



# **Responsiveness Summary**

## **Colville Post and Poles Site**

**CSID No. 46**

**FSID No. 765**

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**February 6 – March 9, 2015 Public Comment Period**

**Interim Action Work Plan  
Sampling and Analysis Plan  
Public Participation Plan**

**Prepared by  
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The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) held a 30-day public comment period from February 6 through March 9, 2015 for a proposed Interim Action Work Plan, Sampling and Analysis Plan, and Public Participation Plan. Ecology would like to thank all those who provided comments.

The Site is owned by Colville Post and Poles, Inc (CPPI). Due to a lack of available funding from CPPI, Ecology is implementing the interim action at this site. The purpose of the Interim Action is to remove treated wood, debris, and refuse from uplands and wetlands on the site. Some assessment of the soil and groundwater will also occur. The interim action is necessary to because treated wood, debris, and refuse are blocking access for complete site characterization and may be ongoing sources of contamination.

The purpose of this Responsiveness Summary is to provide Ecology's responses to comments submitted by the public during the public comment period.

Based on the comment received, no changes will be required to the draft Interim Action Work Plan, Sampling and Analysis Plan, or Public Participation Plan.

The Responsiveness Summary is organized as follows:

- Comment from Randy Abrahamson, representing the Spokane Tribe of Indians
- Response to comment

**Comment from Randy Abrahamson (received via email, February 17, 2015):**

February 17, 2015

**RE: Colville Post & Pole site**

Mr. Schmidt:

Thank you for inviting the Spokane Tribe of Indians to be a consulting party is greatly appreciated; our tribe does express interest in all ground disturbances in our aboriginal territory.

Due to habitation practices and resource use patterns of the Spokane Tribal ancestors, these areas' has a high probability of producing archaeological artifacts and possibility human remains, and due to the fact that this area has never been formally surveyed, as you already know wet land areas have know to be cultural rich and sensitive, an causes great concern to our tribe. Will there be COR permit required on this project?

At this time I'm requesting onsite visit when schedule permitting.

However if any artifacts or human remains are found upon excavation activity this office is to be notified and the immediate area cease.

Should additional information become available our assessment may be revised.

Again thank you for this opportunity to comment and consider this a positive action that will assist us in protecting our shared heritage.

If questions arise, please contact me at (509) 258 – 4315.

Sincerely,

Randy Abrahamson, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

**Responses to comment:**

Thank you for your comment. The Army Corps of Engineers has determined that a permit will not be required for this project. If any artifacts or human remains are found during any work onsite, work will stop and your office will be notified immediately.