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**City of Yakima
Wm O. Douglas Trail and Heritage Trail
Continuing APE Consultation
Fed Aid # STPE 1485 (020)
DAHP Log #: 010207-42-FHWA**

Dear Dr. Brooks:

As you know, the City of Yakima is proposing to extend the William O. Douglas Trail with the assistance of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds. The Washington State Department of Transportation Highways and Local Programs Division is assisting the city and acting on behalf of the FHWA in processing federal environmental compliance documentation.

Enclosed please find a copy of Cultural Resource Consultants' assessment for the project (dated September 19, 2007; revised December 14, 2007). Also enclosed is a CD with electronic historic property inventory forms. As you'll note in the report, the consultant did not identify any new cultural resource sites during their survey of the project's area of potential effects (APE). The APE includes a portion of the Yakima Valley Transportation Company (YVTC) National Historic District, as well as the National Register-eligible Naches River YVTC Bridge. **The project will not adversely affect the District or the bridge.**

I look forward to your concurrence with our determination of no adverse effect to historic properties for this project. An analogous letter was sent to the Yakama Nation. Please contact me at (360) 705-7879 or deboert@wsdot.wa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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