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State Historic Preservation Officer

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In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2020-02-01145
Property: Formal Survey for the Proposed Rock Creek Cove Resort
Re: Monitoring Requested

Dear Ben Shumaker:

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. A desktop review of our Statewide Predictive Model has identified the proposed project area as having high potential for archaeological resources. This is due, in part, to the landform type, as well as the proximity of the proposed project area to the Columbia River, a resource known to have been important to both historic and prehistoric people.

Both the geotechnical report and the archaeological survey report provided to our agency on 6/3/2020 indicate that fill, variable in depth, is present across the entire site. Because of this, we do not believe that additional archaeological survey will be beneficial at the present time. In order to assess the archaeological potential of the proposed project area, we recommend that an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's standards for prehistoric archaeology monitor the excavation of all soils with the potential to contain archaeological materials (i.e. native soils). We request to review the monitoring plan prior to the start of construction. All other aspects of this projects should follow an Inadvertent Discovery Plan.

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

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sydney Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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