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Subject: RE: Yocha Dehe Meeting today
Date: Friday, June 04, 2021 12:56:01 PM
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Hi, all

I got a call from Laverne earlier this morning. He reported that he had talked with Anecita Agustinez, DWR's tribal liaison, yesterday and had explained the situation with the site records. Anecita was quick to say that DWR would digitize the site records for Yocha Dehe. That would be great, but I let Laverne know about our recent communications with the NODOS managers on the topic, and then followed up leaving a voicemail to Anecita and by forwarding Amy Lyons' email to her to bring her up to date. Anecita, Amy, Jackie Waite (DWR's lead archaeologist), and I are going to meet late next week to discuss the issue. I don't know that either Amy or Jackie are the decision-makers on the topic, but it is a start. That meeting would likely be followed by a meeting with DWR and Laverne. In any case, Anecita's participation and willingness to help demonstrates the importance of issue to her and DWR. If anyone can convince DWR management and attorneys to release the site records to the tribes, it is Anecita.

It makes me hopeful that there will be a quick resolution.

However, the meeting with Laverne has been cancelled for today. We did talk a little though, and the tribe is mostly concerned about locations with human remains, as we knew it would be. I reiterated that we know about the 2 cemeteries and I also mentioned the only other site with confirmed human remains at the south end of the reservoir. I asked him if he was primarily concerned about the large village sites with the potential to contain burials and he said yes. The really big concern is the erosion factor as the reservoir level changes and the exposure of human remains, which we had heard before. He would like to be able to visit the sensitive sites and use ground-penetrating radar to try to locate burials. I mentioned using cadaver dogs, and he was also in favor of using those. So the issue is identifying those sites that are most likely to contain burials and are at risk for erosion, and determining treatment. We did not discuss treatment.

That's it for today. I will keep you posted on the meeting with DWR next week. Should I ask Anecita to include you in the invitation?

Thanks

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Janis – I'll also be available if needed, you can text or call if something comes up. Please pass on our thanks to Laverne for the opportunity to meet and that we will follow up with him.

Unfortunately, I don't think we can share the draft cultural and TCR chapters with the tribes at this point. What I would like is some input from the tribes on mitigation. I believe we can do more than we have identified in the draft CRMP and the TCR mitigation. I think we will want to set up a meeting in July to discuss our mitigation approach.

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Thanks all. I won't attend. I should be around if something comes up.

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Hi, Laurie

Yes, we will sit down with the maps we have provided that show the site locations. I am hoping that they will identify specific areas that they are particularly concerned about and that I will be able to provide them with some information about the kinds of sites that are within those areas.

I don't really think it is necessary for you or Ali to site in, but you are welcome to. It might be a bit tedious, though.

Thanks

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Janis, I'm assuming that the meeting this afternoon is to walk through the site locations and descriptions with Laverne. Do you want Ali and/or I to sit on this?

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