#### Thank you for your time!

Helpful Links:

http://www.wisaard.dahp.wa.gov

http://www.plateau-crm.com

http://www.archaeologyinwashington.com/consultant-list.html

If you have any questions about this presentation or Cultural Resource Surveys, do not hesitate to reach out

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