

## Meeting of the Packwood Lake Hydroelectric Project Cultural Resources Committee

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Date: March 28, 2005

Location: Packwood, Washington

Present:

Energy Northwest - Laura Schinnell, Bernice Kasko, Bill Kiel

Historical Research Associates, Inc. (HRA) – Gail Thompson

United States Forest Service (USFS) – Rick McClure, Kristie Miller

Cowlitz Tribe – Mike Iyall

Yakama Nation – Cliff Casseseka

Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation – Rob Whitlam (by phone)

Introductions were made and minutes from the previous meeting were approved, with a note that the footer will be changed to the correct meeting date.

Rick McClure had provided comments on the draft study request to the Committee members prior to the meeting. Rick's comments were discussed. No one else in the group had comments on the draft study plan. The group discussed the study sites and the need to identify low, medium and high sites based on the probability of finding archaeological sites.

Mike suggested that the group consider restricting access to Packwood Lake during drawdown to preserve any potential sites. Drawdown begins mid September and lasts about two weeks.

The group recommended that the upland studies need to be started as soon as practicable. The goal is to start the studies the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May. The study plan will be revised and sent to Rick to start the Special Use Permit process. Rick suggested that the Guard Station at the Lake could be used during the fieldwork. Rick will check on availability and add it to the Special Use Permit.

The Special Use Permit will be sent to the tribes for review and the Forest Service will also review for rare plants. The Committee will be notified when the upland survey will start so anyone that wants can visit. Yakama nation would like to be involved in the survey.

Greg Burtchard, a Mount Rainier archeologist produced an overview study of the area. Greg offered to meet with Gail and provide her with his views of the area. It was suggested that we also invite him to visit during the fieldwork.

The Committee will meet June 16<sup>th</sup> to review any results to date.

Bill Kiel reported to the group that in the case of low water the Plant will shut down to meet the Lake level license requirements.

Gail thanked Rick for providing the forms and reports. Gail has a box of information that anyone is welcome to review.