

PUBLIC SUMMARY

An Archaeological Survey of the
Wild Horse Wind Facility Expansion Project,
Puget Sound Energy,
Kittitas County, Washington

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USGS: Whiskey Dick Mountain, WA, 7.5' Quadrangle, 1973

Executive Summary

The Wild Horse Wind Facility is an existing 127-turbine wind farm owned by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and located in Central Washington (Figures 1-16, Appendix A). PSE wishes to expand the facility from its current capacity that serves approximately 55,000 households to serve approximately 10,000 additional homes (PSE 2008) by the construction of an additional 26 turbines. As part of the expansion process, PSE has applied to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to amend the Site Certification Agreement (SCA). The EFSEC provides a siting process for major energy facilities in the State of Washington. The total number of turbines will remain within the range in the SCA and SEPA EIS. However, there will be additional ground disturbance from turbine installation, and road and electrical collection systems construction. David Evans and Associates, Inc, contracted with Lithic Analysts to conduct cultural resources investigations into the new areas of ground disturbance.

Pedestrian surveys were conducted by Lithic Analysts for all areas of potential ground disturbance within the expansion area on two occasions, in October 2005 and May 2008. The pedestrian survey revealed five previously unrecorded archaeological sites and two isolates. In addition, one previously identified archaeological site was revisited, and the site boundaries expanded as a result of the current investigation (Appendix B).