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RE: DAHP Log Number 2018-02-01927 Rattlesnake Flat Wind Project Work Plan and Record Search, March 16, 2018

Dear Mr. Baird:

Historical Research Associates, Inc. (HRA) is sending this letter on behalf of Rattlesnake Flat, LLC. Its purpose is to request your review and concurrence with the definition of the area of impacts (AI), as well as the work plan, and record search requested by Gretchen Kaehler in a letter dated February 22, 2018. We initially consulted with the Colville Confederated Tribes, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, and The Spokane Tribe. Loren Wiltse, Adams County Building and Planning Director, has requested that we include the Nez Perce Tribe in all consultations moving forward.

Our archaeological survey for the initial phase of the project was conducted between April 3 and 10, 2018, to maximize ground visibility. No precontact archaeological sites were identified. HRA archaeologists identified a total of three historic-period debris scatters during fieldwork, one situated along each turbine string. All three sites were recorded in plowed fields and average approximately 1 acre in size. The assemblage from each site consisted of diagnostic materials such as amethyst and embossed glass fragments, as well as non-diagnostic items such as various ceramics and miscellaneous metal fragments. Once the exact layout of the project has been identified it will be determined if these sites will be impacted. If so they will be evaluated for their significance with regard to the National Register of Historic places in compliance with the Adams County Use Permit and Revised Code of Washington 27.53.

The report for this phase of the project is in progress. Additional survey for the access roads, collector lines, permanent meteorological towers, one or more quarries, one or more concrete batch plants, and transmission lines will be conducted during the design phase. The initial report will be amended as necessary.

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Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to have a meeting to discuss the project and work plan. I can be reached at 206.343.0226.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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