



October 3, 2012

Sherry Hutt, J.D., PhD.
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National NAGPRA Program
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street NW 8th Floor (2253)
Washington D. C. 20005
RE: Central Washington University Disposition to Wanapum Band

Dear Dr. Hutt:

This letter is to confirm that the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation is in agreement with the request for disposition of Native American human remains in the possession and control of Central Washington University to the Wanapum Band of Priest Rapids, a non-Federally recognized Indian group.

The Native American human remains were removed from the aboriginal lands of the Wanapum specifically the Wanapum village at P'na also known as Priest Rapids. The Wanapum have lived at this place since time immemorial and continue to reside just south of that location due to the inundation of the old village by the Priest Rapids Dam. The site lies within the ceded lands of the Yakama Nation. Additionally, the Wanapum territory borders the lands of the Moses Columbia band who reside on the Colville reservation today.

Central Washington University has consulted with us on several occasions over the years regarding this collection along with others in their possession and control. Additionally, the Wanapum Band of Priest Rapids has also consulted with us on this matter. We do not object to the proposed disposition of the human remains.

Please feel free to contact me (509-865-5121, ext. 4327) or Vivian Harrison, NAGPRA Coordinator, 509-865-5121, ext. 4840, with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Ruth Jim,
YN Cultural Committee Chairwoman

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