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## **BAKER RIVER PROJECT RELICENSE**

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

July 18, 2000

1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
US Forest Service/Park Service Office  
2105 Highway 20  
Sedro Woolley, WA

### **AGENDA**

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| 1. Review agenda                            |
| 2. Action items                             |
| 3. Discuss "field trip" specifics in August |
| 4. Continue fleshing out interests/issues   |
| 5. Set agenda for next meeting              |
| 6. Evaluate meeting                         |

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### **MEETING NOTES**

**Team Leader:** Connie Freeland, 425-462-3556, cfreel@puget.com

**Attendees:** Connie Freeland (Puget Sound Energy), Jessie Piper (Puget Sound Energy), Gail Thompson (Historical Research Associates), Carl Corey, (Mt. Hood, National Forest Headquarters, Sandy, OR), Rick McClure (Mt. Adams Ranger Station), Lyn Wiltse, facilitator (PDSA Consulting)

The meeting started at 1:14 p.m. and ended at 4:00 p.m.

#### **PARKING LOT**

- Decide how to handle action items (open/closed, etc.)
- Develop “Area of Potential Effects” Map
- Define “cultural resources” in consultation with Tribes and public
- Quorum?
- Familiarization with policies, directives, regulations, laws and interests
- Rotate meeting location to tribal facility
- Define all applicable jurisdictions, laws and regulations (Rick to share existing information analysis)
- Glossary of terms: what are “protection,” “mitigation,” and “enhancement”?
- Gail to give a presentation on procedures for inventorying and evaluating cultural resources
  - Show map of general project area - does it include transmission lines?

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- All members: Review and comment on 7/18/00 draft of Existing Information Analysis document distributed by Rick McClure. Bring suggestions to August 23rd field trip.

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- Jessie will coordinate the drafting of a letter to FERC requesting that PSE be designated to consult with Tribes and agencies on cultural resources.
  - Gail will dig out Clackamus/Chelan letters as models
  - Jessie will contact Saul (No. Cascade Institute and invite him to attend
  - Jessie will send letter of invitation to Skagit County Historical Museum
  - Jessie will send letter and follow up phone call to Nooksack, Lummi, N'lakapamux, Samish
  - Jessie: Contact Guy McNally (Skagit County Planning & Permit Center) and see if he wants to participate on this working group/get copied on notes, etc.
  - Jessie will call/email Working Group members before meetings

**NOTE: Connie is turning over the leadership of this team to Jessie Piper who has an extensive background in anthropology.**

#### **REPORT OF PAST ACTION ITEMS**

- Connie put State Historic Preservation office contact, Rob Whitlam, on meeting minutes distribution list. He may be joining this team as needed, by telephone.
- Connie discussed tribal consultation procedure with the PSE strategy team. She said that Bill Gaines (PSEVP) agreed to be the PSE contact.
- Connie heard from Larry and Jason. They indicated their interest/intent in attending. She emailed materials to Scott.
- Rick M. met with Bob Mierendorf of North Cascades National Park and will represent his interests.
- Rick reported that Saul Weisberg's main interest in education.

#### **MEETING AGENDA**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2000 (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)**

**Forest Service office, Sedro Woolley**

1. Review agenda
2. Discuss action items
3. Discuss August "field trip" specifics
4. Discuss July 25 Overview Team Meeting
5. Continue fleshing out interests/issues
6. Set agenda for next meeting
7. Evaluate meeting

#### **THE JULY 25 OVERVIEW MEETING**

**10:00 a.m. at Cotton Tree Inn, Mt. Vernon**

High level timeline

Formation of the solution team

Working group status

Communications protocol

Dissemination of information: Website, Documents, Email

"Resolve Training" Overview

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## PROJECT TOUR FOR CULTURAL/HISTORICAL WORKING GROUP

The team decided to do their tour on August 23, 2000. They will meet at the PSE office and Visitor Center in Concrete at 10:00. Jessie will get a head count so box lunches can be ordered.

### SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Historical properties
  - Lower Baker
- Archeological sites
  - Forest Service campgrounds
  - Old Resort
- Tribal land use (if Tribal representatives are part of the tour they may want to discuss)

Issues	Interests	Possible Solutions
1. Education & interpretation on cultural/historical subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Include local history</li><li>• Allowing public access to research findings so public can appreciate the culture/ history of the area</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coordinate info. dispersal (user friendly, standardization, etc.)</li><li>• Determine appropriate means of information dissemination</li><li>• Explore interpretive options (education/interpretation/ outreach)</li><li>• Develop exhibits to show history of the area (past/ present/future</li><li>• Coordinate efforts throughout the region</li><li>• Explore cooperative projects with tribes and interest groups</li></ul>
2. Inventory of cultural resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Include cultural landscapes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Include cultural landscapes in inventory</li></ul>
3. Compliance w/federal cultural resource laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comply in cost-effective manner</li><li>• Follow Forest Plan direction</li><li>• Meet Forest Service laws and regulations</li><li>• Respect tribal perspectives</li><li>• Include tribal definitions of “cultural resources” (e.g., fish, wildlife, vegetation, Traditional Cultural Properties)</li><li>• See cultural/historical perspectives represented</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider full range of mitigation measures</li></ul>
4. Consultation with tribes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Government to government, one-on-one</li></ul>

5. Coordination with other Working Groups		
6. Determine what effect Baker River Project has had on cultural/historical resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern about erosion and vandalism to cultural sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stabilize/monitor/recover sites</li> </ul>
7. Managing cultural resources over the long term (includes mitigation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect, mitigate, and enhance cultural resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural Resource Management Plan</li> </ul>

### **PSE INTERESTS:**

1. Stay in business
2. Maintain competitive rates for customers
3. Earn allowed rate of return on shareholder investments
4. Maintain and expand distribution business
5. Maintain good relationships with public and agencies
6. Assure certainty around license conditions

### **MEETING EVALUATION**

#### **Well-Dones:**

- Carl's participation
- Rick's participation
- Good flow---accomplished lots
- Gail's suggested format : issues/interests/solutions

#### **Opportunities for Improvement:**

- Need to broaden membership

### **TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

**2000 Agenda September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2000**

**(1:00 - 4:00 p.m.) – PSE Office in Mt.Vernon**

1. Review minutes/agenda
2. Action items
3. Debrief "field trip"
4. Continue fleshing out interests/issues (Ed Schild, Director PSE's Energy Production and Storage and Joel Molander, Energy Production and Storage's Asset Manager for Hydro)
5. Discuss expectations for the process

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6. Set agenda for October 17 meeting
  7. Evaluate meeting