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**Subject: Wells Relicensing – Project Area of Potential Effect  
Wells Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2149**

Dear Ms. Brooks:

As part of the relicensing of the Wells Hydroelectric Project, Douglas PUD is seeking concurrence from the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on the definition for the Wells Project Area of Potential Effect (APE).

Following FERC's initiation of the Section 106 process in December, 2005, Douglas PUD began consulting with the Cultural Resource Work Group (RWG) comprised of the Washington DAHP, the Colville Tribes, and Bureau of Land Management. As part of this process, the RWG defined the APE as follows:

*The Wells Project area of potential effect (APE) includes all lands within the FERC Project boundary (Figure 1). The APE also includes any lands outside of the Project boundary where cultural resources may be affected by Project-related activities that are conducted in compliance with the FERC license (e.g. the Wells HCP Tributary Conservation Program) (Figure 2).*

On April 11, 2006, Douglas PUD distributed this definition, along with Figures 1 and 2, to the Cultural RWG for comment. No comments were received.

At this time, Douglas PUD is asking for SHPO concurrence on the above APE definition and associated figures (Figures 1 and 2). We are also seeking concurrence from the Colville Tribes' THPO by separate letter.

We appreciate your input regarding this issue. Please contact me at 509-881-2327 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Natural Resources Relicensing Specialist

Enclosures

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