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The CTUIR Cultural Resources Protection Program (CRPP) has reviewed the Goldendale Energy Storage Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement, as well as attended a public forum meeting over said draft EIS. This project is within an area traditionally used by the CTUIR. In addition to the Warm Springs Tribe and Yakama Nation, the CRPP is also concerned with the potential loss of resources through damage and destruction by construction activities that could significantly impact the integrity and cultural significance of the area. The findings in the EIS left out the CRPP's crucial concerns regarding the adverse effects to both the project area and surrounding areas. The CTUIR's Traditional Use Study identified several important Historic Properties of Religious and Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSIT) to the CTUIR within the project area that are recommended to be eligible under National Register criteria: (a), (b), (c), and (d).

We look forward to continuing coordination and consultation with the developers and affected tribes to ensure adverse effects can be avoided, minimized, or mitigated.