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VIA E-MAIL: PLANNING@COLUMBIACOUNTYOR.GOV

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Attn: Planning
230 Strand Street
St. Helens, OR 97051

Re: Open Record Request: CU 23-11 & DR 21-03 MOD

Dear Commissioners:

Our office represents The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (“CTWS” or “Tribe”). On behalf of the Tribe, I am writing to request that the record in the above-referenced file remain open for at least seven (7), but preferably fourteen (14), days. ORS 197.797(5). It has come to the attention of the Tribe late this afternoon that recent discoveries within or in the vicinity of the project site proposed in the application may involve sensitive tribal resources. The Columbia plateau is home to the CTWS, among other tribes. Since time immemorial, the people of the Tribe have habitually fished, hunted and gathered traditional foods throughout this area and the area is replete with the cultural history of the region’s tribes. The Tribe desires to better understand what discoveries have been made and provide additional testimony and evidence, if warranted, into the proceeding. Given the importance and sensitivity of the information and the recent notice of the discovery, the Tribe requests adequate time to be able to review and evaluate the information and formulate any comments related to the same.

Sincerely,

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cc: Austin Smith Jr.