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Cultural Resources Record of Internal Review

The following provides a record of internal review regarding the potential for historic properties and effects for:

Project Name:	Stites, Idaho / 595 Continuing Authority Project
Record Date:	08 September, 2017
Record Author:	Christopher D. Wernick
USACE Project Location:	City of Stites, Idaho
Project County, State:	Idaho County, Idaho
Township, Range, Section:	T32N, R4E Secs 5, 8, 17, 20, & 29
USGS Topographic Maps:	USGS 7.5' Quads. "Stites, Idaho" (1968)
Landowner:	City of Stites and Private Land Owners
Cultural Report No.:	2017-NWW-030
Compliance Project No.:	PM-EC-2017-0097

Project Description:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District (Corps) proposes to participate in a cost share project with the USDA (lead federal agency) and the City of Stites, Idaho to rehabilitate the city's wastewater collection and treatment systems. The current stormwater inflow and infiltration (I/I), wastewater backups, and drinking water supply have raised serious public health and safety concerns from elevated hydrogen sulfide levels originating at the Kooskia sewer treatment plant located approximately three miles north of Stites. The City of Stites proposes to replace the majority of manholes, mainline, and service lateral lines that operated beyond their expected service lift. Furthermore, chemical injections at the sewage lift station will be used to reduce the hydrogen sulfide levels. See Figure 1 for the area of potential effect (APE)

The proposed work will not require additional water rights, and all construction activity will comply with DEQ requirements for surface water protection and groundwater contamination protocols. The majority of construction efforts will be located in previously disturbed urban environments. However, the Nez Perce Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) determined that three archaeological sites were located within the project area and requested a formal archaeological survey of the area (see Appendix A).

Determination of Effect

On March 15, 2017, Robert Sappington intensively surveyed the 0.5 acre APE for the undertaking (Sappington 2017). No cultural materials were observed during this survey; as such, Sappington (2017) recommended a determination of No Historic Properties Affected. USDA concurred with this finding (see Appendix B). The Nez Perce THPO requested archaeological monitoring during all ground breaking activities which the environmental contractor has agreed. Lastly, the Corps concurs with USDA's determination of No Historic Properties Affected. This concludes the Corps' NHPA Section 106 requirements and the project may proceed as planned.

