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OKANOGAN-
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HERITAGE COMPLIANCE OVERVIEW

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STATE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

2020 Programmatic Agreement

- PA with the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (aka SHPO)
- Requires professional archaeologists to review all federal undertakings regardless of surface ownership.
- Inventory intensity (and project lead time) depends on the scope and location of the undertaking, and site probability.
- Survey by probability: 100% high, 35% medium, 5% low.



2020 PA Limited Review Categories

- Non-disturbing administrative actions
- Routine maintenance
- Slopes greater than 25%
- Non-disturbing broadcast seeding and mulching
- Activities with no more than 1 square meter of cumulative surface disturbance
- Felling of hazardous trees by hand
- Harvest of special forest products with hand tools
- In-kind replacement and repair of historic structures



CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

DAHP and Tribal Consultation

- Consultation is required for every undertaking unless it's specifically exempt under the 2020 PA.
- DAHP consultation is under Section 106 of the NHPA.
- Tribal consultation is under the NHPA and other policy (e.g., NEPA, NAGPRA) and includes culturally important plants and Traditional Cultural Properties.
- 30-day consultation period.



WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW TO REVIEW YOUR PROJECT

Project Details

- NEPA type (CE, EA, EIS), target decision and implementation timeline
- Location: T/R/S, map, shapefiles - BE SPECIFIC
- Detailed project description: include all proposed activities, access routes, staging areas, equipment, duration of the project
- Access notes: washed out roads, locked gates, private land, etc.
- Coordinate with your archaeologist early and often!



FOREST SERVICE PROCESS

Project Review Process

- The project must be on the FS Program of Work (POW) to be reviewed.
- FS archaeologist will make an initial review of previous inventories and known sites within the APE.
- FS archaeologist will determine inventory needs and initiate the project with Tribes.
- In-house survey capacity is extremely limited. We recommend hiring a cultural resource consultant to complete surveys. FS will issue a survey permit to consultants.
- FS will review the report, determine effects, delineate any required avoidance areas or other site protection measures, and complete DAHP/Tribal consultation.
- **Allow 12-18 months to complete NHPA Section 106 compliance.**



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