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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY VALLA WALLA DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 201 NORTH THIRD AVENUE WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON 99362-1876 7 July 1998

Dr. Gary Huckleberry, Ph.D. Department of Anthropology Washington State University Post Office Box 644910 Pullman, Washington 99164-4910

Dear Dr. Huckleberry:

This letter responds to your correspondence requesting permission to do the work reflected in your ARPA request of August 26, 1997. For the reasons described below, your request to do the work described in your letter of June 22, 1998, during the months of July and August 1998, cannot be authorized at this time.

As stated in the Approach section of the scope of work attached to your ARPA permit dated December 5, 1997, the Phase 2 site study, in which you participated in December 1997, was intended to provide information to determine if further invasive studies are required, so that disturbance at the site is kept to a minimum. You may wish to consider revisions to your permit application based on the results of the Phase 2 site study. We will provide you a copy of the revised WES report for your review and comment as soon as it is available.

Before an agency decision can be made on your request, we will consider any revisions to the permit application that you may propose and ask for comment from the regional tribes.

Please inform Ms. Lynda Nutt at (509) 527-7135 if you are interested in reviewing a copy of the revised WES draft when it is completed.

Sincerely,

Linda Kirts

District Counsel