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April 22, 2014

Mr. William Bullock, P.E.
City of Blaine
1200 Yew Ave
Blaine, WA 98230

**Re: City of Blaine Vista Terrace FP14006 Centennial Fund Project
Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**

Dear Mr. Bullock

This letter confirms that initial correspondence requirements for Section 106 have now been fulfilled for this project. Enclosed are all of the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) correspondences. As a reminder, there is a 30-day comment period before on-the-ground work for the project can begin. Should any tribe, interested party, or the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) contact Ecology with a concern regarding the project, or require further study of the project site, this work must be done prior to implementation of project activities and Ecology's consultation will continue. You will receive notification from Ecology at the end of the 30-day comment period.

Please let your Ecology Project Manager know if you have any additional correspondence from tribes, interested parties or DAHP for the above-mentioned project.

The Section 106 process must be reinitiated if the project plan/design or project area changes. If there are no comments received during the 30-day comment period by any tribe, interested parties, or DAHP you may proceed with your project.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any more questions about the cultural resources review process at 360-407-6429 or liz.ellis@ecy.wa.gov. Thank you for your help on this process and good luck on your project.



Sincerely,

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Liz Ellis, CEP
State Environmental Review Process Coordinator
Water Quality Program

Enclosures

cc: Melanie Tyler, Ecology/WQP/FMS
Mark Henderson, Ecology/WQP/Bellingham FO
Rob Whitlam, PhD, DAHP



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Rob Whitlam, PhD
Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
1063 S. Capitol Way, Suite 106
Olympia, WA 98501

**Re: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
FP14006 Vista Terrace Septic – to - Sewer
Initial Tribal Correspondence and Request for Concurrence**

Dear Dr. Whitlam:

I am pleased to provide you with the enclosed EZ-1 Form for the City of Blaine's Vista Terrace Septic-to-Sewer project, funded by Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Water Quality 2014 Centennial Program. Ecology, serving as the delegated agency under Section 106 as outlined in 40 C.F.R. § 35, has reviewed the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the undertaking, and is requesting comments and concurrence.

The proposed undertaking is the Vista Terrace Area, developed as a residential neighborhood with on-site septic, in the City of Blaine, Whatcom County, Washington. This neighborhood is located in Section 32 of Range 01 East, Township 41 North (See EZ-1). The boundaries of the APE are E Street to the North, Lincoln Lane and "H" Street to the West, Crest Drive to the South and Terrace Ave. to the East. A Bonneville Power Association easement (#033025) bisects the area.

In 2010, the City of Blaine extended sewer and hook ups to connect residential properties. To complete the connection, the City would engage in such land disturbing activities as trenching within the road prism and some easements adjacent to property lines at depths between 5 to 12 feet. The depth of trenching to each home will be approximately 3 to 4 feet.

A 2010 archaeological investigation by Drayton Archeological Research for the H Street Widening Project, Ludwick Avenue to Terrace Avenue, Blaine Whatcom County, Washington, did not identify any cultural resources. This report is available on DAHP's WISAARD database. This survey covers the lower, southernmost streets in this APE.

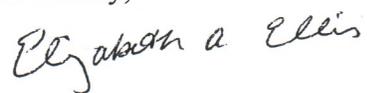
The City of Blaine is required to write an inadvertent discovery plan which will be put in place prior to any on-the-ground work for the project. As work for this project continues I will keep you informed of any additional correspondence.



We expect to make our decision regarding this project shortly following the 30 day comment period. If you have any questions about this project or need more time for your consideration of concurrence, please contact Liz Ellis at 360-407-6429 or liz.ellis@ecy.wa.gov

Thank you for your continued support and input.

Sincerely,



Liz Ellis
State Environmental Review Process Coordinator
Water Quality Program

Enclosures: Tribal letters
EZ-1 Form

Cc: Bill Bullock, City of Blaine
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May 5, 2014

The Honorable Robert Kelly, Jr., Chairman
Nooksack Tribe
PO Box 157
Deming, WA 98244

**Re: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
City of Blaine, Vista Terrace Septic-to-Sewer Project
Request for Concurrence on Area of Potential Effect**

Dear Chairman Kelly:

I am pleased to provide you with the enclosed EZ-1 Form for the City of Blaine's (City) Vista Terrace Septic-to-Sewer project, funded by the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Water Quality Program 2014 Centennial Clean Water Act Program. Ecology, serving as the delegated agency under Section 106 as outlined in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part §35, has reviewed the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the undertaking, and is requesting comments and concurrence.

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Sincerely,



Heather R. Bartlett
Water Quality Program Manager

Enclosure: EZ-1 Form

cc: George Swanaset, Jr., Cultural Resources, Nooksack Tribe
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The Honorable Timothy Ballew II, Chairman
Lummi Nation
2616 Kwina Road
Bellingham, WA 98226

**Re: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
City of Blaine, Vista Terrace Septic-to-Sewer Project
Request for Concurrence on Area of Potential Effect**

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Enclosure: EZ-1 Form

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