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**TO:** Joe Sparr, Planning Director\_Port Gamble's Sklallam Tribe  
**FAX #:** (360) 297-6315  
**RE:** Admin. Site Design\_ NEPA Documentation  
**DATE:** Aug. 09, 2007  
**PAGES:** 4, including cover sheet

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Joe,

Attached is the completed NEPA documentation (Categorical Exclusion) for your records. This completely fulfills the Federal NEPA compliance requirements of the BIA for the Administration Site Design Project.

Sincerely,



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## EXCEPTION CHECKLIST FOR BIA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

**Date:** August 9, 2007

**Project:** Tribal Main Administrative Campus Site Development, P1009000  
Port Gamble Indian Reservation

### **Nature of Proposed Action:**

Redevelopment of existing parking areas and internal circulation roadways within and around the following Tribal services: Natural Resources, Maintenance, Administration / Tribal Center, and Head Start. The project is a continuation of a recent federal project (House of Knowledge) funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. Redevelopment activities will also include pedestrian facilities with provisions for the elderly and / or handicapped.

Mitigation measures as set forth in previous environmental analysis (USDA) recommends stormwater treatment (Attachment E). As such, current informal parking and drainage will be formalized with full water quality treatment following recommendations by the WA State Department of Ecology, Western Washington Stormwater Manual (2005). Specific water quality BMPs include: biofiltration swales, pre-settling / infiltration bays, and grass filter strips. Underground pipe conveyance will be minimized to shallow driveway culverts. Conveyance elements are designed to accommodate the 10 year - 24 hour storm event.

### **Appendix 4 Exclusion Category:**

S16 DM 10.4 L(2) Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes and paths adjacent to existing highways and within the existing rights-of-way.

S16 DM 10.4 L(8) Resurfacing a highway without adding to the existing width.

### **Supporting Documentation:**

**Attachment A:** Tribal Resolution No. 06-A-024 requesting that the BIA perform Preliminary Engineering for the Administration Campus Safety Improvements

**Attachment B:** National Register of Historic Places compliance letter (10/22/2001) from Robert G. Whitlam, Ph.D, regarding the initial USDA Project.

**Attachment C:** Appendix A from the initial USDA Project which contains the base map showing the project extents.

**Attachment D:** Site Development Plan (20%) level from the current BIA-NWRO-DOT plan set. The BIA Site Development Plan is within the bounds and concept of the initial USDA Project.

**Attachment E:** Exhibit 1 from the initial USDA Project, with ESA compliance and recommended mitigation.

**Evaluation of exceptions to actions within Categorical Exclusion:**

- 1. This action would have significant adverse effects on public health or safety No  Yes
- 2. This action would have an adverse effect on unique geographical feature such as wetlands, wild or scenic rivers, refuges, floodplains, rivers placed on nationwide river inventory, or prime or unique farmlands No  Yes
- 3. The action will have highly controversial environmental effects No  Yes
- 4. The action will have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk. No  Yes
- 5. This action will establish a precedent for future actions No  Yes
- 6. This action is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects No  Yes
- 7. This action will affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. No  Yes   
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- 8. This action will affect a species listed or proposed to be listed as endangered or threatened. No  Yes
- 9. This action threatens to violate Federal, State, Local, or Tribal Law or requirements imposed for protection of the environment No  Yes
- 10. This action will have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations No  Yes
- 11. This action limits access to, and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners, or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites No  Yes
- 12. This action will contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species No  Yes

A "Yes" to any of the above exceptions will require that an E.A. be prepared.

Recommended NEPA Action: CE  EA

Preparers Name and Title: Kaylae Dawson, Civil Engineering Trainee

*Review*

Regional Archeologist concurrence with item 7: B. J. Hester

Concur: [Signature]  
Regional Director / Superintendent

Date: 8/9/2007

Concur: [Signature]  
Regional Office / Agency Environmental Coordinator

Date: 8/9/2007