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SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106 REVIEW  
FOR NAVY NORTHWEST TRAINING AND TESTING (DAHP Log. No. 021314-41-  
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Dear Dr. Brooks:

This letter serves as official notification that Section 106 review for the U.S. Navy's Northwest Training and Testing (NWTT) Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) is complete, consistent with Section 306108 (formerly Section 106) of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. 300101 et seq.) and implementing regulations 36 C.F.R. 800.

The following summary demonstrates the Navy's compliance with the requirements in accordance with the statute and regulation:

- February 27, 2012: Letter from the Navy notifying Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) of the Navy's intent to prepare an EIS/OEIS for the naval activities conducted within the NWTT study area.
- January 17, 2014: Letter from the Navy notifying SHPO of the availability of the NWTT Draft EIS.
- February 13, 2014: Letter from Greg Griffith, Deputy SHPO, to the Navy, commenting on NWTT Draft EIS.
- October 24, 2014: Postcard from the Navy notifying SHPO of the Navy's intent to prepare a supplement to the NWTT Draft EIS.
- December 12, 2014: Letter from the Navy notifying SHPO of the availability of the supplement to the NWTT Draft EIS.
- March 11, 2015: Letter from the Navy to SHPO requesting to initiate consultation and for concurrence with Area of Potential Effect (APE) definition. 26 Washington Tribes were copied on this letter.
- May 22, 2015: Letter from SHPO to the Navy, concurring with APE definition.
- July 20, 2015: Letter from the Navy to SHPO requesting concurrence on the Navy's determination of no adverse effect on historic properties. 26 Washington Tribes were copied on this letter.

- July 28, 2015: SHPO received July 20, 2015 letter from the Navy.
- September 24, 2015: Letter from the Navy notifying SHPO of the availability of the Final EIS.

Under 36 C.F.R §800.5(c), the agency official may proceed after the close of the 30 day review period if the SHPO has not provided a response to the agency official's finding of no adverse effect. Per 36 C.F.R. §800.5(c)(2), the SHPO shall notify the agency official in writing that it disagrees with the finding and provide specific reasons for the disagreement in the notification.

To date, SHPO has not communicated specific disagreement with the Navy's finding of no adverse effect within the agreed upon APE for the NWTT undertaking. In follow up discussions with the Navy after the 30 day review period, SHPO requested and the Navy provided clarification regarding activities outside the scope of the NWTT undertaking. While the Navy would prefer to reach consensus with your office, the critical mission requirements associated with this action prevent the Navy from extending the Section 106 review process beyond the regulatory framework.

Therefore, because the 30 day review period closed without an objection from SHPO and no written disagreement or specific objection has been made regarding historic properties within the agreed upon APE, the Navy considers this consultation complete.

As is required under 36 C.F.R. §800.13(b), if historic properties are discovered or unanticipated effects on historic properties are found after the section 106 process is complete, the Navy shall make reasonable efforts to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to such property and notify or consult with the SHPO and American Indian tribes, as appropriate.

The Navy is committed to responsible stewardship of historic properties and to the procedures required under the NHPA. While the Navy has completed Section 106 review for NWTT, we look forward to continued dialogue with SHPO on future Navy actions.

If you require additional information or have any questions, please contact Mr. William Manley, Navy Deputy Federal Preservation Officer, at (202) 685-9324 or [william.manley@navy.mil](mailto:william.manley@navy.mil).

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