



Confederated Tribes and Bands  
of the Yakama Nation

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WHISTLING RIDGE ENERGY LLC  
WARREN SPENCER, JR.  
FEB. 4, 2010 MEMO FROM LAVINA WASHINES  
EXHIBIT NO. 39.01C

Gretchen Kaehler, Washington State Dept. of Archaeology & Historic Preservation  
Jim Laspina, Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
Andrew Montano, Bonneville Power Administration

RE: Whistling Ridge Wind Energy

It has come to my attention that Yakama Nation staff person Jessica Lally in the Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program (CRP) has forwarded to some or all of you a report on a cultural resources survey performed by the Yakama Nation CRP for SDS Lumber Company on their Whistling Ridge Wind Energy Project. This report is under review and investigation by the Yakama Nation and should not have been distributed by Cultural Resources Program staff. Just yesterday, February 2, 2010, our Yakama Nation directed the Cultural Committee to further review and investigate this report and its contents along with the intervention of the Yakama Nation on this project. The survey report concludes that part of the Whistling Ridge project area is a Traditional Cultural Property of the Yakama Nation but it provides no evidence to support this claim. The conclusion that this site is a vision quest site and TCP of the Yakama Nation is not recognized and disputed by the Chiefs of the Klickitat and Cascades Tribes of the Yakama nation and other Yakama Nation members. The Cultural Committee of the Yakama Nation will conduct an investigation and review of this matter and make a final determination. Until that time the report provided by the Cultural Resources Program should be returned to the Yakama Nation, removed from public record and its contents not considered to be official comments of the Yakama Nation at this time and not considered in any manner related to your review of the Whistling Ride Energy Project. All future correspondence and consultation with the Yakama Nation CRP regarding this project should either be directed to me, or copied to me, as Chairwoman of the Tribal Council's Cultural Committee and Yakama Nation Executive Chairman, Mr. Harry Smiskin and DNR Deputy Director Phil Rigdon.

*Lavina Washines*  
Lavina Washines, Chairwoman  
Tribal Council Cultural Committee