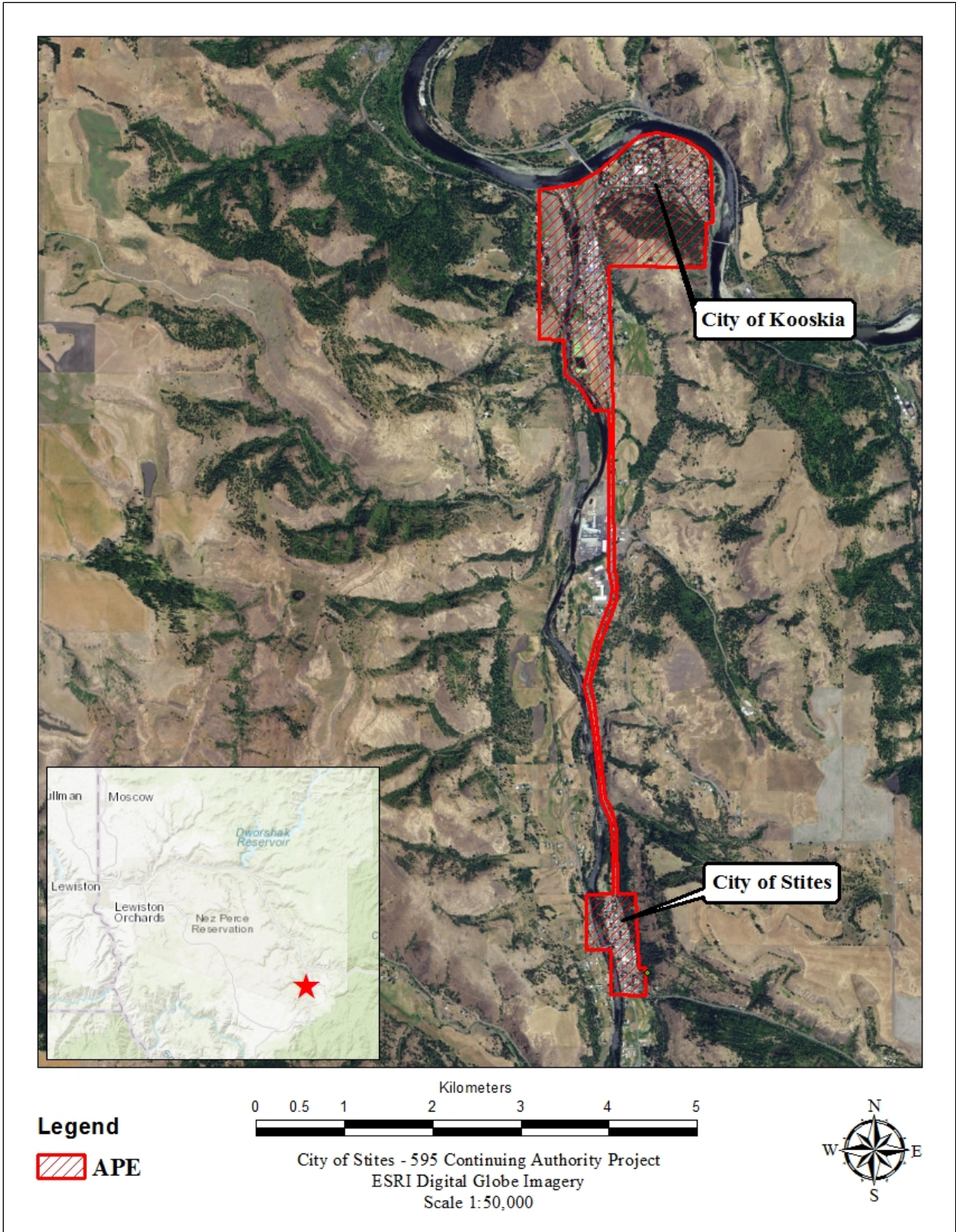


Figure 1: Area of potential effect (APE) for the City of Stites wastewater improvement project.

Finding:

<input type="checkbox"/>	No Undertaking/No Potential to Cause Effects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Historic Properties Affected
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- All of the proposed work is taking place in previously disturbed areas, and consultation with the Nez Perce Tribe THPO is sufficient to meet the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 800.

Certification of Results:

I certify that this investigation was conducted and documented according to Secretary of Interior's Standards and guidelines and that the report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Christopher D. Wernick,
Archaeologist
US Army Corps of Engineers

References Cited

Sappington, Robert L.
2017 *City of Stites Wastewater Improvement Project*. Prepared for TD & H Engineering, Inc.
On file with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District, Walla Walla,
Washington.

Appendix A:
Correspondence between U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Nez Perce Tribe Tribal Historic
Preservation Officer (THPO)

From: Wernick, Christopher D CIV USARMY CENWW (US)
To: ["Keith P Baird"](#)
Subject: RE: THPO 2014-15, Stites sewer line replacement project
Date: Thursday, September 07, 2017 4:31:00 PM

Pat,

Monitoring is included and I will also note the requirement in our letter to USDA. Thank you for following up so quickly.

Respectfully,
Chris

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-----Original Message-----

From: Keith P Baird [<mailto:keithb@nezperce.org>]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 4:16 PM
To: Wernick, Christopher D CIV USARMY CENWW (US) <Christopher.D.Wernick@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [EXTERNAL.] Re: THPO 2014-15, Stites sewer line replacement project

ITD is supposed to have a tribal monitor on sits during the work. If that isn't in the compliance, it needs to be. Otherwise, I'm going to require some preconstruction cultural work.
Pat

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Wernick, Christopher D CIV USARMY CENWW (US)" <Christopher.D.Wernick@usace.army.mil>
Date: 9/7/17 3:05 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Keith P Baird <keithb@nezperce.org>
Subject: THPO 2014-15, Stites sewer line replacement project

Good afternoon Pat,

I am currently reviewing the Stites sewer line replacement project (THPO 2014-15). I have a copy of the Section 106 letter sent to you from USDA on July 6, 2017, documenting the finding of No Effect to Historic Properties. However, I do not have any response from you. I was wondering if you requested any further requirements for the project or if you concur with the finding of USDA and the corresponding Sappington report. Thanks in advance for any information you provide.

Respectfully,
Chris

Christopher D. Wernick

Appendix B:
Section 106 letter sent to Nez Perce Tribe Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)



July 6, 2017

Patrick Baird
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Nez Perce Tribe
P.O. Box 365
Lapwai, ID 83540

Re: City of Stites, Wastewater System Improvements

Dear Mr. Baird:

Rural Development has received and has been processing an application from the City of Stites to improve their wastewater system that will include replacing existing sewer mains and manholes and improvements to address hydrogen sulfide issues in the existing sewer force main. An Archaeological and Historic Survey Report has been completed by Dr. Lee Sappington for the proposed project. A copy of the report is attached to this email.

Since this report was completed, the portion of the project scope that addresses hydrogen sulfide buildup in the sewer force main line to the Kooskia Wastewater Treatment Facility has been revised. In lieu of constructing an aeration chamber near the Kooskia Wastewater Treatment Facility, a small chemical injection pump will be installed near the existing lift station in Stites. As part of this work, a small building will be constructed next to the existing lift station on previously disturbed ground to house this pump. Because this ground was previously disturbed to construct the lift station's wet well and valve vault, we have determined that this part of the project will not affect any historic properties.

In the report, Dr. Sappington states the proposed undertaking will result in No Effect to Historic Properties, and no further archaeological investigations are recommended prior to, or during, execution of this project.

Based on Dr. Sappington's recommendations and our understanding of the project scope, USDA Rural Development has determined that the proposed improvements will not affect any historic properties and by proceeding as discussed above we are in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act. The construction contract will require the contractor to halt work and contact your office if any cultural or historic artifacts are uncovered during the project.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you can contact Kent Erickson at 327-6462 or by email at kent.erickson@id.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director, Community Programs

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