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## **BAKER RIVER PROJECT RELICENSE**

### **Cultural & Historical Resources Working Group**

October 08, 2002  
12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Puget Sound Energy Business Office  
1700 East College Way  
Mt. Vernon, WA

**PSE Will Provide Pizza and Drinks!!!**

### **AGENDA**

1. Introductions: Northwest Archaeological Associates (NWAA)
2. Review Minutes/Agenda
3. Review Action Items
  - Interim Plan?
4. PMEs with Dee/Bruce
5. Question & Answer with Frank Winchell (FERC)
6. Question and Answer with NWAA
7. Finish APE:
  - Make decisions re: creek mouths, trails and roads, and articulation with uplands.
  - Consider a pipeline that includes Baker Lake trail?
8. Set agenda for November 12 meeting
9. Evaluate Meeting

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### MEETING NOTES

**Mission:** *“To develop alternatives and recommendations addressing cultural, historical and archeological resources for the Baker River Project relicensing process.”*

**Team Leader:** Jessie Piper (425) 462-3609, [jpiper@puget.com](mailto:jpiper@puget.com)

**PRESENT:** Jessie Piper (Puget Sound Energy), Connie Freeland (Puget Sound Energy), Bruce Freet and Dee Endelman (Agreement Dynamics), Chris Miss (North West Archaeological Associates), Lyn Wiltse and Mary Jean Bullock (PDSA Consulting, Inc.)

### FUTURE MEETING DATES

**NOTE:** **November 5** is the tentative date set for our next meeting (instead of November 12). Jessie will be calling you to see if November 5 works. November 22 is a back-up date in case November 5 doesn't work.

**We are also looking at holding a 2-day meeting between our next meeting (Nov. 5 or 22) and the end of the year. We would hold this meeting at the Baker Lake Lodge and spend the first day on developing PME's and the second day would be our regular meeting.**

Options for 2-day meeting: December 2 – PME's; December 3 – Regular meeting  
or  
December 9 – PME; December 10 – Regular Meeting

Jessie will be calling to see which dates work best for you.

***All regular attendees are encouraged to let Jessie know if they are unable to attend a meeting.***

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**OCTOBER 8, 2002 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m**

### **PSE Office in Mt. Vernon**

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## **INTRODUCTIONS**

We welcomed Chris Miss of Northwest Archaeological Associates (NWAA).

## **NEW ACTION ITEMS**

- Jessie: Check with members regarding proposed dates of next meetings (November 5 or 22 instead of November 12).
- Jessie: Check with members re: recommendations to complete initial draft of APE.
- Lyn: Call Jan Hollenbeck to check the status of ARPA permit and to verify that a cultural survey was done when the Forest Service constructed the Baker Lake Trail in the early 90's.
- Frank: Send Jessie sample PAs to share with this group.
- Jessie: Review the Forest Service Watershed Analysis for info related to cultural resources.
- Larry: Run *Unanticipated Discovery Plan* (draft) by Marty Loesch for feedback.
- Jessie: Send out results from Aquatic Erosion Study when they become available.
- Jessie: Check possibility of HYDROPS demonstration at a future meeting- January or February?
- Jessie: Send out UDP for formal review.
- Jessie: Researched trails etc. to suggest what to include in APE.
- Jessie: Continue research on land ownership around Lake Shannon.
- Jessie: Work with Tribes to confirm tribal crew members who will participate in archaeological work.

## **REPORT ON OLD ACTION ITEMS**

- Jessie checked with Nick Verretto of the Aquatics Working Group re: their erosion study. See paragraph on next page.
- Lyn invited Bruce and Dee to attend to discuss PME approach with this group.

## **STATUS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY WORK**

Chris Miss of NWAA reported that she and her crew will be ready to begin surveying the adjacent area to Lake Shannon and the evaluation of the discovered sites there after October 18. When she receives the

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ARPA permit, she can begin the same tasks for Baker Lake. We need to clarify land ownership (Lake Shannon) issues and APE definition before October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **PLAN FOR THIS MEETING**

Given the small attendance at this meeting, we decided to come up with recommendations to complete our preliminary definition of the APE and then discuss how we might solicit input from team members re: an appropriate approach to develop PME for this group.

### **SUGGESTED APE APPROACH**

Jessie reminded us that so far we have agreed that the APE is a “living boundary” and subject to change over time, depending on what we find. Further, we have agreed that the APE is, at a minimum, the FERC boundary. For our definition, we have extended the APE to include dispersed recreation sites ¼ mile beyond the high water mark of the reservoir. We also agreed to draw “bubbles” around Project facilities and formal camping facilities to include them.

We had planned to determine at this meeting:

- Creek mouths (how far up?)
- Trails and roads (which and how far?)
- Articulation with uplands

Jessie suggested that we look where there is a nexus among the various elements, as we could infer a Project effect where creeks, trails, campsites met. We would extend the APE to include these. Regarding uplands, passage up to these sites seems to link with streams and dispersed recreation sites. We would take this into consideration as we extend the APE. We might construct 100 meter polygons around these "convergence zones". It would adjust the APE to be inclusive of these areas (albeit a bit lumpy/bumpy.) We agreed that these recommendations made sense and that Jessie will run these by Working Group members prior to October 18<sup>th</sup>, so as not to hold up any archaeology work.

### **AQUATICS EROSION STUDY**

The Aquatics Working Group is very interested in issues such as sediment transport, as well as the erosion/deposition information we are concerned with. They plan to have a preliminary report by December. Jessie is arranging to have one of the AESI representatives attend one of our meetings to review their findings with us. We could use these data to see where we might want to gather additional information.

### **PME DEVELOPMENT**

Bruce and Dee will be working with us to help us develop PMEs for cultural/historical resources. At our November 5 or November 22 meeting they will meet with us to help determine the best approach. If it doesn't work for folks to meet on November 5 or November 22, they will call working group members to discuss considerations for PME development for this group.

### **HANDOUTS**

There were no handouts at this meeting.

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## **PARKING LOT**

- “How do we address upland areas?” (importance of mountain goats)
- Develop “Area of Potential Effects” Map
- Coordinate with Terrestrial and Recreation Working Groups
- Glossary of terms: what are “protection,” “mitigation,” and “enhancement”?
- Develop TCP (Traditional Cultural Properties) studies
- Rotate meeting locations to tribal facilities?
- Possibility of transplanting young cedar trees/Availability of downed cedar for tribal use

## **MEETING EVALUATION**

### **Well-Dones**

- We made progress
- We met Chris Miss!
- Finished early
- Jessie’s home work re: APE definition
- Bruce and Dee!
- Pizza
- M.J. is the Doctor of Translation of Lyn’s writing

### **Opportunities for Improvement**

- Small attendance

### **What’s Hot?**

- Is Working Group format working for this group?
- Getting back to archaeological work.

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  - UDP Status
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5. Question and Answer with Frank (FERC)
6. Archaeology Update from Chris
7. APE... or bust!
8. Set agenda for next meeting (Two day meeting at Baker Lake Lodge December 2,3 or December 9,10)
9. Evaluate Meeting